

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

“After Much Prayer...the Choice Is...”



You have been presented with a choice. Last week, you should have received a letter from the elders updating you concerning the status of our building project. The letter listed three options for you to consider as to how you would like to see the Champions family proceed (and the commitments each option entails). Also included was a decision form for you to return to them by next Sunday, June 19. This format will allow the elders to be given a feel as to the entire congregation’s thinking and commitment.

I hope you noticed that on the second page of their letter, the word prayer is found in some form five times-- once not only in bold print but also underlined. I believe that their emphasis on prayer in this matter is not just by accident. They know, and they want us to know, that we must seek guidance from above!

If I may, I’ll share with you a few points of focus for such prayers:

1. **Pray for wisdom as you make a choice!** What is chosen will have an effect on this congregation for years to come. It is a choice to make with much deliberation and never lightly. Fortunately, God’s people are promised in Scripture that if wisdom is asked of Him, He will give it—and liberally! (James 1:5).
2. **Pray for His will to be done!** Jesus taught us this in the garden (Matthew 27:39) as well as from James as he exhorts us to say, “If the Lord wills” (James 4:15.)
3. **Pray for the project!** Pray that the building will *never become our god* but *always a tool* for the glory of our God and the expansion of His Kingdom!
4. **Pray for continued unity within this congregation!** When different options are posed, inevitably there will be some people who preferred an option that is not ultimately chosen. What happens at that point? We work together! We are family. So, pray not only for the unity of the body, but also for the vital role that you will play as you make “*every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*” (Eph. 4:3).
5. **Pray for our elders!** They willingly choose to sacrifice much time, effort and their own resources as they shepherd the flock in Champions.

Whatever choice is made, if approached properly with the right spirit—our God will be glorified, His kingdom will grow, and souls will be saved! Of that we can be sure, if we can truly say, “After Much Prayer... the Choice Is...”
—Larry

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Family Matters

Guests are always welcome at the services of the family at Champions! If you are visiting, we hope that you will do us the honor of staying and sharing a complimentary meal with our Family Circle #1. Also, please give us a record of your attendance by completing the information in the attendance folder that will be passed down the aisle toward the conclusion of this morning service. Again, we are thankful you came our way.

Our hearts go out to *Bill Bonham* on the death of his beloved wife *LaVerne*. She had such a sweet

spirit and will be missed by the family here. Those of us in the office particularly miss her as she and Bill have worked around the building weekly for a number of years. Bill, our hearts are with you.

Visiting with us for a few days is *Roman Halamiczek*, the preacher for the Lord’s church in Bratislava, Slovakia. We are blessed to not only support Roman’s work financially, but to serve as his overseeing congregation. You will want to come back this evening as Roman will not only report

on his work but will also share a message from the Word with us.

Wes Smith made sure our vehicles were safe and ready for our youth to use this summer for their many trips and activities. Thanks, *Wes*, shine on!

Parting thought: Gratitude to God ought to be as regular as our beating heart!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Larry

Reed All About It: Approachable

I had to renew my driver's license. The letter I received indicates that I must visit a DPS office in order to renew my license. Historically, the DPS office are my least favorite place to visit. It even ranks below a dentist appointment. I decided to try and be optimistic this time around; after all, an additional DPS office has been added to the area since I last appeared at the Grant Road office.

I gathered all of the required documents and decided to give it a try. As I turned into the parking lot, it became evident that there was no place to park. Cars were illegally parked at the DPS office. There was a line of people extending out the door and cars lined up to take driving tests. Based on my experience at the Grant Road DPS office, I was looking at a 4-5 hour wait to renew my driver's license. At this point I made the command decision to turn around and return home.

I have a backup plan to renew my license in the small town of Groesbeck, Texas, which is near where I fish, so I am there on a fairly regular basis. The last time I renewed my license in Groesbeck the reception was totally different. First of all, I was the only customer in the office. The clerk quickly processed my renewal, and then we just talked for a while. She offered me a cup of coffee, and we visited with a couple of other customers that arrived.

