

*"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

You Can Make a Real Difference!

This year's campaign for Christ gives us an unique opportunity to present to our world a lesson so desperately needed. In a day of division, the churches of Christ are going to work together in such a way as to provide a true "Light" to our darkened world! Notice below the various opportunities—and don't let them pass you by!

2016 Houston & Surrounding Area

**Campaign for Christ and Day of Good Works
 Mark Your Calendars! Plan to serve!**

August 13, 2016 - Day of Preparation - Assemble 1500 - 2000 Packets (Backpacks, supplies, food staples, etc. to distribute on the 20th) @ Impact Church of Christ, 9:00 a.m. - 200 workers needed.

August 20, 2016 - Day of Good Works - Distribute 1500 - 2000 Back-to-School Survivor Kits - Meet @ Garden Oaks Church of Christ, 9:00 a.m. - 300 workers needed.

August 21, 2016 - Unity Worship Service and Fellowship @ Hilton Americas Hotel Downtown Houston - Special Hispanic service 3 pm; Special singing 4-5:30 pm. Free Parking!

*Volunteers sign up on the campaign website:
<http://www.houstonchurchesofchrist.org/>*

What Else Can You Do?

Pray! The prayers of a righteous person does much good!

Purchase a campaign t-shirt (\$10) to wear to the activities: Sign list on bulletin board...or, contact: Bobby Allen - beamer108@hotmail.com, Anneceia - chila@fwcoc.org

Invite your friends and members of the church who attend other congregations to participate and to attend the Sunday Unity services at the Hilton!

Be there, along with your family! You Can Make a Real Difference!

-Larry

Family Matters

Guests, you have blessed us both baptized after a study of through the medium of our Vacation Bible School. We rejoice with them and will have a "Welcome Circle for them after this morning's service." Isn't it great to see the Kingdom grow?

Our hearts rejoiced last Sunday as *Melanie Gustafson* was baptized by her father, *Robert*! Also, *Robert Leyher* and *Kenneth Smith* asked for special prayers of the congregation in their behalf. Then, on Monday evening, *Chris* and *Nicole Rutgers* were

Read Isa. 34-66 this week.

Parting thought: *Every day is an opportunity to make a new happy ending!*

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Larry

VBS

Monday, July 18
 to
 Wed., July 20

Children,
 ages 3-5th Grade

9:00-11:30

Family Fun Night
 Wednesday
 5:00-7:00

Come, join the fun!

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Reed All About It:

As many of you know, Lisa and I were on vacation last week in New York City. We had a great time celebrating our anniversary. We visited all of the major sites you think about when you consider New York City. There was one destination that was on my “must see” list, this was the 9/11 Memorial. I am not sure why I was drawn to this venue, but the pull was strong. The site is impressive; there are two large fountains/pools where the towers once stood. The names of the victims are engraved around the area. There are many new buildings that have arisen from the ashes. The One World Trade Center building is the tallest in the western hemisphere. One interesting fact is that none of the new buildings in the area will cast a shadow on the fountains where the previous towers stood. For me this was a powerful design element.

Visiting the 9/11 museum was an emotional experience. I was expecting a feeling simi-

lar to when I visited the Holocaust museum in Jerusalem, but it was much more intense. I think this was because I lived through the 9/11 event and the emotions were still raw, even after 15 years. There were a few times I was simply overwhelmed and had to stop looking at exhibits for a while. I know my visit to this memorial will have a lasting impression upon me. I encourage everyone to visit the 9/11 memorial when in New York City.

Memorials are important. Humans tend to forget the impact of monumental events in our history. Memorials can take us back to that time and help us to remember the suffering and sacrifice that was part of a special event. Christ realized that this human weakness would come into play even when remembering His death on the cross. I believe this is why He commands us to take the Lord’s Supper on a weekly basis and calls on us all to remember Him.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 NASB

“For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’²⁵ In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Observance of the Lord’s Supper is an essential element of our Christianity and a builder of our faith. Are you participating in this memorial on a weekly basis? Are you partaking in a worthy manner?

Blessings,
Alan

Josh’s Journal

As many of you know already, 16 people, including myself, recently participated in a 5-day journey known as Trek. This journey took us to Twin Lakes, Colorado where we worked with a non-profit organization completely run by volunteers known as TEAM Ascend. I believe that all of those who were with me would agree with the statement that this trip was truly a life-changing experience. Together, we experienced some incredible moments of God’s beauty, such as the sun rising over the valley, as well as some very humbling moments of His creation, such as being caught in a 2-hour hail storm with very little or no shelter.

We departed at 3:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning to summit the peak of Mt. Antero. Our guides informed me that this would be about a 6-7 hour hike. We set off, all in good spirits, cheering ourselves with VBS songs and talking and fellowshiping with each other along the way. The closer we got to the peak, the more difficult

and steep the trail became. As we approached the last leg of our journey, we took a particularly long break, and many of us used the opportunity to contact some friends and family as we had cell-phone reception for the first time in several days. Then we dried our tears, strapped up our boots once again and took off on the final leg. We began to ascend to the peak, scaling up a rocky side with very loose footing. This final ascent would be the most difficult and nerve-racking part of our journey.

