

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

WE ARE PART OF THE FAMILY!!!! GROWING TOGETHER!!

In June, the elders surveyed the congregation asking for choice for *Building Phase 2*. The result, though mixed, supported the original plan to expand the auditorium and foyer, and the attendant added cost over funds on hand.

With this response, a number of members committed to increase weekly contributions above what they were currently giving. This amount resulted in a committed increase of just over \$1100 per week. Other gifts were also offered.

In order to build out the entire plan, a minimum of \$800,000 is needed. The elders pursued options and following much prayer decided to enter a bond program for \$800,000, which with interest chosen and amount committed (\$1100 per week) could fill the need.

As is typically true of this church family, the bond issue of \$800,000 was 95% subscribed in 2 days!! This is a glowing testimony of the cooperation, acceptance, and desire to work together!! So many worked for the success by talking it up, working in providing food and scheduling and in purchasing of bonds.

Construction is underway!!!!

As a church family, we are of necessity meeting in smaller facilities for all Bible classes, worship services, MDO, and other activities. This transition has been happily received with joy, cooperation, friendliness, excitement and energy. The minor inconveniences have been graciously accepted. Although this change is temporary, it offers opportunity for us to see ourselves as united as a church family.

Why are we doing these things?

1. To glorify God!!!! In all that we do, we do not build a monument to people, but a place for God's work to go forward to His glory!!
2. We want to edify and encourage each other as a family. A building is a place where we can enjoy the blessings of being together, doing many good things to build each other up, and offer love and support. The building will not always have every ingredient that each of us would like, but is a tool for growing together. A group of people serving together from the heart.
3. We want to welcome, share and lead the community to Jesus Christ. The building will not save, but those who come will have opportunity to study about Christ, to know the way He leads, and to accept His invitation to obey Him.

Thank you for the support as we join hands continuing this great journey together.

—The Elders

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Family Matters

We welcome everyone to the assembly today! We are not only glad to have our members present, but each guest is special to us. Thank you for coming. If there is some way in which we can be of help to you in your walk with the Lord, please let someone know or write your request as you fill out the guest portion of our attendance book.

We were touched by the coming of *Darlene Bounds* and *Robert Layher* by their request for special prayers in their behalf. May God's blessings be upon them both.

We welcome *Paul and Edie Tews* back to Houston and to Champions, as do their grandchildren *Troy, Halli and Lucas Sammons!* We are

blessed that they are back Home! *Missions Sunday* is fast approaching! We are so thankful for not only the finances, but also the prayer and effort our elders and this congregation puts into our mission works. *October 2* will be a special day as we can hear both about our mission efforts and from some of our missionaries! Make plans to be present. One thing that you will want to be aware of is the fact that our elders made the decision long ago not to cut our missionaries' support due to the building program. That is a job well done!

One of the blessings of the renovation of the old building is the privilege we have had to share some of

the "extra" resources we have with our sister congregations. Some congregations were able to use our extra chairs while the church in Ville Platte, LA (whose building was flooded recently) was overjoyed to get the large pulpit. (*Brother Wilson* said he would send a picture of him using it to spread the Gospel!) Certainly, we were able to enjoy a special blessing in sharing.

As *Janet* and I are on vacation today and next Sunday, *Alan Reed* will be bringing the messages. You will be blessed.

HAVE A BLESSED TWO WEEKS!

Amy

Reed All About It: My Roof Leaks

My roof is leaking. Lisa spotted the evidence on a wall the other day. After going through a short period of denial, I called a roofer to evaluate the situation. After spending some time on my roof, the contractor reported that I needed a new roof. I really don't like things that leak. I like water to stay where it is supposed to be located. As a new roof is very expensive, clearly I had a dilemma on my hands. Or did I really? I could have called for 2nd and 3rd opinions, but my roof is 15 years old and deep down I knew it was time for a replacement. So what were my realistic options?

I could have delayed replacing my roof. After all it was only leaking in that one place. We could spend more time in other areas of the house. This is a very short sighted perspective. Of course other leaks would develop, and the location of the current leak would get moldy and disgusting. So common sense tells me that I own this house and to keep it in an acceptable state, I needed to get a new roof. After all, we are not talking about adding a new appliance or remodeling a bathroom; it is the roof! For a homeowner a roof is not a nice item to have; it is a necessity. In the end, I came to what you probably view as an obvious conclusion. I am getting a new roof.

Why all this dribble about getting a new roof? A homeowner faces different priorities when considering what to repair in their home. Some things are urgent, like the roof, and others are nice to have. As good stewards of our money, we must learn to discern the difference between a necessity and a "nice to have".

As Christians and church members, we must discern between a necessity and a "nice to have". Examples of Christian necessities are worshipping God, becoming baptized for salvation, reading the Bible as the inerrant word of God, partaking in the Lord's Supper, and sharing the gospel. This list is not comprehensive but includes some of the things we must do or believe. The list of "nice to haves" is long, and I am afraid we spend a lot of time worrying about these things. We are in the middle of a building remodel program. While this event is highly visible and exciting, it is a "nice to have".

While we are going through the excitement and stress of the building remodel program, I encourage everyone to remain focused on necessities of being a Christian and following God's word.

Blessings,
Alan

\$38,000 In Church Bonds Still Available! Open To All!

If you were not available to make an appointment to invest in First Mortgage Church Bonds, you still have an opportunity. This is a great time to earn interest for your family, and you assist the church in financing the construction project to God's glory!! Twofold Blessings!!