The difference in the reception seen at the Grant Road DPS office versus the Groesbeck DPS office was like night and day. There are several reasons behind this stark contrast, mostly connected to the difference in population between north-west Houston and Groesbeck. All I know is I felt completely different visiting the Groesbeck office. I felt a friendly atmosphere and an aura of acceptance.

As Christians we are called to be accepting to all people. Jesus constantly demonstrated how we are supposed to be approachable and accepting to others. A great example of this is when the Samaritan woman approached Jesus at the well. A Samaritan woman was comfortable approaching a Jewish man. Make no mistake about it, Jesus was very approachable and accepting of others.

Are you an approachable person? Do people feel at ease talking to you? This is an area where I sometimes struggle. I have found smiling to be the most practical advice for becoming more approachable. For this week let's all focus on smiling and being more approachable!

Blessings,
Alan

John's Jogs: Bible Basics 2

Another way of considering the divisions of the Bible is through the three dispensations in which God used different methods of dealing with mankind. First, is the Patriarchal Dispensation in which God dealt with mankind through the Patriarchs (father rule) i.e., Adam, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This dispensation is covered in the book of Genesis.

The second division is the Mosaic or Jewish Dispensation, in which God dealt with mankind through Moses and the Prophets. This dispensation is covered in the rest of the Old Testaments from Exodus through Malachi and parts of the Gospels. Jesus lived and died under this dispensation.

Galatians 3, points out that the purpose of the Law was to be a guardian to bring the Jewish nation to Christ. Then at Jesus' transfiguration (Matthew 17: 1-6), when Moses and Elijah were there with Him, Peter asked if he could build three tabernacles—one for each of them—A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son...hear (or obey) Him!" Hebrews 9:15-16 says for a will or covenant to be effective there must be the death of the testator. Thus the

Mosaic Law was fulfilled at the death of Jesus bringing in the Christian Dispensation which is covered in the New Testament. This is the last dispensation and the one under which we live.

Genesis in addition to being a story of the beginning is basically the story of five families. There's the family of Adam the first man and his wife, Eve, with a utopian setting in the Garden of Eden, with a close association with God. By disobeying God (sin) they had to be separated from God. Thus, they were driven from the Garden. But God wanted from that point on to redeem fallen man. Thus, all the way through the Bible someone is coming to save us.

Adam and Eve had two sons, Cain and Abel. Cain killed Abel because God accepted Abel's sacrifice and rejected his. Most everyone knows of Cain and Abel. But a third son, Seth, is more important because it is through his lineage the Messiah would come.

The fruit of "sin" from the beginning was one sin and a continuing of sin. As man-

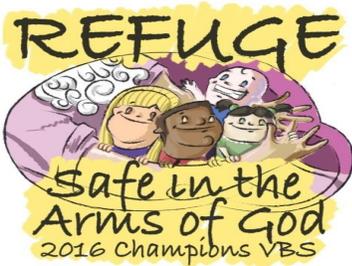
kind multiplied so did the sin. Scripture says "that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord grieved that He had made man...So the Lord said, "I will wipe mankind...from the face of the earth." "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord."

So God told Noah to build an Ark to save him and his three sons and all their wives, for he was going to destroy all mankind with a flood because of their wickedness. Noah and his sons labored 120 years building the ark and telling people of the coming flood. After the flood God told them to increase in number and fill the earth. But like human nature it's not long until again sin permeates. Instead of obeying God, they decided to build a tower to the heavens to make a name for themselves. God confused their languages. Hence, "The Tower of Babel", caused them to spread out to cover the earth as God intended.

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EVENTS AND NEWS

Champions VBS Invite Friends, Family and Neighbors!



REFUGE **JULY 18-20**
9-11:30 am
Ages 3-5th Grade
Register at: www.championschurch.org

Loving Memory



Jean LaVerne Bonham

March 14, 1932—June 6, 2016

We extend our love and sympathy to Bill Bonham and his family in the loss of his beloved wife, LaVerne.

Jean LaVerne Bonham entered into eternal peace Monday morning in the arms of her beloved husband, Bill, of 64 years.

Funeral services were held on Friday at Earthman Resthaven Funeral Home.