We finally all made it to a flat spot of the climb after about 45 minutes to an hour. We weren’t quite at the peak yet, but the difficult part was over. Many, including myself, were exhausted, breathing heavily and some were even in tears. After we were all gathered together, the guides, as a team, stood in front of us. A look of discouragement was on their faces, a look we hadn’t really seen all week. With the most encouragement and energy that they could offer, they informed us that

we had not climbed Mt. Antero, but rather Mt. White, which is 13,667 feet. Mt. Antero is 14,275 feet and directly across a valley from where we sat.

Somehow without me offering any information, on Sunday morning, just after asking how my trip was, many questioned about our journey up the wrong mountain. I want to inform every one of you that we did not climb, ascend or summit the wrong mountain. We only conquered a different mountain than we had planned. However, it is my firm belief that we accomplished the feat that God had intended for us from the day we departed. As we breathed, sang, prayed, fellowshiped and reached out with open arms and hands to our Creator on top of that mountain, we knew that we were exactly where we wanted to be. More importantly, we knew that we were exactly where our Father wanted us to feel His presence.

John’s Jogs: BIBLE BASICS #7

Moses returned to Egypt with the message from God, “**LET MY PEOPLE GO!**” Each time they confronted Pharaoh, he hardened his heart and refused. Thus God sent ten plagues on the Egyptians, a plague of blood, frogs, gnats, flies, on livestock, boils, hail, locusts, darkness and death of the first born.

Before the tenth plague, the Israelites were to sacrifice a lamb and paint the blood over their door frame. When death came to the firstborn of every Egyptian family it passed over the Israelites because of the blood on the door frame, hence the Jewish Passover Feast. This finally struck the Pharaoh’s heart, and he ordered the Israelites to leave Egypt. They headed toward the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob by way of the Red Sea, to enter the promise land and to become a great nation.

As they neared the Red Sea, Pharaoh changed his mind and came after them with mili-

tary force. God led them with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. When they came to the Red Sea, God stood between them and the Egyptian Army as the pillar of fire. God then opened the Red Sea so they could cross on dry ground. The Egyptians attempted to follow, but the waters returned covering them.

They were on their way to the “promised land”. But it was not long until they started complaining about food, water and life itself. God provided them with manna and quail and even water from a rock. Finally they reached Mt. Sinai where God called Moses to come up on the mountain where He cut out the “Ten Commandments” on two stone slabs. When the Israelites saw that Moses was so long in coming down off the mountain, they did not remain faithful, and they persuaded Aaron to make them a gold calf as their god. When Moses came down and saw what was happening, he threw down the tablets of the

commandments and broke them. This law was the basis to guide the Israelites in their new nation in the promised land. (It was never given to anyone else).

Exodus, Numbers, Leviticus and Deuteronomy all deal with the wanderings of the Israelites until all the men who were of fighting age when they left Egypt all died. Because of their constant rebellion and rejection of God, He rejected them from entering the promised land. Even Moses himself made one tragic error concerning bringing water from a rock, and God allowed him to go up on a mountain and look over into the promised land, but he could not enter it. Only Joshua and Caleb of those who left Egypt were allowed to cross the Jordan. Moses turned the reigns of leadership over to Joshua and died there on the mountain; where God buried him, no one knows.

Next: Conquest and forming the nation

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

EVENTS AND NEWS

VBS Family Fun Time

Wednesday, July 20th 5-7 P.M.

Hot Dogs

Bounce House

Face Painting

Dunk Tank

Cookies Are Needed for VBS & Family Fun Time

(Place cookies in Workroom on shelves)

Help is Needed! Contact: Josh

Church Calendar

July

17 VBS Work Day
18-20 VBS—Ages 3-5th Grade
20 VBS Family Time 5 -7pm
20 Summer Series—James Wyatt
21 Men's Night Out
28-Aug. 14 Taiwan Mission Trip
31 Josh Preaches PM
31 Josh & Kimberly Vires' Last Day

August

2 Ladies Night Out
7 Sundaes on Sunday

BAPTIZED



Melanie Gustafson

and

Chris and Nicole Rutgers

We rejoiced with the angels in heaven in the recent baptisms. *Melanie Gustafson* was baptized on Sunday by her dad. She is the daughter of *Robert and Donna Gustafson*.

Chris and Nicole Rutgers were baptized on Monday night by Larry Keele. They have a son, Eli, who gives great hugs! Eli is a student of our *Little Champs* Mother's Day Out Program.



July 18-20

9-11:30 am

Ages 3-5th Grade

Family Fun Night
July 20th, 5-7 pm

Register at: www.championschurch.org

Youth Calendar

July Events

July 17: VBS Work Day
July 18-20 VBS
July 22: All Youth Group Trip to Six Flags Fiesta Texas San Antonio
July 31: Josh Vires Last Day

Sunday Morning Bible Hour

Ages 2 to Kindergarten

Parents and children are dismissed to check in following the Lord's Supper.

