

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

Underneath the Surface

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Something that has become evident in the renovation of our building is the simple fact that before the *construction* phase comes *destruction*—and, in the destruction phase sometimes unknown and unnoticed problems come to light. Those who know tell me that such is always the case in large renovation projects.

I was thinking...the same thing occurs in our lives.

We want to build beautiful lives for our God. Before construction begins, however, destruction must take place. That destruction is called repentance. Such destruction of our sin—such repentance—is necessary for our Lord said, "Unless you repent, you shall all perish." Luke 13:3, 5

Let me first say that we must realize that only the blood of Jesus takes away the sins of the world. (Rev. 1:5). We also realize that we are not saved by the number of good works that we do. (Eph. 2:8-10). However, there is still our part in the process, for repentance is turning from sinful ways to the way of the Lord. In this regard, my observation is simple.

In our work to repent and change sinful ways, we may well find deeper problems with which we must deal. We may begin with the obvious sin of lying to make ourselves look good to others and then discover that the greater problem is that of pride which would lead to our destruction (Prov. 16:18). We may begin with the obvious sin of neglecting our prayer-life and soon learn that the real problem is the lack of a genuine relationship with God as described by the prophet, Isaiah. (Isa. 26:9). We may begin with the obvious sin of profane language and ascertain that the root of the problem is deeper still—our heart—for it is from the heart that the mouth speaks (Matt. 12:34).

So, what shall we do?

Let us be determined to build the best structure possible—knowing all along that "unless the Lord builds the house, they who build it labor in vain." Let's be vigilant and do the work, even the hard work that we find, *Underneath the Surface*.
—Larry Keele

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Family Matters

We welcome each of our guests today. Our prayer is that our time together, spent in Bible Study and worship will be well-spent. Please, come again.

We look forward to being blessed as he shares the Word of God and the way it applies to our lives this evening. Be here to encourage him as well!

It was great to hear the news that *Chandler Ball* was bap-

tized recently by his father, *Chris*. What a blessing to see our children make the decision to follow Christ!

Thanks to all who made last evening such a fun experience—not only for us but for the children and families of our community. While not the traditional "trick or treat" date, there was a great deal of *treat-ing*.

The *Rutgers* family was on *The Debra Duncan Show* last week during which *Chris and Nicole* shared information about their son *Eli* and their plans to soon

adopt four children from Bulgaria. May God's blessings be theirs in this great undertaking!

Thanks to *Susan Frazier* for volunteering to set up a refreshment center for the election. She will need help keeping it replenished on election day. If you can help, please let her know.

PARTING THOUGHT: *Exercise every day! Run from the devil, walk with the Lord, kneel in prayer!*

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK

Larry

Reed All About It: History

I like history. I like reading about history and observing it in museums and at famous landmarks. Lisa and I both love to travel but there is a difference in our level of interest in history. While I love hanging out in museums, Lisa usually wants to go see famous natural wonders. It is an area of our travel where we compromise.

Lately I have been considering why I like history so much. I was considering becoming a history major in college, but my father discouraged such a plan. I remember him asking me, "What will you do with this degree? Open a history store?" Realistically, there were other options for employment but for me, my father was correct, majoring in history was not a good choice.

Despite this college major decision, I have continued to read about history for most of

my adult life. I did take a multi-year detour into science fiction, but that is another story. There is a measure of comfort in reading and studying history. That comfort is received from the idea that, in most cases, we know how the story ends.

In today's world, most of our anxiety comes from not knowing how the story will end. We see many disturbing events churning in our world and are concerned with how it will all end. It is the fear of the unknown that brings so much anxiety to our lives.

Understanding how it ends, that is why I like history so much. The anxiety of how it will all end is removed so I can better focus on the characters and events of the journey. I sort of use my love of history as a happy place to escape the concerns of the world. This tells me I have more anxiety about events in the world than I imagined. Turns

out it is easier to teach about putting one's faith and trust in God than to actually do it. We keep forgetting a very important piece of information; we know how this will all end. Either through our own death or Christ's return, we will all get to heaven. Assuming we follow God's plan of salvation, Christ's death sets us free from worry about the future. Unfortunately, the cares and concerns of the world can cloud our vision of the ending. In addition, we don't like to think about death even though it sets us free from the bonds of the earth and enables us to traverse into heaven.

