

What better way to spend some time together than in dedicated prayer—praying for students, teachers and administrators by name? On top of that, we get to enjoy ice cream and fellowship together!

*"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

Sundaes on Sunday!



What is Sundaes on Sunday?

This is a specially designated time for our congregation to gather and engage in a special season of prayer for the growth and safety of our school-children, their teachers and administrators in the up-coming school year. (This was formerly known as "Sundaes on Saturday" and obviously held on a different day of the week!)

Who? Everyone! This is a special opportunity for everyone to stay, engage in specific prayers for the individually named individuals as led by men of the congregation and then enjoy a time for fellowship together.

When? Tonight, immediately following our evening 6 P.M. worship service.

Where? The new Family Center will once again be a tool used for God's glory as we share this dedicated prayer-session with our community and friends in that new facility.

Why? The effective prayer of the righteous can accomplish much! James 5:16!

What to bring?

Members, bring ice cream, toppings, etc. for those who want to make a Sundae and other types of dessert if you prefer it. Guests, we welcome you with open arms to this event. Just bring yourself and your family!

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Family Matters

Visitors, we are so thankful you are with us today. Please leave us a record of your attendance and, if possible, stay for lunch after services, compliments of the great cooks of Family Circle 8. We hope you will come again!

Angels rejoiced, as did we all, on Sunday as *Michael Barnes*, a friend of *Kristen Drake*, was immersed into Christ for the forgiveness of his sins! May God bless Michael in this, his greatest decision of all!

Your input is urgently needed! As has been announced, the worship times beginning Sept. 4 will be at 8:15 and 10:30. When possible, *beginning today*, please indicate by your family's name as you sign the attendance

book, which service your family will be most likely to attend. This is very needed information for those who are in charge of getting the different leaders and workers for the services.

Today is the last day to order the 2016 Houston Campaign for Christ T-shirts. For those going to work on either August 13 or 20, the shirts are to be worn on those occasions helping to portray, even in a very small way, outwardly the love and unity that we are all striving for within. Sign the list in the foyer to get your shirt (or family's shirts) reserved.

A tremendous amount of work has been done this week as the changes are beginning to be made to transition to the Family

Center and houses while our main building is undergoing reconstruction! I wish everyone could have seen the great group of workers—from elementary school on up to *true* seniors! So much has been done, yet there is still more to do. Contact J.C. Fassino if you have some time and effort that you can give to a great cause!

Avery Caraway has been a blessing as he has served as our youth intern for the summer. This is his last Sunday with us and we want to ask the Lord to richly bless him with a long and useful life in His service. Thanks so much, Avery!

Reading for the week: Daniel

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Amy

Reed All About It: Taipei Taiwan

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Greetings from the Greater Taipei Church of Christ in Taiwan! The Champions team has settled in and has started teaching English Bible classes. Everyone is doing a great job teaching. We have managed to see a few sights this past Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday we went to the top of the Taipei 101 building which is the 5th tallest building in the world. Next we visited the National Palace Museum. This is a must see attraction containing many ancient Chinese artifacts. There was a special exhibit visiting from China. This exhibit contained several Terracotta Warriors and many of their artifacts. On Sunday we visited the Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall and a botanical garden containing many lotus plants that were in bloom. Along the way we stopped for some "pearl tea" and wrapped up the

day with a great dinner. Lotus, who visited our church a few years ago, hosted our fun afternoon in Taipei.

We started teaching students on Monday; it is great to see some of the folks I taught last year. We had a couple of young children come for lessons. This brought the idea of hosting a Vacation Bible School here next year. More to come later on this idea. It is wonderful to see the Champions team learn about the Taiwanese culture from the students.

On Tuesday we had time to visit a Buddhist temple. This temple was also Taoist place of worship. The temple was called Longshan Temple and is very old and ornate. There were many people worshiping in the temple. They were burning incense and offering food to the Buddha that best meets their needs. People

also were casting lots in order to help them make a decision about an important life dilemma. This visit helped the mission team better understand the religious background of some of the Taiwanese people. The reality is most Taiwanese who claim to be Buddhist are only so in name and not practice. Perhaps they have a family background in a religion, but most do not practice their faith.

Christianity with an emphasis on Christ has a great appeal to the citizens of Taiwan. The difficult part is convincing a believer to commit themselves to Christ in baptism. From the Taiwanese perspective this conversion indicates a separation from their family. We have already encountered a few students who are at this point. Please pray for us as we continue our work in Taiwan. 祝福Alan

Avery's Summation of the Summer and Farwell: (This morning will be his last service at Champions)

Howdy, first I would like to say THANK YOU to this congregation for giving me the wonderful opportunity to be the youth intern this summer! I have enjoyed the summer very much and have loved every day I have spent here. The church family here has been such a blessing to me in how loving and welcoming you all are. I would also like to say a special thank you to David and Darlene Bounds for opening their home to me and being an exciting family to live with.