July 17th - Josh and Kimberly Vires - 12 Spies (Numbers 13-14)

July 24th - Alan and Lisa Reed - The Talking Donkey (Numbers 22-26)

July 31st - College/Young Professionals - Walls of Jericho (Joshua 6)

July Memory Verse: "Do everything without complaining or arguing."

Directory Changes:

**Chris and Nicole Rutgers
Eli**

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Tomball, TX 77377
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DOB: Chris: 02/02
Nicole: 6/27
Eli: 5/24/2011
Anniversary 5/07/2004

Robbie Denton

Tarrytowne Estates
1815 Enclave Pkwy,
Houston, TX 77077
281-589-8789

Men's Night Out

Thursday, July 21st @ 6:30 P.M.

@ Mel's Country Cafe

Please sign the list on the

North Bulletin Board

if you are coming.

Contact: Wes Arnold



Dear Church of Christ in Champions Family,
I want to thank each of you for your love and encouragement, not only during this transition in my life, but also throughout all eighteen years of my life! There are so many who have touched my life and so many people who I will always look up to.

In Him in love,
Elizabeth Grace Killough



Dear Champions Family,
Thank you for the prayers that have been offered on behalf of Harry and myself. I have found a lot of strength from my Christian family. I don't know how people make it without that. I know that prayers have been answered by the peace and comfort on Harry's face. Thank you again.

In Christian Love,
Robbie Denton

Truth for Today Commentaries

The cost is \$27.00. See Marvin Trice or Jeanie Kuehl to pick up your copy.



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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 Tippit
- James Wyatt

Ministers:

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

PRAYERS & NOTES

Prayer Requests:

Allison George is in Tomball Hospital, room 300 recovering from surgery to remove an abscess.

Keith Underwood is in Memorial Hermann Hospital, room 6462, for treatment of severe pain.

Julia Shaw will have MRI testing on July 21 and July 22nd. Prayers are requested that these tests will show what is causing her problems.

Harry Denton has been placed under hospice care. He was moved to The Concierge, 2310 S. Eldridge Pkwy., Houston, TX #27.

Kenneth Smith requests prayers for his family as they struggle with health issues and prayers that God would strengthen him in His Word.

Madison Phillips and the Lithuania Team are in Lithuania for camp until July 19th.

Fay Stephens is recovering from hip replacement surgery at St. Luke's Hospital in The Woodlands.

Raymond Barron is recovering from surgery last week.

Arlene Hale is home recovering from shoulder surgery.

Sharon DeCarlo is healing from a fractured ankle.

Johnny Breithaupt is in Kindred Hospital regaining his strength.

Gregg Chappell, Sr. is struggling with health issues.

Doylene Jones-Burt, Britt's Mom, is battling a serious infection.

Ted Poe, member at Bammel, has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Joy Sechelski, Sandra Carter's cousin, was diagnosed with Stage 4 liver cancer.

Sammy Kemp, Everlina Jones' dad, as he struggles with health issues.

Taylor Graham, Everlina Jones' uncle, is very ill. Please pray for the family, the care givers and the doctors.

Peggy Bickham, Keith's mother, is in the hospital in Corpus and has been diagnosed with cancer.

Cody Sirman, nephew of the Cox's has been hospitalized for a mental illness.

Champions Members Ongoing

Concerns: Julia Shaw, Bunia Collins, Suzanne O'Connell, Ronda Morgan, June Gettings, Nell McDonald, Shawn Waye, Sharon DeCarlo, Glenn Dixon, John Hixon, Tasha DiRaffaele, Jan Kelly, Donna Nance, Keith and Linda Underwood, Beth Haden, B.B. & Dorothy Snell

Family and Friends of Champions:

Barbara Dodson, Kelly McKee, Judy Ward, Tasha's parents, Hayden Bowles, Linda Boatright, Conner Barnett, Mary Chappell, Buddy Damron, Shelia Morrison, Isaac Avina, David Zaragoza

Expectant Parents:

Jeff and Rebekah Johnson
Jordan and Natalie Arnold

Hospice Care: Letha, (Earlene Antwine's sister)

Cancer Concerns:

Don Freeman, Vannete Wirant, Whitney White, 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, Michelle Davis

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

Employment Concerns:

Rudy Morris, Jeff Long

Nursery Attendants

July 17: Andrea Oakley & Linda & Jennifer Breithaupt

July 24: Caella Chappell & Rhonda Bonwell

July 31: Martha Hicks and Karen Watson

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
7/10/16**

Sunday AM	327
Sunday Bible Class.....	215
Sunday P.M.	186
Wednesday Night	NC
Contribution	17,916.94
Weekly Budget.....	20,048.00
YTD Contributions	555,688.81
YTD Budget	561,344.00
Under/(Under)	(5,655.19)

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

July

Marvin Trice

Food Coordinator

Check with your Family Circle Leaders

Little Champs:

Mothers Day Out

Contact: Lisa Killough
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281-893-2062
Lisa Killough—Director