

*"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*

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In Times Like These...

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Floods. Hurricanes. Acts of Terror. Disasters of both natural and man-made sources.

Politics—everyday, all day—with charges, counter-charges and counter-counter charges.

Challenging times to say the least.

So, in times like these...what do we do? What is to be our response? How do we act and react?

Let me suggest the following:

When considering the floods and other disasters, let's put faces to those affected. Instead of seeing the water in the houses, picture the occupants, now homeless. Instead of thinking about an act of terror, picture the victims and their families who will never be the same. Considering the people adversely affected makes the situation much more personal than if we focus only on the event. When we remember that those are people, souls—the events will take on a completely different meaning—and so will our response.

Realizing that we always have personal responsibilities to help where we can and to do what is right, the other response that I suggest is that we all voluntarily fast and pray.

What's that?

Yes, you read it right. Fast and pray. That is a scriptural concept, you know, even though the biblical sense of "fast" has not been applied too often in American culture. (Or, at least we don't know that it has, which would be a good thing according to Matt. 6:17-18). Fasting is the giving up of something good for that which is better. It can be food, it can be any number of good things from which we will willfully abstain in order to focus on prayer. What would be the result if as a congregation we specifically focus on combining fasting and prayer over the next few weeks. Somehow I think our world can be drastically changed!

Focus on people (souls) and increase our prayer and fasting—that's what I believe should be done In Times Like These!
—Larry Keele

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Family Matters

"The earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." (Psa. 24:1 ESV). It is always a good thing to begin our day of worship realizing Who the rightful owner of everything is—and that isn't us! The purpose of the gathering this morning is to remember that One who truly does own everything and to give Him the praise and honor He deserves. If you are visiting today, your presence gives us additional cause to thank our God. Please complete the portion of the attendance book that applies to you and come back when you can!

Welcome to Reid and Natalie Stafford! (Even if my welcome has to come from Slovakia.) Today marks the beginning of what we pray is a long and meaningful relationship with you and our young people and the rest of us at Champions. May God's rich blessings be upon you, Reid and Natalie!

While we say hello to the Staffords, it is with "sweet sorrow" to have to say good-bye (for a while) to June Gettings. Beloved by all, her example of faith and encouragement will be missed! Her memorial service will be held today.

Here in Slovakia, Marvin and I have been working to encourage the various members of the Lord's church as well as to meet new contacts. Jordan, Natalie and Adelaine (Adelke) are all doing great here. Today, Lord willing, Marvin and I will be with Roman, Johanna and the brethren in Bratislava.

Don't forget Friend Day (At the Park) next Sunday!

Parting Thought: "Pray" is a four letter word that you can say anywhere.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK

Larry

Reed All About It: Don't Worry, Be Happy!

Just when I think the political climate leading up to this election can't get any more toxic, somehow it moves to another level. The election coverage of this era of political chaos is constant. I must admit I don't watch much of it. Still, it is almost impossible to avoid the onslaught of information.

I don't like to write about politics very often; I need all the friends I can get. The two leading presidential candidates seem flawed. Not from a policy or politics perspective, but from a moral and character perspective. I am not sure how we as a nation got to this point. I have tried to explain the current political environment to my friends from other countries, and I find my explanation to be empty. This miserable election season can make a person downright depressed about our nation's future.

So what do we as Christians do? Well, somehow we figure out a way to vote. I

am not going to help you with this task; good luck. Next, we remember not to put all of our hopes and dreams into a nation. Don't get me wrong. I am a proud American. I just believe we will be constantly disappointed if we put all of our hopes and dreams into our country. Why is this? Even our great nation was created by humans and is therefore flawed in the end. Our hopes and dreams will eventually be dashed as humans are involved in all elements of running our country. Does this mean we just give up? Absolutely not! As citizens of this country we are obligated to be part of the political process. At a minimum we should vote. The question is how much emotional energy do we put into politics? Are we focused on politics to the point of ignoring other elements of our life?

What is more important, spreading the gospel or working to ensure a certain candidate or party wins an election? Some of

you may say, I can do both. Maybe so. Does our political focus glorify God? I see many people deeply divided and concerned over the coming election. While it is important at some level, at another level it does not matter. For Christians focused on building our faith and spreading the gospel, joy and happiness comes from above. Despite all the chaos around, Christians should be happy. We are saved and promised a life in heaven once we pass from this earth. If we truly believe this, how can we not help but be happy? So don't worry too much about this election. God is in control. Focus on your happiness with the Lord and your obligation to share the gospel with others.

