

*"A Place to Belong."*

*Thanks for your comments. I wish I had room to print each of them in their entirety, but these comments will give you a taste of the experience of Bible class and worship in our new arrangement.*

*God bless you all for your cooperation and spirit!*

*"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

I think it went real well. It's just a smaller venue.

### A Great Start...

It was so easy to see everyone and if you were trying to locate someone, it would be easily possible! I found the chairs to be so comfortable, and my back hurt less.

To me all that was different was the building...it went beautifully!... I thought it was very well organized!

I was there for evening worship, and I loved it! I could hear better because of the good acoustics, and that's a plus for me, since I wear hearing aids. ...

New visitors alike will also enjoy everything!

Being together is the important thing regardless of where we worship. Great job by all!

*A good summary email...*

..." I know service is not for our enjoyment, but to praise God, but the smaller setting felt more personal, and it helped encourage my singing and I felt more involved.

I taught class and I felt that it went really well too. We had about the same crew we typically do and the room was just fine for our study.

I recognize that this is a temporary accommodation, but I think it's starting off very well and while I'm looking forward to the new facility, I am also going to enjoy our transition time as well."

..." We got to visit with people we never see. The singing was priceless..."

**...Now, let's keep on...until He comes!**

—Larry Keele

## Family Matters

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We are always blessed by having guests visit with us! If you are one of those visiting, we are grateful you have chosen to come worship with us. Please participate with us as we praise our God together. If we can be of additional help to you in your walk with God, let us know by indicating that on the attendance roll that will be passed down the aisle at the end of the service.

Our hearts were touched this week with the coming of *Brian Riley* and *Kathy Gerber* asking us to pray in their behalf. What a privilege it is to carry the name of our family members to the throne of the Father! May the Lord's rich blessings be theirs.

Our worship, Bible classes, and *Little Champs* have all had their first run through the new building. While it will take some time to make the process seem "natural" to us, over all it was surprising how smoothly things went! Thanks to those whose hours of work made it so!

Speaking of *Little Champs*—in many ways they are setting the pace for us! Even moving into the new classrooms, enrollment is over 70 with 16 teachers and staff! Classes have met for a full week, and both teachers and staff have adapted well. *Little Champs* is a true blessing and one of the highlights of this congregation's work!

We are still "letting the dust settle" a bit before making some decisions concerning our Wednesday night meals together. Please continue to be patient.

Our old, large building is literally only a shell of its former self. Pews, carpet and most of everything else has been removed. It will be exciting to get to the construction phase.

*PARTING THOUGHT: Don't be one of those who tries to change the Word...rather be one of those who is changed by the Word!*

**HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!**

*Larry*

## Reed All About It: Attacked

This past weekend I was cleaning out some gutters. I despise cleaning out gutters. Okay back to the story. I was almost done with my task when I noticed some wasps hanging around. I have never been afraid of wasps; I usually just swat them out of the way and go about my business. These wasps were not leaving the area; clearly they were very upset. I quickly became aware of the source of their anger. There was a wasp nest in the gutter I was cleaning. The wasps were doing what comes natural, defending their young.

I continued to be overconfident about finishing my task of cleaning that particular gutter. I decided to grab the nest and throw it to the ground. I know, pretty dumb move right? You might say I had an unnatural lack of fear for wasps.

As you might expect, I began to get stung by the wasps. First on the arm and then twice on my back. Believe it or not, I was still confused as to what was happening. Finally I got it through my thick skull that the wasps were indeed stinging me. I decided to abandon my task and get away from the angry wasps. I was able to regroup with some wasp spray and complete the job.

I was so focused on the job at hand I didn't realize I was actually under attack. I was also naïve to the clear and present danger of the swarming wasps, and I did not take any proper precautions. Sin can be like this, too. It can swarm around our lives while we remain oblivious. Perhaps we are so used to sin being all around us in our society that we find a way of existing in its pres-

ence. Basically we can become numb to sin.

We must have a defense mechanism to protect us from sin. This does not mean we run and hide from sin; it does mean we need to have an awareness of sin and how it can potentially affect our lives. We are all aware of our weaknesses and the problems we have when certain sins swarm in our lives. Unlike my experiences with the wasps, we have to recognize when sin is stinging us. At a minimum we need to understand when sin is threatening our relationship with God. Is sin swarming around your life? Are you aware of the dangers? Be prepared to defend yourself against sin!

