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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

### Dare!

As we are working through the last weeks of this phrase of our *Look at the Book* program, we read the Book of Daniel. In reading it, there are places where, like Daniel, we just sit back in awe as we consider the visions that he had and the prophecies of which he wrote. While there are the difficult places, I hope that you were inspired by the lessons that are also very obvious! Over and over and over again in the book we see great examples of those who would stand for the God of heaven and His cause—those who would stand against enormous pressure and against seemingly innumerable odds—those who, in the name of the Lord—would *Dare!*

Daniel, as a young exile in a foreign land would dare tell his captors that he would not eat of the required food. (Daniel 1:8ff) Now the food was great—in the eyes of the world. The food would have been from “the king’s table.” Yet, because it was not according to the dietary restrictions of the Law of Moses, Daniel “resolved not to defile himself!” He stood for the Lord and for the right! Cower? No, Daniel would *Dare!*

Three young men are told they must bow before the statute of the king of Babylon. (Daniel 3) They have only One—the true God—to whom they would bow! They were threatened with their very lives—bow or burn! What did they do? Give in and bow thinking that God would just understand and that they “had to?” No, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would *Dare!*

Daniel, as an old man is told that prayer could only be offered to the king, no longer to God. (Daniel 6) He had a custom of praying every day. The punishment for praying to God would be death—and not a natural death in one’s sleep, but death by being torn apart and eaten by lions! What should he do? Just “pray in his head?” Give in to the edict? Not Daniel. Lions or not, Daniel would pray anyway! Daniel would *Dare!*

What about us? I am sure that we will be faced with situations. Speak for the Lord or stay silent. Stand for Him or sit in silence. If we learn anything from the book of Daniel—we should be encouraged to stand for the Lord—to be His first and only—to *Dare!*

—Larry

### Family Matters

Guests, we are thankful for your presence today! Please fill out the information in the binder that will be passed to you during the closing announcements. May God’s blessings be yours!

Last week, I failed to mention in this column that *Larry and Susan Wilson*, along with their children, *Chris and Lauren* had placed membership with us. We are blessed by their coming!

As we have had a couple of weeks to think about being in two Sunday morning services, the elders have asked us to indicate which service we plan to normally attend. This will be of great help to those who are planning our worship services. You

can make your desire known by writing an “E” (early, 8:15) or “L” (late, 10:30) by your name on the attendance binder. Remember, our first Sunday for worship in the Family Center will be September 4, which is

also the first Sunday of the new Quarter for our Bible classes. It will be an exciting Sunday!

Campaign for Christ Update: Thanks to all who participated in “Preparation Day” yesterday. What a blessing you are.

Next Saturday is the “Day of Good Works” at the Garden Oaks church of Christ. We will be meeting and greeting families who are coming to receive the school supplies, staples and services and seeking opportunities

to share the Gospel of Christ with them. We will leave the building at 8:15 a.m.

Sunday PM will be our combined services at the Hilton Americas. Plan to attend!

You may have noticed the new pens in the attendance folders. Thanks to *Buddy and Yvonne Miller* for noticing that we could use new pens in the folders and for taking the initiative to purchase them.

*PARTING THOUGHT: Think right. Act right. It is what you think and do that makes you what you are!*

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

*Larry*

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## Reed All About It:

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We are into week number two of our mission trip. Everything is going well. The Champions team is making a positive impact on this community. I appreciate your prayers on our behalf.

By now I am sure most of you have heard of the Pokémon Go phenomena. Before leaving for Taiwan I was sort of a casual player. I was looking forward to trying my luck in Taiwan. Upon arrival it quickly became clear that Pokémon Go was not yet enabled in Taiwan. I resigned myself to not playing the game while in Taiwan.

Late last week I noticed that a young girl was playing the game in a subway station. I started following her around trying to look at her screen. I came to my senses and realized following a young girl around in the subway station was not a good look for me. I whipped

out my phone and sure enough, Pokémon Go was a go in Taiwan.

From this point on, the nation of Taiwan went crazy for Pokémon Go. People were wandering around staring at their phones trying to play the game at all hours of the day and night. I thought I would have a head start since I had been playing the game in the USA. The average Taiwan player passed me up in a matter of hours. I am not sure how long this fad will last, but for now it is the talk of a nation.