Our walk through this life is like enjoying the subject of history. We know how the story ends, so we should take more time to enjoy the journey.
Blessings, Alan

Worth the Reid:

Love and encouragement are the words that come to mind when I think of the welcome that the Champions family has given Natalie and me. We are blessed and honored to be joining this family. We are especially excited to be working with the youth. We want to thank the church and families for the gracious gifts that were given to us at our welcome party last Saturday evening. The gifts and hospitality shown to us have already made us feel at home.

Hebrews 10:24-25 **"and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."**

Other translations of the Bible say "stir up" or "spur on" one another to love and good deeds. I love how the Hebrew writer does not say guilt one another, or shame, or pes-

ter one another to love and good deeds, but he says stimulate or stir up. It is a much more powerful sentiment! As a church we should encourage, nurture, and aid each other to live more like Christ everyday. We need to show love and do the Lord's work because we are being spurred on by each other. And, as one body, let's strive toward the Kingdom of God.

John's Jogs: Bible Basics #13

There is a section of the Bible known as "Wisdom" or Poetry" literature composed of five books – Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon. **Job** demonstrates man's free-will struggle between God and Satan. It shows that the power is in our own hands to put our confidence in God regardless of the terrible circumstances that Satan may throw in our way. **Psalms** is composed of musings of David and others concerning his relationship with God. Proverbs are statements of great wisdoms of Solomon on whom God had bestowed great wisdom. Following the **Proverbs** will usually lead to quality in life. **Ecclesiastes** is a story of Solomon's own struggle with his life of regrets and triumphs. There are various theories of the meaning of the **Song of Solomon**, but as a great love story, it fits them all.

The seventeen books of Prophets in the Old Testament are divided into two groups. There are five **Major Prophets** – **Isaiah, Jeremiah,**

Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel. They are major only because of length, not value. The **Minor Prophets** are divided into two groups. The Pre-Exilic including **Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Hosea, Amos, Micah** and Post-Exilic includes **Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.**

Biblically the term prophet means one who makes known the will of God. The history of the Jewish nation was to come close to God and then wander off after the idols. God would then raise up a prophet to bring them back to His service, and this went on from time to time. A couple weeks back I had an insert put in the bulletin of a time-line chart of the kings and prophets. They interplay with each other, so in studying the Bible in-depth, we must read the prophets and mingle them in with the kings. We need to look for the coming of the Messiah in each of the books as we study.

After Malachi penned his last words, God evi-

dently gave up on working through the Jews and went silent for the next 400 years until the time was right for His Son to take up the mantle. The prophecies of Daniel are fulfilled – Daniel saw a large statue with a head of gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and baked clay. While watching, a rock was cut out...it struck the feet and smashed them. The rock that struck the statue and became a huge mountain filled the whole earth.

Daniel interpreted the dream to mean that the king of Persia was the head of gold, and succeeding kingdoms were the other items. If we follow history, Rome would be the kingdom of Iron, and as it lost its power it became iron and clay. Daniel then says, **"In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed..."** I believe that kingdom is the church!

Next: The New Testament

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

EVENTS AND NEWS

Elders, Preachers and Deacons 2017 Budget Meeting

Today @ 4:30 P.M.

Family Center

Contact: Marvin Trice



Chandler Ball

We rejoice with the angels in heaven in the baptism of *Chandler Ball*, who was baptized on Sunday, October 16th by his dad, *Chris Ball*.

Chandler is the first person to be baptized in our portable baptistry in the Family Center.

Brunch Honoring Baby Elliot Haavikko

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

Mission Committee

4:30 on November 6, 2016 at the Cutten Parkway House
Contact: Troy Thompson or Bryan Runions

Truth for Today Commentaries

The cost is \$27.00. See Marvin Trice or Jeanie Kuehl to pick up your copy.



Tuesday, November 8th Cookies/Pastries Needed

The Champions community will be voting in our Family Center on Tuesday, November 8th.

It is Champions' custom to provide mini muffins, small pastries and cookies throughout the day for our community outreach. Mini muffins, small pastries and cookies are needed by Tuesday, November 8! Please bring your items to the Family Center on Sunday, November 6 (morning or evening), if possible. If not, please bring them to the church office on Cutten Parkway on Monday, November 7th.

Also needed are helpers to Assist Susan Frazier during Election Day. Assistants will go to the FC to restock supplies and cookies at 10 a.m., 12, 2 and 4 p.m.

