

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

The Family Business

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Missions Sunday is always an exciting time for me because it provides a great opportunity to hear from some of our faithful brethren who are actively preaching, teaching, and reaching lost souls in various parts of our country and the world. They represent only a few of the mission efforts with whom this congregation is actively involved, yet their stories of the Lord's work will bless us and inspire us today.

Concerning missions, historically Champions has been blessed with elders who have always been mission-minded. It still is. One of the decisions made in considering building plans and costs was not to build anything here that would cut into the money being allocated for the spread of the Gospel. That is the way it should be.

We at Champions will be encouraged by the things we hear that are going on elsewhere. We are blessed with opportunities not only to give of our money for the support of such works but to also remember them in specific prayer, to send notes and cards, and to remember them in other ways. While all of this is true, we must never forget that "missions" is not merely a work for a select few. Instead, we should consider missions as "*The Family Business*."

By that I mean that while we send our best to these families, we must never forget that the commission of Jesus to go to all the world was not just given to a few men in the first century and a few more in the twenty-first century. That commission of "Go" included the command to "teach them to do all the things I have commanded you to do" (Matt. 28:20). As Ivan Stewart so aptly entitled a book on personal evangelism, "*Go Ye Means Go Me*."

Let us all encourage our missionaries today and let us follow in their footsteps tomorrow. Let us be concerned about the souls in our own "mission field"—with family, friends and neighbors who don't know the One who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Let's remember that we all should be about "*The Family Business*."
—Larry Keele

Family Matters

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We want to welcome everyone to *Mission Sunday* at Champions. If you are visiting, we want you to know that we are both thankful that you are here and thankful that you will have the opportunity to hear of the work being done by some of the Christians we are blessed to support in mission fields. We pray that we will all be uplifted in our own walk with God through our worship together through the day. Please, come again!

Hearts were touched as *Suzanne O'Connell* asked for the prayers of the church on her behalf. We want to honor her request and continue to remember her and her family in our prayers.

As the elders reported on Wednesday evening, *Reid Stafford* is to become our new youth minister, October 16. We are thankful that *Reid* and his wife, *Natalie*, are going to assist our families and help our young people grow in the Lord.

Little Champs (our Mother's Day Out) is having Open House tomorrow night from 7-8 p.m. The work is marvelous. Everyone is invited!

As you pray for the safe return travel of our visiting missionaries, please include *Marvin Trice* and me as, Lord willing, we will be traveling, to Slovakia on Tuesday. Our return is on Oct. 20.

Thanks to *Alan Reed*, *David Arnold* and others who took over various aspects of my work while *Janet* and I were on vacation, and to those who will also be stepping in for me during the trip! We are blessed with so many talented men!

Next week Champions will serve the meal at *Impact*. This is always a blessing for those who go. See *Wes Smith*.

Parting Thought: We can't make Jesus mean anything to others until He means everything to us!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK



Reed All About It: Distractagone

This week I saw an ad for a product call Distractagone. It is a box where you put your cellphone. The box has a lock with a timer. The idea is for you to put your phone in the box for a certain period of time when you do not want to be distracted. I am not sure this is a real product, but I like the idea.

I have always had a love hate relationship with my communication devices. I love the convenience of having enormous amounts of information at hand, but I hate when I become distracted by my phone. I have improved somewhat since my days in the corporate world, but I still have my struggles. It is easy to become distracted when we have so much information at our fingertips.

The power of this information is very convenient when used properly. When connecting with the internet causes us to become distracted from interacting with people or safely accomplishing tasks such a driving, the activity becomes a big problem.

I have to say this topic really hits home for me. Sometimes I am really bad at becoming distracted by my phone. I don't have a problem with driving; it is just other times. One of the biggest signs of a problem is seen at a restaurant. I see people sitting with their group and everyone is staring at their phone. It is like we have forgotten how to be cordial and respectful of others.

We need to be very cognizant of when we look at our phones. When other people are present, we need to be physically and emotionally available. The information on our phones can wait. It is especially annoying to be distracted by someone looking at social media.

Speaking of social media, I have become convinced we all need an occasional break from the constant grind of things like Facebook and Instagram. Social media can be a huge time waster. I tell myself I use Facebook to stay connected with church members and friends around the world, but really I am sort of addicted to it. I have resolved to start taking breaks from Facebook, so starting this week I plan to take a one week hiatus from Facebook. We will see how it goes.

I have a suggestion for you—try to go a week without Facebook along with me. Instead of checking our status we can actually talk and interact more with other human beings. Let's start this Sunday and go until Saturday. Feel free to share your thoughts on this experiment. Who is with me?
Have a great morning worshipping the Lord!

Oklahoma Christian University Think Tank Survey

The Oklahoma Christian University Think Tank & Memorial Church of Christ (Houston) want to assess marital health's impact on Church growth and/or Church decline. The group thinks that a survey will help us quickly assess the outcome. We are, therefore, including a link to the Marriage, Church Growth Survey which we would ask married couples to complete.

The survey will be kept open for completion until October 15, 2016. Following the collection and analysis of survey data, a short paper will be written to summarize the results. The paper will be posted for viewing via another link by the end of 2016 for you to see the results.

The Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/maritalandchurchgrowth>

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

EVENTS AND NEWS

Mission Sunday



Welcome

Dale DuVerney & Will Hanstein and Families

Dinner with both Dale and Will's families following our Sunday evening service at Jason's Deli on Cypress Creek Parkway. Dutch Treat!

Church Calendar October

- 2: Mission Sunday
- 3: MDO Open House
- 4-20: Slovakia Mission Trip
- 8: Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9: Impact Meal
- 16: Reid Stafford's, 1st Day Youth Minister
- 16: LTC Parent Meeting
- 20: Men's Night Out
- 23: Friend Day & Picnic at Spring Creek
- 28: Family Devo & Activity
- 29: Fall Festival/Trunk R Treat

Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to Erma Washington's family in the loss of Erma on September 20th. We have no details of her services or information about her children.

New Youth Minister Reid Stafford

Reid Stafford has accepted the position of Youth Minister at Champions and will begin with us on October 16. We look forward to welcoming Reid and his wife, Natalie, to the Champions family.

Youth Calendar October 2016

- 2: Youth Retreat
- 8: Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9: Impact Meal
- 14: FNL—Youth
- 15: Service Project
- 16: LTC Parent Meeting
- 16: SNL—Youth
- 20: Men's Night Out
- 23: Friend Day & Picnic at Spring Creek
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Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, October 8th

A Sign -Up list is in the Sign-up Box on the back shelf!
Contact: Wes Arnold

IMPACT MEAL OCTOBER 9TH

Please check the sign up list on the Crock Pot Shelf against the back wall.
Contact: Wes and Christy Smith

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.
Contact: Wes Smith

Men's Night Out Thursday, October 20th Details to follow!

Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

October

- 2: Brent & Lisa Killough
- 9: Alan & Lisa Reed
- 16: Justin & Julia Sammons
- 23: Wes & Christy Smith
- 30: Brent & Lisa Killough

Friend Day & Picnic at Spring Creek Park Sunday, October 23rd

Arms of Hope Reaching Generations Gala & Auction

Friday, October 21
Andy Pettitte

Retired Major League Pitcher
Registration & Auction 5:30 p.m.
Dinner & Program 7:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency
1200 Louisiana St.
Business Attire

To register go to:
Houstonevents@armsofhope.org



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

Champions Softball Team

Date	Time	Game
10/3	8:00	Champions vs Spring Creek
10/10	8:00	Champions vs 5th Ward



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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)

PRAYERS & NOTES

Prayer Requests:

The Family of Erma Washington.

Marvin Trice and Larry Keele will leave Tuesday for Slovakia, returning October 20th. Please pray for their safe travels and receptive hearts of those they will teach.

Patricia Pennington will have heart surgery on October 3rd at Methodist Hospital in the Medical Center.

Glenn Dixon is in the hospital recovering from wounds received in a struggle last weekend. Please remember all of the **Crosby, Miracle and White families** as they deal with family issues.

Mary Armstrong suffered a crushed pelvic bone in a fall while visiting in Washington State. She sends her love to all and requests that you keep her in prayer for quick healing.

Caella Chappell is taking hormone treatments for breast cancer. Please pray for good results. Thoughts and prayers are appreciated. Please no visitors or phone calls at this time.

Hanna Haavikko requested prayers for her mother as she is having breathing problems and for their upcoming adoption. The baby is due any time now!

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

Julia Shaw as she struggles with health issues.

Josie and Mil Biron will be traveling from October 16-23. Please pray for their safety.

Stephen Leaf (regular visitor at Champions) is recovering from an infection at Tomball Hospital.

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

Matt Nance, John and Donna's grandson, is doing well following his surgery.

Emily Bailey, 16 year old friend of Samantha O'Brien, suffered a fall and has not regained consciousness.

Edith Keele, Larry's mother, is undergoing tests. Please pray for good results and peace for all their family.

Frank Chappell, brother of Gregg Chappell Sr., is recovering from Guillan-Barre syndrome.

Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones: Washington, Freeman, Carter, Breithaupt, Trice, Dickenson, Dodson, Antwine

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns: Buina Collins, Fay Taylor, 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: Sam Chumley, Noah Spears, Ed Kyrish, Frank Chappell, Ron Coleman, Kelly McKee, Sammy Kemp, Natalie Jones

Cancer Concerns:

Don Freeman, Wayne Hemingway, Vannete Wirant, Whitney White, Jackie Stearsman, Ramoncito Jatco, 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 Cuccerre, Jr., Eric McCall, Darion DuVerney, Meghan Gillispie

Employment Concerns:

Rudy Morris, Laura Martin

Nursery Attendants

October 2: Martha Fassino & Cindy Asher

October 9: Martha Hicks & Alaina Hill

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
9/25/16**

Sunday Combined Services	343
Sunday Bible Class254
Sunday P.M.150
Wednesday Night 166
Contribution 16,651.18
Weekly Budget 20,048.00
YTD Contributions	764,754.30
YTD Budget 781,872.00
Over/(Under) (17,117.70)

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
littlechamps@att.net

281-893-2062

Lisa Killough—Director