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“Whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”
Colossians 3:17

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

“What is Man, Anyway?”

The scene was horrific! The 400-pound gorilla had the little boy by the arm. Some think the gorilla, named Harambe and a resident of the Cincinnati Zoo, was protecting the boy, who had somehow managed to get into the silverback gorilla's habitat. However, anyone who saw the little boy dragged through the water by one arm as the gorilla took him to the center of the pen had to have had their throat in their mouth. Zoo keepers finally shot and killed the animal and rescued the boy.



The boy was safe—and—some were outraged! How could they shoot and kill the gorilla? Why not tranquilize him instead (even though it would take another 10 minutes and Harambe was thought to be in an agitated state)? It was the little boy's fault...or maybe his parent's fault, some animal right's activists said...so they were outraged that the animal was killed.

What???

Does it matter whose “fault” it was that the situation occurred while a little boy's life is literally being held by one arm? Would it have been worth the little boy's life just to see if the tranquilizer would really work? It is amazing that there are some people who have to “think about it!”

Someone needs to let them in on a little...no, big secret: All life is not equal. God made the animals and gave them life...but it was only Adam and Eve “made in the image of God” (Gen. 1:27). Animals were *never* either superior to nor equal to man! Upon creation, God told man to “rule over” the fish and the birds, and “over every living things that moves on the earth” (Gen. 1:28). It was none other than God Himself who later told Noah, “Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant” (Gen. 9:3). It is the Psalmist, who in answering his own question of “What is man?” (Psa. 8:4), said that God had made man a little lower than the angels and had crowned him with glory and majesty (Psa. 8:5).

In our topsy-turvy world, we ought to be reminded of God's values when it comes to his creation called “man.” Let “*Only the very highlight of creation!*” be your answer when someone asks “*What is Man, Anyway?*”
—Larry

Family Matters

We are happy to have our guests today. We are thankful you have come to participate with us in worship and study of God's Word. Please stay for lunch after the morning services as our Family Circle #8 would love to have you join them! Please complete the visitor's side of the attendance notebook that will be passed at the end of the service.

Hearts were touched when *Banti Gil* responded and asked for prayers Sunday evening. Our prayer is that she will be able to find peace and comfort in the Lord.

It was great to hear from the elders that a letter sharing news

concerning the renovation of this building will be forthcoming. Praise God for this opportunity and pray daily about this effort!

The *Houston Campaign for Christ* has a new venue, the *Hilton Americas* and will be held Sunday, Aug. 21. There will be periods for special singing groups, congregational singing, and an evening worship service. Parking (but not valet) will be free in the hotel's parking garage.

I would like to share with you an account of your donations for flood victims last May. Total contributions were \$9,182.84. Of that total, \$5,650 was shared with our

members who had flood-related losses. The rest, along with additional supplies from *Disaster Relief in Nashville* went to those in need in our community. At the end, there was \$13.62 left over which will be used in the benevolence fund. Thank you for sharing!

Let your light shine, Thanks to *Josh Vires* for driving the bus to the Rally last week! *Shine on!*

Parting Thought: Give Satan an inch and he'll be your ruler!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Larry

Reed All About It: Permanent Record

I recall a time in elementary school when a teacher told me, “If you don’t behave, this will go on your permanent record.” This comment caused me to pause and reflect. Even as a young child, the idea that the ridiculous thing I was doing wrong would somehow be placed on my permanent record was terrifying. Was there really a permanent record? A recording of everything I did right or wrong that lasts a lifetime? As a child I was easily convinced such a thing existed and stopped misbehaving.

At a minimum, if there was really a permanent record, my parents would find out!

The reality is there is no all-inclusive document that records our life’s events. There are a few things that come close. Perhaps a school transcript or a military record. A résumé shows our employment record although it may be skewed based on trying to land a particular job. There is the dreaded police record. Events on the police record can truly follow us all of our lives. The reality is, many of the things we do, either good or bad, are lost to the fog of passing time.

What about God, does God keep a record of all of our sins? This was certainly something I believed when I was younger. In fact, I used to keep my own list of sins written on a piece of paper. I wanted to make sure I didn’t forget to ask for forgiveness for every transgression. I believed I could take my list with me to heaven and try to reconcile it with God, you know, in case there was a discrepancy. Managing this legalistic form of religion is exhausting and fortunately for us it is not what God calls us to do. We are called to live a life of love that grows out of the grace we received based on God sending his Son to die for our sins. We need to be joined with God through the gospel and living a life of faith that drives us to serve others. When we do sin and ask for forgiveness, we take comfort knowing that God will remember our sins no more.

Hebrews 8:12

*“For I will be merciful to their iniquities,
And I will remember their sins no more.”*

Praise God for the grace we receive through Christ!

