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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

Of Buildings and Blessings!

Sunday, July 17, 2016 was one of the most significant days in the history of the Lord's church in Champions! It was the exciting answer to multitudes of prayers and a great deal of thought, planning, and work! Now, I am not saying that actual date of July 17 will be remembered—that's not likely. Nor will that date be recorded in the historical annals of Champions. However, the *actual* result—when all is said and done (and built) will be!

At the end of the morning's service, an announcement was made from the elders that will have a huge effect on this congregation for years to come. They announced that, as a result of the congregational input that you returned, they were recommending going forward with the building proposal, Option 1. That option included expanding the auditorium to seat approximately 700 and renovating and updating much of the building, including the foyer, restrooms, offices, and some classrooms. Also included was the construction of an area that would provide even greater safety and security for our children as they attend Bible class and Little Champs. Option 1 also included rebricking the current building so that both of our buildings will have the same exterior look. All of the A/C, heating and electrical will be updated as well.

This decision was not made lightly! Yet, this is a result of your choice and sacrifice. When they were deliberating this question, the elders did not want to undertake a project that the congregation did not want to support. Therefore, in their survey, they asked about your financial commitment to the proposals. Those who said that they would raise their contribution indicated that they would give *an additional \$1,100 a week over their current level of giving!* What a sacrificial and generous people you are! This phase of our building program will be financed through another bond program. However, these bonds will be repaid using these funds (\$1,000 per week) that our members have committed to give for the project. What a blessing!

It was with this budget in mind that the elders got with the financial institutions and the builder and, after negotiations—using that subscribed amount as their guide—for all practical purposes found they were able to get the whole package of Option 1!

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It is great to see this great decision the elders made—through faith in our Lord and your input and desire. What an opportunity we have before us...as we consider our *Buildings and Blessings!*

—Larry Keele

P.S. Continue to lift up our elders and our building process in your daily prayers!

Read All About It: Giving Your All

During our recent trip to New York we saw the Broadway musical “Wicked.” The show was fabulous with a great story line, superb acting and incredible sets. “Wicked” takes a different look at the classic story “The Wizard of Oz.” After seeing this play, I will never think of the Wicked Witch of the West the same again.

During the intermission, I was reading through the playbill trying to find out some background information on the lead actors. Their credentials were impressive, but what really got my attention was the fact that these folks delivered an amazing, emotionally charged performance every night. The signature song from this play is called “Defying Gravity”, and the only way I can describe it is epic. I highly recommended seeing this play if you get the chance.

The question I keep asking myself is how do the actors deliver such an amazing performance every night? I know they have understudies; but the main actors deliver the performance most nights. Where do they get the passion and energy to make each show special for that night’s audience? Well, it is an amazing play and they were performing on Broadway. In addition, the actors are very talented professionals who take pride in their work.

Having passion for a well written play is one thing; as Christians, we know about the most amazing story the world has ever known. Do we always have passion for our faith? I did discover that these actors only perform the play for a period of time. Eventually, they stop and move to another production. The story of Christ is incredible in that it never

ends. No really, never it goes on for eternity. The blessings we receive from this gift of God are life changing. Yet even with this amazing gift, we sometimes lose our passion for God. How can this happen? Typically we get pulled away by carnal idols. The key to success is to make sure our mind remains truly transformed by God.

Romans 12:2 NASB

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

How is your mind today? Are you truly transformed?

Blessings,
Alan

Josh’s Journal—THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS



Attendance for VBS		
	Kids Volunteers	
Monday	98	47
Tuesday	113	53
Wednesday	113	57

John’s Jogs: BIBLE BASICS #8

As there were five books of law there are **twelve books of history** - Joshua through Esther - (reference Bible Basics 1). Remember we left Moses dead on Mt. Nebo after 40 years of wandering until all men of fighting age had died. We now have a new population of Israelites. After Moses died the Lord said to Joshua, son of Nun:

“Moses my servant is dead. You and all these people get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give them – the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river – Euphrates- all the Hittite country - to the Great Sea on the west. No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave nor forsake you. “

To be successful God expected of Joshua and the Israelites to keep the “Law of Moses.” Don’t depart right or left. Meditate on it day

and night. Don’t be discouraged or terrified for God will be with you wherever you go. Be strong and courageous.

The **BOOK OF JOSHUA** is a history of the Israelites under the leadership of Joshua crossing the Jordan and conquering and dividing (among 9 tribes of Israelites – Reuben, Gad & the half tribe of Manasseh had received theirs east of the Jordan) the “promised land.” When they obeyed God they succeeded and were defeated when disobedience occurred.

THE BOOK OF JUDGES is a history of God’s people as they formed their new nation under a loose knit confederation of the twelve tribes under God as their king. It receives its name from the twelve heroes of Israel, whose deeds it records. They were not magistrates but military leaders sent by God to aid and relieve his people in time of external danger. Six of them – Othniel, Ehud, Barak, Gideon, Jephthah and Samson – are treated in some detail – the other six only have a summary preservation of

their activities. Two other Judges are described in I Samuel – Eli and Samuel – who seem to have ruled the entire nation of Israel, whereas the twelve mentioned in this book probably exercised their authority, sometimes simultaneously, over one or another tribe of Israel, never over the entire nation.