What makes this game so popular? It is different from other games in that it makes you get up and move. The game also includes the user's environment as part of the experience. This is known as Virtual Reality. As popular as this game is, it is just a passing fad.

I wonder why the gospel doesn't have the same level of appeal as

this game. The message of the gospel makes the game pale in comparison. The game provides fun and enjoyment along with immediate feedback. The game stimulates our minds and provides a sense of adventure. When fully embraced, the gospel provides all of these attributes and at a higher level. The gospel goes even further in delivering a wonderful life here on earth and the promise of salvation after we die. The key to increasing the popularity of the gospel is to fully embrace its teaching. We are commanded to teach the gospel to everyone. In order to do this we must ourselves fully embrace the gospel. Embracing the gospel calls for us to walk through life as a Christian. Is the gospel the center point of your life? By fully embracing the gospel, we will have a fad in our lives that will never fade away!

祝福  
Alan

## CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST @ Hilton Americas Hotel Downtown Houston—August 21st!



- **SAVING SOULS!**
- **HELPING THE NEEDY!**
- **ENCOURAGING THE SAINTS!**
- **UNIFYING THE BODY!**
- **BRINGING GLORY TO GOD!**
- **LETTING OUR LIGHTS SHINE, LIKE NEVER BEFORE!**

### August 20, 2016:

#### *Day of Good Works*

**Garden Oaks Church of Christ: 9:00 A.M.**

Distribute 1500 - 2000 Back-to-School Survivor Kits  
300 workers needed.

### August 21, 2016:

#### *Unity Worship Service and Fellowship*

Hilton Americas Hotel Downtown Houston

**Spanish Worship Service:** 3:00 P.M.—4:00 P.M.  
**Group Singing:** 4:00 –5:30 P.M.  
**Congregational Singing:** 5:30 P.M.—6:00 P.M.  
**Unity Worship Service:** 6:00 P.M.—7:30 P.M.  
**Fellowship Reception:** 7:30 P.M.—9:00 P.M.

**Free Parking!**

# THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

## EVENTS AND NEWS

**Starting**  
**Sunday, September 4th**  
**Champions will have 2 Morning Services**  
**First Service: 8:15 A.M.**  
**Bible Classes: 9:30**  
**Second Service: 10:30 A.M.**  
**Sunday Night: 6:00 P.M.**



We extend our love and sympathy to **Paul and Holly Freeland and family** in the loss of Paul's mother, **Peggy Lou Stanfill**, who died on August 8th in Oklahoma. Please keep **Paul, Holly, Griffin, Ivan and Morgan and all their family** in prayer during this difficult time.

### Today!

#### Family Circle #1 Meal

#### Leaders: Jay & Carla Mahle

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.

#### Men's Night Sign-up List

Thursday, August 18th  
@ 6:30 P.M.

VALLEY RANCH

Please sign the list posted on the bulletin board.

Contact: Wes Arnold

Hi Family Circle Leaders,

The elders have decided to suspend the Family Circles program during our upcoming construction project. We looked at several alternatives but nothing was practical. The last Family Circle meeting prior to the hiatus will be for group #4 on August 28<sup>th</sup>. We will use this time off from meeting to plan for the future of this program. Thanks for your willingness to be a Family Circle Leader.  
Blessings, Alan



**Larry and Susan Wilson**  
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Susan 5-17  
Chris 11-25  
Laura 6-25  
Anniversary 8-20

#### Champions Softball League

If you would like to play softball in the church softball league to please see Tommy Hill. More details will follow. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the foyer.

#### Ladies Class Resumes!!!

#### Wednesday, August 31st

We will be studying "Sisters at Sea"  
Books will be made available at first class  
Lunch will be provided.  
Free Babysitting!