Contact Susan Frazier or Jeanie Kuehl if you can assist on Tuesday, November 8th.

Church Calendar

October

30: Budget Kickoff Meeting
31: Champions Softball vs. 5th Ward

November

6: Mission Committee Meeting
7: Softball vs. Bammel
8: Election Day (FC)

12: Shower Brunch for Baby Elliot

Youth Calendar

November

12-13: Area Wide Youth Retreat

Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

October

October 30 Brent & Lisa Killough

November

November 6 Alan & Lisa Reed
November 13 Justin & Julia Sammons
November 20 Wes & Christi Smith
November 27 Brent & Lisa Killough

Attention Ladies!

You are invited to a Bible Study
At Lisa Reed's Home
Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.
Gate code #7188

Champions Softball Schedule

Date	7:00
10/31/16	Champions vs 5th Ward
11/7/16	Champions vs Bammel
11/14/16	Playoffs - Time TBD



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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:

Jacki McKain and family, in the loss of her aunt, Elena Wilson, who died on Friday following a battle with cancer.
Leslie Bills will have shoulder surgery on Monday at St. Luke’s Vintage Hospital around 12 Noon. He is to arrive at 10:00 a.m.
Mary Armstrong is recovering from surgery to remove an intestinal blockage.
Hank Sheppard will have a heart catheterization soon to rule out any blockage, then will see another heart doctor regarding the cardio ablations.
Gerald Barclay is in Houston Northwest Hospital, room 370 N. Tower, recovering from foot surgery for an infection.
Donna Nance continues to struggle with health issues.
Pap Papillon is recovering from brain surgery.
Suzanne O’Connell is in the hospital for health issues.
Patricia Pennington is recovering from heart surgery.
Caella Chappell continues her treatments for breast cancer.
Hanna Haavikko’s mother is struggling with breathing issues.
Julia Shaw as she struggles with health issues.
Otha Farmer, Parris’ father, in his struggle Dementia.
Victor Slovacek, Allison Culpeper’s younger brother, is recovering from multiple injuries and surgeries from his auto accident in Midland.

Aaron Solis, student at SIBI, was involved in an auto accident that totaled his vehicle. Please pray for his healing and for the lady who hit him.
Susan Ellis is recovering from foot surgery.
Hunter Anderson, Ronda Morgan’s cousin from Sunray, TX, in his recovery from a gunshot wound to his abdomen.
Janet Maiers, Eddie’s mother, (Rachel Reeds boyfriend) is in room 59 at Villa Toscana.
Mike Maiers, Eddie’s dad, is at the Heart and Vascular Institute on Fannin, room 205. He is first on the list for a heart transplant.
Ella Gregory, friend of Rachel Reeds, was hit by a car.
Glenn Dixon continues to struggle with pain during his healing process.
Matt Nance, John and Donna’s grandson, is scheduled to be released from the hospital to continue treatment at home.
Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones: Mahle, Gettings, Bounds, Eubanks
Champions Members Ongoing Concerns: Donna Nance, Pap Papillon, Buina Collins, Faye Taylor, John Hixon, Jan Kelly, Keith and Linda Underwood, B.B. & Dorothy Snell, Crosby, White, Miracle
Family and Friends of Champions: Ruby Mayo, Joe Zarata, Daryl Davis, Laurie Spears, Sheila Durham, Don Jackson, Frank Chappell, Sammy Kemp

Cancer Concerns:

Pap Papillon, Don Freeman, Caella Chappell, Wayne Hemingway, Vannete Wirant, Whitney White, Jackie Stearsman, Ramoncito Jatico, Mary McCall Adamek, Laura Carroll, Colter Taylor, Bea Augustin, Jack Snyder, Rocky Harrell, Lawrece 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, Charles Bowers

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

Nursery Attendants

October 30: Susan Frazier & Suzanne Phillips
November 6: Andrea Oakley and Alaina Robinson
 If you cannot serve, please find a replacement by checking names posted on the wall outside the nursery classroom. Contact: Karen Casey

Elder of the Month

October
Glenn Asher
November
Bill Johnson

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

FOR THE RECORD
10/23/2016

Sunday Combined Services 412
 Sunday Bible Class.....263
 Sunday at Park90
 Wednesday Night.....nc
 Contribution..... 15,453.72
 Weekly Budget20,470.50
 YTD Contributions 845,588.43
 YTD Budget 862,064.00
 Over/(Under).....(16,475.57)

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.