The purpose of the book is to show that the fortunes of Israel depended upon the obedience or disobedience of the people to God’s law. Whenever they rebelled against him, they were oppressed by pagan nations; when they repented, he raised up judges to deliver them. The cycle of events: 1. The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord. 2. The Lord handed Israel over to enemies who oppressed them. 3) In her distress, Israel looked to God. 4) God in His compassion, raised up judges to save them. 5) Israel would again forsake the Lord, and the cycle repeated. God showed Himself as the ultimate leader of Israel! **Next: Israel Rejects God as King.** John Qualls

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EVENTS AND NEWS

Josh, Kimberly and Baileigh Vires Farwell Fellowship

Sunday, July 31st
(Following Evening Service)

Please bring finger foods to share.
A gift card basket will be available on
the foyer table Sunday, July 31st.

Contacts: Larry, Alan or Jeanie

Church Calendar July

28-Aug. 14 Taiwan Mission Trip
31 Josh Preaches PM
31 Josh & Kimberly Vires' Last Day
31 Vires Going Away Party

August

2 Ladies Night Out
7 Sundaes on Sunday
13 Day of Preparation (Campaign)
18 Men's Night Out
20 Day of Good Works (Campaign)
21 Unity Meeting—Campaign for Christ
28 Back to Bible Class—Fellowship Sunday

Youth Calendar July Events

July 24: SNAC Devo
July 31: Josh Vires Last Day

August Events

August 5-6: Junior High Retreat

Family Circle Group 6
will not be meeting Today!

Family Circle Group 7

Leaders:

Vann and Patricia Pennington
will be meeting on Sunday, July 31st.
A food sign up list is posted on the
North Bulletin Board.

Ladies Night Out
Tuesday, August 2nd @ 6:30 P.M.

@ Family Center

Cost: \$5.00

Please Text or Contact Susan Sammons
if you are coming.

Contact: Susan Sammons
281-433-8580

Directory Change:
Gene & Jacki McKain
4215 Owens Creek Ln.
Spring, TX 77388



August 7th

Details to Follow!



We extend our love and sympathy to Robbie Denton and family in the loss of her beloved husband, Harry, who passed away on July 17, 2016. He was born in Nashville, TN to Aaron (Buck) and Sue Denton on November 5, 1931. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Robbie; two daughters, Theresa Schutze and her husband, Jim Schutze; and Debbie Palermo; son, Clark Lindemann and wife Cindy; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

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."



Dear Champions Family,

We want to Thank You very much for including my daughter in your generous gift.

Sincerely,
April and Drew Zannone

Thank You so much for the gift that you have sent me. I am so thankful that you guys thought of me at graduation!

Rachel Zannone

Sunset International Bible Institute Dinner

Thursday, September 9th
@ 6:30 p.m.

Crown Plaza Hotel
8686 Kirby Dr.
Houston, TX

Sign-up sheet on bulletin board
Contact: John Burns



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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:

Robbie Denton and family in the loss of her beloved Harry.

Calissa Thomas will have surgery on Wednesday, July 27 @ 7AM at Shriners Hospital. Please pray for the success of Calissa’s surgery.

Melissa Kirshy requests prayers for her son, **Landon White** and her daughter **Corren White**.

Keith Underwood is home, but remains in great pain.

Raymond Barron is recovering from surgery.

Fay Stephens is recovering from hip replacement surgery at Oakmont Rehab in Humble. *No Visitors* at this time.

Julia Shaw as she waits on test results.

Suzanne O’Connell is in the hospital continuing her recovery from recent surgery.

Sharon DeCarlo is recovering from an injury to her ankle.

Johnny Breithaupt remains in Kindred Hospital on Fallbrook. He is not doing well and was moved back to I.C.U. Please pray God will answer our prayers for his healing and provide peace to Linda and Jennifer at this difficult time.

Bunia Collins will undergo neck surgery later this month.

Sally Enders continues to have health struggles.

Peggy Bickham, Keith’s mom, has been moved to a rehab facility to await decisions on course of

treatment.

Doylene Jones-Burt, Britt’s Mom, is battling a serious infection. Please pray for an effective course of treatment.

Tim and Beth Lewis and family (VBS family). Tim is in a long term care facility following a 2nd brain bleed.

Joy Sechelski, Sandra Carter’s cousin, suffered a stroke and was told that her cancer has spread to her brain. Please pray for Sandy and for her cousin’s peace and comfort.

Colter Taylor, the Freeman’s great nephew, received great news that his recent transplant was successful.

Karen Cullens, dear friend of Jeanie Kuehl’s, as she recovers from four heart bypasses and two heart attacks.

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns: Bunia Collins, 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, Dale and Sharon Foster, Lori Spears and sons, Ted Poe, Michelle Galvin, Sammy Kemp, Cody Sirman, David Zaragoza, Sharon and Dale Foster

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, Ted Poe

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 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
7/17/16**

Sunday AM	326
Sunday Bible Class.....	223
Sunday P.M.	170
Wednesday Night	188
Contribution	19,211.71
Weekly Budget.....	20,048.00
YTD Contributions	574,900.52
YTD Budget	581,392.00
Under/(Under)	(6,491.48)

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