This summer had many firsts for me, and although I was hired to help the youth group grow, I also feel as if I have learned a lot about ministry and youth in general. I taught my first Bible class to the junior high students on Wednesday nights. We discussed the Bible as a whole, how it got here, why it is here, and why it is The

Holy Book. I hope the students were able to come away learning something; even I discovered things I did not know before and that made me excited to teach each week.

Not many people can say they have climbed a 14,000 foot mountain before, but now there are a number of us who can. This was a huge accomplishment to those of us who went. I have never been surrounded by God's beauty and power like I was that week on the mountain.

VBS also gave me many firsts -- a pie thrown in my face, my hair and eyes spray painted. The list can go on and on about all the fun and amazing experiences I had with the wonderful youth group this summer. There was one constant theme that came with each event though; it was not the activity or occasion that made my summer

one of the best ones I have had, but the people who have been a part of it. This youth group is truly special, and every time I saw one of its members, I was reminded of Jesus. I was able to see our Lord's love through each individual in the youth group, and that has made this summer special. Each individual is different in their own way, but what binds this group together is their love for Jesus and that was amazing to see. I have absolutely loved my summer being a part of the Church of Christ in Champions. This church will remain in my heart and prayers as you continue to grow and spread the Good News, and I would appreciate prayers for myself, as I go back to school and continue my journey with Christ.

With much love, Avery Caraway

John's Jogs:

Naomi and Ruth is one of the most astounding friendships of all history. This friendship ultimately has an effect of tremendous proportions on the history of mankind.

In the time of the Judges, Israel has a severe famine. A man of Bethlehem in Judea named Elimelech, his wife Naomi and two sons, Mahlon and Kilion, went to live in Moab. Moab was a nation descended from the son of the unholy relationship of Lot and his oldest daughter. While in Moab the two sons married local girls. Kilion married Orpha and Mahlon married Ruth. Within a ten year period all three men died leaving behind widows without children. In this male dominated society, women without a father, husband or son to care for them could quickly become destitute; they had few rights.

Naomi, hearing that the famine in Judah had ended, decided to return to her homeland. So Naomi urged Ruth and Orpha each to return to their mother's home and begin looking for another husband. Initially they both rejected the idea, but after Naomi reasoned with them further, Orpha agreed to return. She left with a tearful good-bye. We are now ready to see the most astounding commitment: Ruth absolutely refused to leave Naomi when she replied, "Do not urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will

go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." Can you think of any stronger statement of commitment? And this from a daughter-in-law to a mother-in-law. Talk about a FRIEND!

When the two women reached Bethlehem, the entire town was moved with sympathy for Naomi and no doubt with admiration for Ruth's unfailing loyalty toward her aging mother-in-law. According to the Mosaic Law, the poor are allowed to collect any crops that were missed during the first pass of the reapers.

Fortunately, she chose the field of Boaz. This man had heard how Ruth had refused to abandon Naomi, and he took an immediate liking to her. He even left orders that the workers leave extra grain for her and that the young men not bother her. When she returned and reported what happened, Naomi was elated. Naomi explained that Boaz was not just a friendly neighbor, but one of her nearest kin. The Law of Moses obliged a man to marry his brother's widow to produce children to carry on the dead brother's family name and to claim the deceased man's property. Apparently, the rule could be extended to include

relatives other than brothers.

When wise old Naomi saw that Boaz had taken favorable notice of Ruth, she decided that it was time to see if a marriage could be arranged. Actually Ruth had a certain legal claim on Boaz as a near kinsman to her dead husband. Boaz appears to be really impressed by her commitment to raise up children to her dead husband's inheritance rather than going after younger men whether rich or poor.

So, with the blessing of the people, Boaz took Ruth to be his wife. She bore him a son, Obed, who became the grandfather of King David. In one of the final scenes of the book Naomi holds her grandson on her lap and cares for him. Years later JESUS, a descendant of Obed, was born in Bethlehem; He is described as one who gives: "LIFE FOR ALL MEN." (Romans 5:18). Matthew's genealogy of Jesus lists only four women, and Ruth is one of them. Jews today still honor Ruth by rereading her story during the annual "Feast of Weeks" that marks the end of grain harvest.