Blessings,
Alan

John's Jogs: Bible Basics #11

The Jewish nation had three kings who united the nation for forty year reigns each. **Saul**, the first king, established the nation as a power in the region. He was a good king at first but disobeyed God and wound up in a struggle with David, who had been anointed as his successor. **David** strengthened the nation, was a man after God's own heart and did what was right in the sight of God except for his affair with Bathsheba of which he repented. David had desired to build a temple for God but was not allowed because of the blood on his hands. But now the book of First Kings begins with the death of David and the reign of the third great king, **Solomon**.

Where David had made the nation a military power, Solomon made it an economic power with world recognition. As he assumed his reign, God granted him one desire; he asked for wisdom to lead his people justly. God granted that desire and also allowed

him to become wealthy and powerful.

Solomon built the temple for God which took seven years. Then he built his palace which took thirteen years. They used lots of cedars from Lebanon and gold in both buildings. The Queen of Sheba expressed that the "Half had never been told" when she saw Solomon's surroundings. Solomon had 700 wives of royal descent and 300 concubines. These led Solomon to stray from God's covenant. God removed the kingdom from his descendants, but for David's sake God would keep Judah. Solomon left the kingdom ripe for rebellion and division.

The first eleven chapter of First Kings deals with Solomon's reign and death. His son, Rehoboam, replaced him as king. Waiting in the wings was Jeroboam, an official who had rebelled against Solomon. Jeroboam and his followers approached Rehoboam concerning the heavy yoke Solomon had

placed on them and wanted relief. Rehoboam rejected the advice of the elders who had advised Solomon and placed even heavier burdens on them. Jeroboam then led the ten tribes of Israel in revolt. Thus the nation divided, with ten tribes as the nation of Israel under Jeroboam and tribes of Judah and Benjamin as the nation of Judah under Rehoboam. God forbade them to go to war but accepted this arrangement as His will. Jeroboam established Samaria as the central place of worship instead of Jerusalem for Israel. He did evil in God's sight.

The latter part of First Kings and all of Second Kings deals with the various kings of Israel and Judah in their history until 586 B.C. when they were taken into captivity. Judah had nineteen kings with only eight not being evil. Israel had seventeen and all were evil in God's sight.

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EVENTS AND NEWS



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
IS OUR
FRIEND DAY
AND
PICNIC AT
SPRING CREEK PARK
Invite your family, friends and
neighbors!**

Church Calendar October

Now-20: Slovakia Mission Trip
16: Memorial Service for June Gettings
16: Reid Stafford's, 1st Day Youth Minister
16: LTC Parent Meeting
17: Champions Softball Game
20: Men's Night Out
23: Friend Day & Picnic-Spring Creek Park
29: Fall Festival/Trunk R Treat
30: Budget Kickoff Meeting

Youth Calendar October 2016

16: LTC Parent Meeting
20: Men's Night Out
22: Youth Group Event—Welcome Reid & Natalie
23: Friend Day & Picnic at Spring Creek Pk.
29: Fall Festival/Trunk R Treat

Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

October

16: Justin & Julia Sammons
23: Wes & Christy Smith
30: Brent & Lisa Killough

Fall Festival/ Trunk-R-Treat 2016 October 29th @ 5pm

Hot Dogs, Chili and Pie Contests, Hay Ride, Face Painting, Games
Wear your favorite non-scary costume. We need volunteers to help with this event. Sign-up sheet is at the back of the Family Center auditorium in the sign-up box. Contact: Alan Reed or Paulette Brown

Deacons Budget Kickoff Meeting Sunday, October 30th, TBD

Brunch Honoring Baby Elliot

Newborn adopted son of
Ollie and Hanna Haavikko
Saturday, November 12th at 10:00 a.m.
Family Center

June Gettings 1924-2016



June Elizabeth Gettings was born in Kennett, Missouri on June 1, 1914. She went home on October 6, 2016 surrounded by her family.

June was loved by her Champions family. She was a sweet, encouraging, fun loving and caring Christian lady who loved the Lord.

In addition to traveling, June loved her family, her church family, cooking, singing, and sharing with others.

Many have enjoyed an evening in their home, where June made a special desert or casserole! But her greatest memory to all of us is her love and faithfulness to the Lord and toward others.

June is survived by two brother; four children, Darlene Bounds, and husband, David; Earl, and wife, Nila; Jimmy, and wife, Leony; Grady, and wife, Belva; nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren and two great-grandchildren due shortly.

June's Memorial service will be today at 2:00 p.m. at the church of Christ in Champions, followed by an Ice Cream Fellowship, one of June's favorite deserts.



Reid & Natalie Stafford

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Natalie DOB: 12/13
Anniversary: 01/09/2016

LTC Parent Meeting Sunday, October 16th @ 4:30 p.m.

Parents who are new to LTC need to arrive at 4:30 p.m., experienced parents can arrive at 5:00 p.m.