#### Sunset International Bible Institute Dinner

#### Thursday, September 8th @ 6:30 pm

Crown Plaza Hotel, 8686 Kirby Dr.,  
Houston  
Sign-up sheet on bulletin board  
Contact: John Burns

#### Church Calendar

##### August

14—Youth Parent Meeting  
18—Men's Night Out  
20—Day of Good Works (Campaign)  
21—Unity Meeting—Campaign for Christ  
28—Back to Bible Class—Goal Day

##### September

4—Champions Begins Two AM Services

#### Youth Calendar

August 14—Parent Meeting

#### Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

##### August

#### August Memory Verse:

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. (Ephesians 6:1)*

August 14th - Wes and Christy Smith - Gideon (Judges 6-7)

August 21st - Brent and Lisa Killough - Samson (Judges 13-16)

August 28th - Alan and Lisa Reed - Hannah and Samuel (1 Samuel 1)



To My Beautiful Church Family, I thank all of you for the food you brought, the cards, visits and calls during my recent surgery.

You are a Great group of Christians whom I'm grateful to have as my friends.

In Christian Love,  
Arlene Hale

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

#### August 17th — Time: 6-6:30 p.m.

Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Mac N Cheese, Dessert

Cost: \$5 adults, children 10-up, \$3: children under 3: Free — If you did not place a head count in the attendance book on Sunday, please contact the church office if you plan to eat on Wednesday.

#### Sunny Glen Children's Home September 12th

Needs: Cake Mixes and Cake Frostings  
Please bring your items to the Workroom and place on the black shelves against the wall.



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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)

**PRAYERS & NOTES**

**Prayer Requests:**

**Paul and Holly Freeland and family** in the loss of Paul’s mother, Peggy Lou Stanfill.  
**Laura, Khristi and Adelle Mize and Alan Reed** as they travel home from Taiwan today.  
**Donna Campbell** is home recovering from heart attacks and a stent placement.  
**John Qualls** is in Methodist Hospital in the Medical Center recovering from surgery for his recent brain bleed.  
**Bob Kendall** will have shoulder surgery on Monday, August 22nd at Willowbrook Methodist Hospital.  
**June Gettings** remains in Willowbrook Methodist Hospital, room 7466 recovering from surgery.  
**Wayne Hemingway** as they consider treatment options for his prostate cancer.  
**Corbin Lusk** is having tests for ongoing episodes of fever.  
**Donna Garrett** is recovering from knee replacement surgery.  
**Josie Biron** is home recovering from foot surgery.  
**Johnny Breithaupt** remains in Kindred Hospital on Fallbrook, but has made good improvements this week.  
**Sally Enders** as she continues to struggle with health issues.  
**Mary McCall Adamek**, Mike McCall’s niece, remains hospi-

talized following complications with her gall bladder surgery.  
**Kenshin Garrett**, Don and Donna Garrett’s great-grandson, will have surgery on his left eye on Monday.  
**Natalie Arnold** for safety for her and her baby daughter whose due date was August 12.  
**Ron Coleman** member from South Houston is in need of a heart transplant.  
**Frank Chappell**, Gregg’s brother, has been hospitalized with Guillain Barre’.  
**Joy Sechelski**, Sandra Carter’s cousin, will begin chemo treatments soon.  
**Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones:** Freeland, Freeman, Bickham  
**Champions Members Ongoing Concerns:** Fay Stephens, Suzanne O’Connell, Sharon DeCarlo, Buina Collins, Corren White, Landon White, Barbara Dodson, Shawn Waye, John Hixon, Tasha DiRaffaele, Jan Kelly, Donna Nance, Keith and Linda Underwood, B.B. & Dorothy Snell  
**Family and Friends of Champions:** Kelly McKee, Sammy Kemp, Natalie Jones  
**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 Jatco, 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**

**August 14: Jackie Doherty & Jeanie Kuehl**  
**August 21: Jackie Cuccerre & Susan Sammons**  
 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  
8/7/16**

Sunday AM .....	335
Sunday Bible Class.....	195
Sunday P.M. ....	156
Wednesday Night .....	150
Contribution .....	19,005.21
Weekly Budget.....	20,048.00
YTD Contributions	631,298.67
YTD Budget .....	641,536.00
Over/(Under) .....	(10,237.33)

**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**

**August**  
**David Arnold**  
**Food Coordinator**  
 Check with your Family Circle Leaders

**Little Champs:  
Mothers Day Out**

Contact: Lisa Killough  
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 Lisa Killough—Director