LaVerne and Bill were one of those special couples all through their lives together. Rarely did you see one without the other.

LaVerne is survived by her loving husband Bill; sons, Carl and wife, Mary; Dale and wife, Camille; three grandchildren, Ryan, Ross and Lauren.

LaVerne was always very active in service to her Lord throughout her life. Though LaVerne struggled with health concerns for much of her life, she was always willing to help, whether, sitting with the sick, preparing a meal, sending cards of encouragement, bringing her grandchildren and other neighbors to Bible classes, or cleaning the church building hand in hand with Bill. She was a "Worker for the Lord". She was a precious "Lady" who we all loved and will miss.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7-8.

Church Calendar

June

12 Family Circle #1 Meal
12 Mission Committee Meeting
15 SS David Duncan (Memorial)
22 SS Scott Thibodeaux (Kingwood)
30 Young at Heart Trip

July

18-20 VBS—Ages 3-5th Grade

Youth Calendar

June 2016

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: Alan & Lisa Reed

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

Camp Kichaca

June 21-24

Contacts: Chris and Lori Ball

Wednesday Night Meal

June 15th

Menu: Red Beans & Rice, Cornbread, Salad, & Bread Pudding

Adults: \$5, Children and up: \$3, Two and under: Free. Please place number to attend in the attendance book today.

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

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.

**Rescheduled! Young at Heart Trip,
Thursday, June 30th**
Depart on Precinct 4 Bus at 9 a.m.
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

**Family Circle Group #1
June 12
Leaders:**

Steven & Kathy Hughes
We extend an invitation to all our visitors to enjoy a meal with FC#1 today immediately following morning service in our Family Center Building.



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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:

Bill Bonham and family in the loss of Laverne.
Debbie and Leslie Bills and their family in the loss of the Debbie's step-father, Von Chappell.
Sherry Johnson is home regaining her strength. She did not suffer a heart attack. She will consult with specialist to determine the cause of her problem.
John Qualls has not been feeling well. Please pray for his quick healing.
Hank Sheppard was able to leave the hospital on Friday. He has an antibiotic IV for 2 weeks.
Ronda Morgan is recovering from surgery.
Keith Underwood as he struggles with intense pain. Please pray for his much needed relief from pain.
Colton Taylor, Don and June Freeman's great nephew, received his Stem Cell Transplant last week. Please prayer for the success of this transplant.
Isaac Avina, friend of Nick Lazerko, for prayers as he deals with personal issues.
Griffin Turley results showed "No Evidence of Disease" diagnosis! Prayers of Thank-giving!
Michelle Davis, Melba McKee's great niece, is fighting cancer for the 2nd time.

Linda Boatright fell and injured her shoulder.

Mil and Josie Biron for safe travels.

Whitney White, Jim and Merri White's daughter-in-law, as she takes radiation treatments for a brain tumor.
Ramoncito Jatico, Mary Buerger's dad, as he battles cancer.

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns:

Shawn Wayne, Sharon DeCarlo, Whitney Gaston, Glenn Dixon, Ron Jenson, Julia Shaw, John Hixon, Tasha Di-Raffaele, 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, Shelia Morrison

Employment Concerns:

Rudy Morris
Expectant Parents: Jeff and Rebekah Johnson
 Jordan and Natalie Arnold

Families Who Have Lost

Loved Ones Recently: Bonham, Bills, Chappell, Garrett, Kinsley

Hospice Care:

Letha (Earlene Antwine's sister), Heidi Morrisey

Cancer Concerns:

Don Freeman, Jackie Stearsman, Ramoncito Jatico, Mary McCall Adamek, Laura Carroll, Colter 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 Gilispie

Nursery Attendants

June 12: Karen Casey & Robin Freeman

June 19: Holly Freeland & Rhonda Bonwell

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
6/05/16**

Sunday AM	393
Sunday P.M.	139
Retreat	21
Bible Class Attendance	246
Wednesday Night	148
Contribution	19,252.51
Weekly Budget	20,048.00
YTD Contributions	462,981.21
YTD Budget	461,104.00
Over/(Under)	1,877.21

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
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 Lisa Killough—Director