Blessings,  
Alan

## Church Bonds On Sale Beginning TODAY! Open To All!

**CHURCH BONDS WILL BE SOLD  
TODAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH,  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH  
TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO PURCHASE BONDS ,  
CONTACT: Laura Mize - 281- 797-2411 or  
Debbie Bills: 281-356-3866**

As you invest in First Mortgage Church Bonds, you earn interest for your family, and you assist the church in financing the construction project to God's glory!! Twofold Blessings!!

First Mortgage bonds in the amount of \$800,000 will be offered to members of the Champions family and relatives or friends, beginning September 11th at 1 p.m. These bonds, either simple or compound interest, paying 2%-5%, mature in 1-20 years, are secured by the church property.

The bonds are available in any amount up to \$800,000 in increments of \$500. You can purchase for retirement, for children or grandchildren's education, etc., bringing blessings to you. Remember, this is an investment in your future and the future of Champions.

In order to take advantage of this opportunity, schedule your appointment with Laura Mize: 281-797-2411, or Debbie Bills: 281-356-3866. Please call today to reserve your time for Sunday, September 11th or Monday, September 12th or Tuesday, September 13th! The program will be explained in detail at your appointment.

# THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

## EVENTS AND NEWS

### Men's Night Out Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 P.M.

#### Los Tres Ranchitos

16143 N Eldridge Pkwy  
Tomball, TX 77377  
Phone 281-826-0333

If you plan to attend, please sign the list placed on the  
crock pot shelves against the south wall.

Contact: Wes Arnold

#### Wedding Card Shower

Champions will honor **Brian and Kaitlin (Bickham) Cannon** with a Wedding Card Shower. A white basket will be placed on the granite countertop in the **Family Center**.

Contacts: Karen McCall or Jeanie Kuehl

#### Directory Changes

**Susan Frazier**  
7307 Dayhill Dr.  
Spring, TX 77379  
Home: 346-808-5998

#### Through the Valley-A Grief Support Class

##### Wednesday Nights

Class taught by Larry Keele and David Arnold. Class meets in the Cutten Pkwy house. Those working through the process of grief and who are interested in this "Grief Recovery" class can contact Larry or David.



Dear Champions Church of Christ,  
Thank you all very much for the graduation gift. I could not have asked to belong to a better church family, and I am very lucky to be able to call you all my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sincerely,  
Jacob Rickman



#### Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to **June and Don Freeman and Doug, Amy and Ashlyn**

**Freeman** and their family in the loss of June's brother, Buddy Damron. His services were last week in Bogata, Texas. Please keep all their family in prayer.



#### Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to **Sandy Carter** in the loss of her cousin, Joy Sechelski.

Her services were held last

week.

#### Sunny Glen Children's Home

September 12th

Needs: **Cake Mixes & Cake Frostings**

Please place on the crockpot shelf on the south end of FC.



To My Church family at Champions,

I want to thank each and everyone of you for your prayers, calls, cards and the offers of food; all were greatly appreciated.

I got a good report yesterday from my doctor, so I should be able to return to church soon. I've missed being at church and seeing all of you so much!

In Christian Love,  
Donna Garrett



Thank you for the beautiful arrangement that you sent to the funeral and for all of your thoughts and prayers.

By the family of  
Andrew L. Nelson (Sue Trice's brother)

#### Church Calendar

##### September

11 & 18 Wedding Card Shower Cannons  
11-13 Church Bond Sales  
12—Sunny Glen Children's Home Truck  
15—Men's Night Out  
24—Brunch for Rebekah Johnson and baby Joy Belle

##### October

2—Mission Sunday  
3—MDO Open House

#### Youth Calendar

##### September 2016

17 Youth Minister Candidate Event  
5-8p.m.—Dinner, Devo & Activity  
18 Movie—Ben Hur  
24 Youth Group Paint Ball

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

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

##### September

11—Alan & Lisa Reed  
18—Justin & Julie Sammons  
25—Wes & Christy Smith

#### Brunch with Rebekah and Baby Joy Belle Johnson

Join us for 'Brunch with Baby' as we welcome baby

Joy Belle Johnson!