Blessings, Alan

Josh’s Journal: Champions Youth Ministry Summer 2016

Many of our teens and adult volunteers are out this morning attending Camp Bandina. Your prayers for a safe and uplifting week are greatly appreciated. As it is the beginning of our summer season in the youth ministry, I want to say welcome to our newest 6th graders! It is our prayer that you will be blessed by your involvement in this ministry and that God will be glorified through it. I also want to introduce all members of our ministry to three activities that will be a regular part of our summer Schedule:

S.N.A.C. Devotionals are devotionals and activities that will take place on “Sunday Nights After Church.”

These may not be every week! This will be a time to get together for worship and fellowship; and to discuss some of the great things happening in the ministry.

Monday Fun-day will take place on every Monday that our youth group is in town. These are just going to be a time of fun and fellowship for the members of our youth group. Avery is organizing some awesome activities such as slip-n-slide kickball, water balloon volleyball and even a trip to his parents’ house for a cookout and swim party. These are going to be a blast!

T.A.C.O. Tuesday is back this summer! We are going to meet at the building every Tuesday that we are in town at 11:00 am to go eat lunch somewhere together and then we will return to the building at noon.

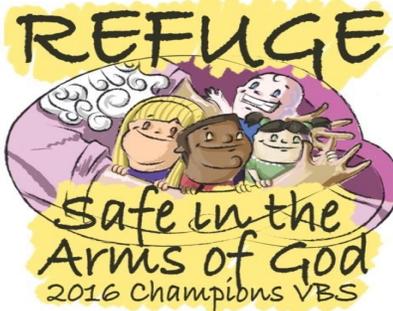
This time together will be used to have a discussion and study on how to “Talk About Christ to Others.” What an outstanding opportunity to equip our students to be evangelists in the Lord’s kingdom.

If you have access to our youth ministry website, www.championsyouth.org, you can look throughout it at all the excellent things going on in our work here. To God be the glory!

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

EVENTS AND NEWS

Champions VBS Invite Friends, Family and Neighbors!



JULY 18-20
9-11:30 am

Ages 3-5th Grade

Register at: www.championschurch.org

Family Circle Group #8

June 5

Leaders:

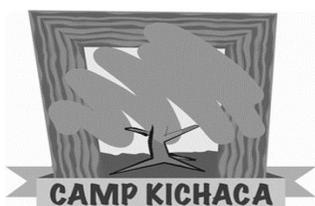
Dan and Kristen Cobb

We extend an invitation to all our visitors to enjoy a meal with FC#8 today immediately following morning service in our Family Center Building.

Empty Nesters

Baseball Game Trip

If you are interested in going to a Sugarland Skeeters game in June, please sign the list posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Contact: Carla Mahle



June 21-24

Contacts: Chris and Lori Ball

Wednesday Night Meal

June 8th

Menu: Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert
Adults: \$5, Children and up: \$3, Two and under: Free. Please place number to attend in the attendance book today.

TODAY!

Help Needed Moving

Jeff and Rebekah Johnson

(Following morning worship)

Lunch will be provided at their current home on
9522 Halkirk St.
Spring, TX 77379
Contact Jeff or Rebekah if you can help! Rebekah Johnson
Cell: 361-728-8317

Young at Heart Trip

Thursday, June 9th

Depart on Precinct 4 Bus at 9AM
Museum of Natural

Science



Featuring the Faberge Jeweled collection, including the Faberge Eggs and some of the Romanov Jewels. Lunch at China

Garden Restaurant after the tour. The cost is \$13.00, plus lunch. A head count is needed A.S.A.P. Please sign the list posted on the North Bulletin Board. Contact: John Dickenson, with questions.

Church Calendar

June

5 Family Circle #8 Meal
5 Fairfield Church of Christ Homecoming
8 SS—Bill Rasco (Spring Creek)
9 Young at Heart Trip
12 Mission Committee Meeting
15 SS David Duncan (Memorial)
22 SS Scott Thibodeaux (Kingwood)

July

18-20 VBS—Ages 3-5th Grade

Youth Calendar

June 2016

June 5-11: Camp Bandina
June 12: 3rd-5th Grade Devo
June 12: S.N.A.C. Devo
June 13: Funday Monday
June 14: T.A.C.O. Tuesday
June 19: SNL @ Jersey Village
June 21-24: Camp Kichaca

Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

Parents and children are dismissed to check in during the song before the lesson.

Teachers: Kimberly Vires & Jessica De-coux

June's memory verse: *Choose today who you will serve... My family and I will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15)*

Remember to Sign up for Dinner with Avery Caraway Summer Youth Intern

A sign up list is posted on the North Bulletin Board for available dates to have dinner with Avery.