Men's Night Out Thursday October 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Bluewater Seafood in Champions
6107 FM 1960 W
Houston, TX 77069
Phone 281 895-9222.

Please sign the sign-up sheet if you plan to attend.

Mission Committee

4:30 on November 6, 2016 at the
Cutten Parkway House

Champions Softball

10-17: 6:30—Makeup final 20 minutes
10-17: Champions vs. Bammel

Youth Group Event!

Welcome for Reid & Natalie
Saturday, October 22nd

5:00—8:00 p.m.

Family Center

Please bring finger foods to share!



“A Place to Belong.”

13902 Cutten Road,
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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)
- Reid Stafford (Youth)

PRAYERS & NOTES

Prayer Requests:

The Bounds and Gettings families, at the passing of Darlene’s mother, June Gettings.

Hank Sheppard is in Willowbrook Methodist Hospital recovering from a cardioversion heart procedure.

Suzanne O’Connell requests prayers as she struggles with health concerns.

Patricia Pennington is recovering from heart surgery.

Merri White is recovering from cataract surgery.

Mary Armstrong is recovering from a pelvic fracture.

Caella Chappell is taking hormone treatments for breast cancer.

The Haavikko family as they welcome their new adopted son, and for Hanna’s mother who struggles with breathing issues.

Julia Shaw as she struggles with health issues.

Josie and Mil Biron for safe travel.

Pat McNulla, Christine Eubanks’ dad, is in hospice care. Please pray for his comfort and peace for all their family.

Otha Farmer, Parris Farmer’s father, has been diagnosed with Autoimmune Senile Dementia.

Daryl Davis, Leander Pallat’s boss, is recovering from prostate surgery.

Sheila Durham, friend of Evelina Jones, as she awaits results from a biopsy.

Charles Bowers, former member is in Grace Care following a hospital stay.

Baby Camryn, Hank and Ruby’s one-month-old granddaughter fell from swing, hitting her head. CAT Scan revealed all was ok.

Joe Zarate, Rosalinda’s brother and Josie’s nephew, is recovering from a heart attack and stent placement.

Laurie Spears would appreciate prayers for her health and for strength and peace during her current time of transition.

Glenn Dixon continues to struggle with pain during his healing process.

The Crosby, Miracle and White families as they deal with family issues.

Ruby Mayo, friend of Jackie Cucerre, is recovering from an auto accident.

Matt Nance, John and Donna’s grandson, is struggling with complications following his surgery.

Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones: Gettings, Bounds, Washington

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns:

Buina Collins, Faye Taylor, Darlene Ewell, Fay Stephens, Shawn Wayne, John Hixon, Tasha DiRaffaele, Jan Kelly, Keith and Linda Underwood, B.B. & Dorothy Snell

Family and Friends of Champions: Don Jackson, Frank Chappell, Sammy Kemp

Employment Concerns: Rudy Morris, Laura Martin

Cancer Concerns:

Don Freeman, Wayne Hemingway, Vannete Wirant, Whitney White, Jackie Stearsman, Ramoncito Jatico, Mary McCall Adamek, Laura Carroll, Colter Taylor, Bea Augustin, Jack Snyder, Rocky Harrell, Lawrence Smith, Sandra Underwood, Gary Brown, Nancy Miller, Pat Morrison, Sheila Durham, Michelle Davis, Ted Poe, Timo and Joma.

Missionaries:

Dale DuVerney, Peter Chin, Eddie Cloer, Roman Halamicek, 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:

Traveon Gaines, Landon White, William E. Taylor IV, George Marcus Jones, Melanie Adams, Travis Long, Aaron Jean, James Chin, Casey Bolin, Charles DuVerney, Ryan Bonham, Phillip Cucerre, Jr., Eric McCall, Darion DuVerney, Meghan Gillispie

Emmett’s son’s Address:

AB GAINES, TRAVEON M
321 TRS/FLT 711 (DORM 3DI)
1320 TRUEMPER ST. UNIT 369608
LACKLAND AFB, TX 78236-6432

Nursery Attendants

October 16: Darlene Ewell & Allison Culpepper

October 23: Rosie Martinez & Nadine Riley

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
10/09/2016**

Sunday Combined Services 397
Sunday Bible Class.....231
Sunday P.M.....152
Wednesday Night.....166
Contribution..... 21,259.54
Weekly Budget20,470.50
YTD Contributions 806,484.34
YTD Budget 821,968.00
Over/(Under).....(15,483.66)

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

October
Glenn Asher

Food Coordinator

Check with your Family Circle Leaders

**Little Champs:
Mothers Day Out**

Contact: Lisa Killough
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