Saturday, September 24

10:00 to 11:30 A.M.

Come and Go  
Family Center



**Linda and Art Lopez** are pleased to announce the birth of a granddaughter, **Anne Louise Bell**, who was born on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 in Henderson, Tennessee to **Taylor and Katie Powell Bell**. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 1/4 inches long.

**Mission Sunday**  
**October 2nd**  
**Details to follow!**



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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:**

**June & Don Freeman and family** in the loss of her brother.

**Michelle Smith** is home recovering from back surgery.

**Kristina Smith** is home. Please continue to keep all the Smith family in prayer as they deal with health struggles.

**Lynn Antwine** is home doing well.

**Faye Taylor** is home recovering from foot surgery.

**Buina Collins** is home recovering from neck surgery.

**Zack Rickman** is home recovering from ear drum reconstructive surgery.

**Peggy Long** is improving, but continues to struggle with gastric attacks.

**June Gettings** has been moved to Villa Toscana, room 510 for rehab.

**John Qualls** is in Brookdale Rehab (formerly the Hampton), room 145. Visitors welcomed!

**Sally Enders**, as she continues to struggle with health issues.

**Roman and Johanna Halamiczek** request prayers for a quick solution to Johanna's Visa issue in Slovakia.

Please pray for their peace as they work with the government. Roman's email address is: [roman.halamiczek@gmail.com](mailto:roman.halamiczek@gmail.com).

**Sherry Miracle**, Dennis and Gwen Crosby's daughter, is recovering from surgery to remove blood clots in her leg at Houston Northwest Hospital.

**Noah Spears**, Laurie Spear's grandson, (visitor at Champions) is recovering from tonsil and adenoid surgery.

**James Birdow** is in Park Manor room 301.

**Darlene Ewell** is recovering from foot surgery.

**Ethan Shannon**, Pam and Bert Shaw's six-year old grandson, for healing of gastric issues.

**Families Who Have Lost**

**Loved Ones:** Freeman, Carter, Breithaupt, Trice, Dickenson, Dodson, Antwine

**Champions Members Ongoing Concerns:**

Donna Garrett, Josie Biron, Fay Stephens, Shawn Waye, John Hixon, Tasha DiRaffaele, Jan Kelly, Keith and Linda Underwood, B.B. & Dorothy Snell

**Family and Friends of Champions:**

Ed Kyrish, Sam Chumley, Frank Chappell, Ron Coleman, Kelly McKee, Sammy Kemp, Natalie Jones

**Cancer Concerns:**

Don Freeman, Wayne Hemingway, Vannete Wirant, Whitney White, Jackie Stearsman, Ramoncito Jatico, Mary McCall Adamek, Laura Carroll, Colter Taylor, Larry Young, 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 Halamiczek, Eric Tan, Roland Moshen, Workers at Biblical Institute of Central America, Eastern European Mission, Jordan Arnold, Will Hanstein, Mario Saldana and Aaron Solis

**Assisted Living/Rehab/ Nursing Homes:**

Terri Bennett, Margurite Pennington, Juanita Cox, Julia Garcia, Nell McDonald, Gladys McHenry, Marie McCall, Jean Simpson, Doris Kiser

**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

**Nursery Attendants**

**September 11: Kimberly Bickham & Janice Norman**

**September 18: Chandra Runions & Laura Mize**

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  
9/4/16**

Sunday 1st Service .....	146
Sunday 2nd Service .....	226
Sunday Bible Class .....	279
Sunday P.M. ....	181
Wednesday Night .....	N.C.
Contribution .....	20,128.50
Weekly Budget .....	20,048.00
YTD Contributions	711,184.59
YTD Budget .....	721,728.00
Over/(Under) .....	( 10,543.41)

**Service Times:**

**SUNDAY:**  
8:15 a.m. First Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Bible Class  
10:30 a.m. Second Worship Service

**SUNDAY NIGHT:**  
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday  
LBC 9:45 a.m.  
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

**Elder of the Month**

**September  
Jim Chitwood**

**Food Coordinator**

Check with your Family Circle Leaders

**Little Champs:  
Mothers Day Out**

Contact: Lisa Killough  
[littlechamps@att.net](mailto:littlechamps@att.net)  
**281-893-2062**  
Lisa Killough—Director