Central Texas Bible

TEACHERS
WORKSHOP

Austin, TX

July 22-23, 2016

[http://www.crccaustin.org/
ctbtw/](http://www.crccaustin.org/ctbtw/)

Transportation Provided;
Contact: Alan Reed



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Elders:

- David Arnold
- Glenn Asher
- Jim Chitwood
- Bill Johnson
- Britt Jones
- Danny Mize
- Don Sammons
- Marvin Trice

Deacons:

- Phelan (Al) Allee
- Chris Ball
- Kevin Barnett
- Bill Bonham
- Charles Boyd
- Eltonio (Tony) Brown
- Darrell Fariss
- Jay Fraley
- Tommy Hill
- Joe Jackson
- Charles Joachim
- Brent Killough
- David Morgan
- Blake Phillips
- Kent Phillips
- Bryan Runions
- Justin Sammons
- Hank Sheppard
- Joel Smith
- Wes Smith
- Troy Thompson
- Billy Tippet
- James Wyatt

Ministers:

- Larry Keele (Pulpit)
- Alan Reed (Associate)
- John Qualls (Associate)
- Josh Vires (Youth)

PRAYERS & NOTES

Prayer Requests:

Hank Sheppard is in Willowbrook Methodist Hospital with an infection.

Griffin Turley had tests on Friday for his yearly follow up for past cancer. Prayers for "No Evidence of Disease" diagnosis!

Ronda Morgan continues to recover from surgery on her wrist and finger.

June Gettings is home recovering from bronchitis.

Michelle Davis, Melba McKee's great niece, is fighting cancer for the 2nd time.

Wilson Kinsey, The Garrett's son-in-law's father, has stage 4 kidney failure and other health problems.

Mil and Josie Biron for safe travels.

Matthew Nance, John and Donna's grandson, is home continuing to recover from ongoing serious health issues.

Whitney White, Jim and Merri White's daughter-in-law, will begin radiation in the next few weeks for a brain tumor.

Laverne Bonham is under hospice care. A sign-up list is

posted on the bulletin board for sitters.

Tim, friend of Olli & Hanna Haavikko, had successful heart surgery, but please continue to pray for him as he deals with other challenges going forward.

Jean Simpson, David Kuehl's sister, has developed an infection from her recent surgery.

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns: Shawn Waye,

Sharon DeCarlo, Whitney Gaston, Glenn Dixon, Ron Jenson, Julia Shaw, John Hixon,

Tasha DiRaffaele, Jan Kelly, Donna Nance, Keith and Linda Underwood, Beth Haden, B.B. & Dorothy Snell

Family and Friends of

Champions: Conner Barnett, Larry Eckert, Mark Gardiner,

Mary Chappell, Buddy Dameron, Jason Word, Mary and Von Chappell, Shelia Morrison

Employment Concerns: Wes Smith, Rudy Morris

Expectant Parents: Jeff and Rebekah Johnson, Jordan and Natalie Arnold

Families Who Have Lost

Loved Ones Recently:

Boatright, Witherwax

Response: Banti Gil

Hospice Care: Laverne Bonham, Letha (Earlene Antwine's sister), Heidi Morrisey

Cancer Concerns:

Don Freeman, Jackie Stearsman, Ramoncito Jatco, Mary McCall Adamek, Laura Carroll, Colton Taylor, Larry Young, Steven Cerny, Bea Augustin, Jack Snyder, Rocky Harrell, Lawrece Smith, Sandra Underwood, Gary Brown, Nancy Miller, Pat Morrison, Sheila Durham

Missionaries:

Dale DuVerney, Peter Chin, Eddie Cloer, Roman Halamiccek, Eric Tan, Roland Moshen, Workers at Biblical Institute of Central America, Eastern European Mission, Jordan Arnold, Will Hanstein, Madison Avalos

Assisted Living/Rehab/

Nursing Homes: Terri Bennett, Margurite Pennington, Juanita Cox, Julia Garcia, Nell McDonald, Gladys McHenry, Marie McCall, Jean Simpson

Prayers for Military:

Landon White, William E. Taylor IV, George Marcus Jones, Melanie Adams, Travis Long, Aaron Jean, James Chin, Casey Bolin, Charles DuVerney, Ryan Bonham, Phillip Cuccerre, Jr., Eric McCall, Darion DuVerney, Meghan Gillispie

Nursery Attendants

June 5: Thresa Dickenson & Joan Burns

June 12: Karen Casey & Robin Freeman

If you cannot serve, please find a replacement by checking names posted on the wall outside the nursery classroom. Contact: Karen Casey

**FOR THE RECORD
5/29/16**

Sunday AM	373
Sunday P.M.	130
Memorial Service	40
Bible Class Attendance.	253
Wednesday Night.....	140
Contribution	16,748.25
Weekly Budget.....	20,048.00
YTD Contributions	443,728.70
YTD Budget	441,056.00
Over/(Under)	2,672.70

Service Times:

SUNDAY MORNING	
9:00 a.m. Bible Classes	
10:00 a.m. Worship Service	
Sunday Morning Bible Hour	
SUNDAY NIGHT:	
6:00 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY	
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.	

Elder of the Month

Don Sammons—June

Food Coordinator

Check with your Family Circle Leaders

Little Champs:

Mothers Day Out

Contact: Lisa Killough
littlechamps@att.net,
281-893-2062
Lisa Killough—Director