Because of the love, loyalty and commitment Ruth had, without ever knowing it, she mothered a host of kings and ultimately the King of Kings, the Savior of the world. A JUST REWARD FOR A FAITHFUL FRIEND!!

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.**

Church Calendar

August

7—Sundaes on Sunday
Now - Aug. 14 Taiwan Mission Trip
13—Day of Preparation (Campaign)
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—Fellowship
Sunday

September

4—Champions Begins Two AM Services



Michael Barnes

We rejoiced with the angels in the baptism of Michael, by Larry Keele, last Sunday morning. Michael is a friend of Kristen Drake, Don and Jeanne Dearen's niece. May God bless you all your days as you continue to grow in service to Him.

Today!

Family Circle #8 Meal

Leaders: Don and Kristin 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.



I am blessed to have such a caring church family here in Champions! I thank God for you and your kindness and love for me. I probably am not as loving in deed; but I do look forward to being with you each time I am there. I always keep each one of you and the leadership in my prayers. I wish I lived closer for more time with you. Thank you! I love you and care for you!

Your sister in Christ,
Sally Enders

832-454-8089 or egenders@hotmail.com



We extend our love and sympathy to the *Don and Doug Freeman families* in the loss of Don's step brother, *Andy Jones*, who died on Monday in Waco.

Youth Parents Meeting

Sunday, August 14th

Following evening worship
Food Provided!

CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST

13 - Day of Preparation
20 - Day of Good Works
21 - Unity Service—All area churches of Christ

See Flyer on the North Bulletin Board for additional information.

CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST

T-SHIRTS

Order your Campaign T-Shirt—
Cost \$10

Small - Med - Large - XL-5X
English/Spanish

Contact the church office or see sign-up list on bulletin board in foyer. Contact: Larry Keele

Youth Calendar

August 14—Parent Meeting
Junior High Retreat to be rescheduled

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 7th - Justin and Julie Sammons - Deborah (Judges 4)
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)

Sunset International Bible

Institute Dinner

September 9th @ 6:30 p.m.

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

Sunny Glen Children's Home Truck

Is coming September 12th

Needs: Cake Mixes & Cake Frostings
Please place your items in the foyer in the container provided.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

August 10th — Time: 6:00-6:30

Menu: Shepherd's Pie, Veggie, Rolls, 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.



I'm so moved by all the out pouring of love from my Champions church family. God bless all of you.

Love,
Robbie Denton



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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:

Don and June Freeman in the loss of Don's brother, **Andy Jones**, who died on Monday evening.

John Qualls is in NICU at Methodist Hospital in the Medical Center with a brain bleed. He is stable and talking! Please pray for his recovery.

Bob Kendall fell and injured his shoulder. He is waiting on doctor appointment for results of MRI.

Wayne Hemingway has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Corbin Lusk is having tests for ongoing episodes of fever.

Donna Garrett is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Nadine Riley is home regaining her strength following her recent procedures.

Josie Biron is home recovering from foot surgery.

June Gettings is scheduled to be moved to Villa Toscana at Cypress Woods, 15015 Cypress Woods Medical Dr., Houston, TX 77014.

Prayers for Alan Reed, Laura, Khristi and Adelle Mize as they are in Taiwan.

Calissa Thomas is home doing well following the placement of growth plates in her legs.

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.

Keith Underwood is home, but

remains in great pain.

Fay Stephens is recovering from hip replacement surgery at the home of her daughter, Michelle Stephens, in Kingwood.

Kenshin Garrett, Don and Donna Garrett's great-grandson, will have eye surgery on his right eye on August 5, 2016 and will surgery on left eye in 2 weeks.

Natalie Arnold is home monitoring her blood pressure

Julia Shaw as she waits on test results.

Letha, Earlene Antwine's sister is in very critical condition.

Frank Chappell, Gregg's brother, has been hospitalized with Guillain Barre'.

Joy Sechelski, Sandra Carter's cousin, will begin chemo treatments soon.

Natasha Jones, friend of Darlene Ewell, is having family problems and needs our prayers.

Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones: Freeman, Bickham,

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns: 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

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 7: Holly Freeland & Melba McKee

August 14: Jackie Doherty & Jeanie Kuehl

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
7/31/16**

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| Sunday AM | 338 |
| Sunday Bible Class..... | 248 |
| Sunday P.M. | 215 |
| Wednesday Night | nc |
| Contribution | 18,853.72 |
| Weekly Budget..... | 20,048.00 |
| YTD Contributions | 612,293.46 |
| YTD Budget | 621,488.00 |
| Over/(Under) | (9,194.54) |

Service Times:

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| 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
littlechamps@att.net

281-893-2062

Lisa Killough—Director