There is only \$38,000 in bonds that are available to purchase. 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.

Kelly Archer or Tim Matheny from Great Nation Investment Corporation will gladly handle your purchase via telephone and mail. If you would like their contact information, please call the church office.

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EVENTS AND NEWS

Mission Sunday October 2, 2016

8:15 a.m. Dale DuVerney
 9:30 a.m. Combined Bible Class
 Troy Thompson & Bryan Runions
 10:30 a.m. Dale DuVerney
 6:00 p.m. Will Hanstein

Church Calendar September

18: Wedding Card Shower Cannons
 19: Champions Baseball League Game
 24: Brunch for Rebekah Johnson and
 Baby Joy Belle
 26: Champions Baseball League Game

October

2—Mission Sunday
 3—MDO Open House

Youth Calendar September 2016

18 Youth Minister Candidate—Bible Class
 18 Movie—Ben Hur
 24 Youth Group Paint Ball

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



Paul and Edie Tews

16323 Hammerwood Ct.
 Tomball, TX 77377
 Edie: 713-503-6901
 Paul: 346-225-7934
 DOB: Paul—April 15
 Edie—April 8
 Anniversary: June 17

Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

September

18—Justin & Julie Sammons
 25—Wes & Christy Smith



To My Champions Family;

Words don't adequately convey the appreciation I hold in my heart for the love, support, and kindness shown during my Barbara's illness and subsequent passing. Thank you especially for the beautiful flowers and meal provided for our family prior to the memorial service.

Love in Christ,
 Jerry Dodson



Thank you so much for the love and concern you have shown to Marvin and I over the loss of my sweet brother, Bill. Your hugs, beautiful cards, expressions of sympathy, and beautiful plant meant so much to us. We love and appreciate each one of you.

A special thanks to those who came for the visitation and funeral service.

Words cannot express how appreciative we were.

We feel so blessed to be a part of this church family. Thank you all very much.

We love you,
 Marvin and Sue Trice

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

Champions Softball Team Upcoming Schedule

The Champions softball team invites anyone interested to come and watch the softball team compete under the lights. All games are played at the Northland Christian School Baseball field located near FM 1960 and Veterans Memorial Dr. Any questions, please see Justin Sammons, Eltonio Brown, or Tommy Hill.

Date	Time	Game
9/19/16	7:00	Champions vs 5th Ward
9/26/16	8:00	Champions vs Bammel
10/3/16	8:00	Champions vs Spring Creek
10/10/16	8:00	Champions vs 5th Ward



Dear Brothers and Sisters, John and I wish to thank everyone for the many cards, and inquiries on behalf of my sister, Lynda and brother-in-law, Larry, since his passing and before.

We are truly blessed to have so much Christian love shown to us.

God's Blessings on All,
 Thresa and John Dickenson



Dear Champions Church of Christ, Thank you for the prayers while Johnny was sick and all the visits while he was in the hospital.

Thanks for the meal it was very nice. Also thank you for helping with the memorial service.

In Christian Love,
 Linda and Jennifer Breithaupt



I am grateful for all the prayers, cards and the support you have shown.

It meant so much to me and Joy's family.

Your sister in Christ,
 Sandra Carter



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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:

Donna Nance continues to struggle with several health issues which have caused very limited mobility.

Bill Chen is home recovering from a fall.

Gwen Crosby is struggling with health issues. Please pray for her healing.

Donna Garrett was back in service on Sunday. It was great to see her!

Michelle Smith is home recovering from back surgery. Please keep the **Smith family** in prayer as they deal with health struggles.

Faye Taylor is home recovering from foot surgery.

Buina Collins is home recovering from neck surgery.

June Gettings is making daily improvements. She remains in Villa Tuscana, room 510 for rehab.

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

Ethan Shannon, Pam and Bert Shaw's six-year old grandson, had tests Friday and will have additional tests in coming weeks for gastric issues.

Sam Chumley, Nick and Nile Greenhaw's grandfather,

was moved to a rehab center in Kingwood.

Mary McCall Adamek, Mike McCall's niece, is home continuing her recovery from complications with her gall bladder surgery.

Frank Chappell, brother of Gregg Chappell Sr., is recovering from Guillan-Barre syndrome. He has been moved to long-term acute care and is gaining much of his strength back. Physical therapy will be used to continue improvements.

Families Who Have Lost

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

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns:

Darlene Ewell, Fay Stephens, Shawn Waye, John Hixon, Tasha DiRaffaele, Jan Kelly, Keith and Linda Underwood, B.B. & Dorothy Snell

Family and Friends of Champions:

Noah Spears, 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:

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

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 18: Chandra Runions & Laura Mize

September 25: Kimberly Bickham & Janice Norman

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
9/11/16**

Sunday Combined Services 421
 Sunday Bible Class..... 297
 Sunday P.M. NC
 Wednesday Night..... 195
 Contribution 19,932.94
 Weekly Budget..... 20,048.00
 YTD Contributions 731,117.53
 YTD Budget 741,776.00
 Over/(Under) (10,658.47)

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

In Search of Lord's Way

Sunday
 Channel 57 KUBE @ 7:00 A.M

Little Champs:

Mothers Day Out
 Contact: Lisa Killough
 littlechamps@att.net
 281-893-2062
 Lisa Killough—Director