

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

"Just Breathe Normally!"

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On each of the several flights Marvin Trice and I took on our recent trip to Slovakia, there was always that speech given by one or more of the flight attendants before take-off. You know the one—"This is a seat belt...here is the buckle." (Well, it's not quite that bad but anyone who has flown knows the drill. By the way, I'm also sure that for anyone who has ever been in an incident on an airplane, these words are taken much more seriously.)

The part that always strikes me as very humorous, however, is the section where the attendant is talking about the oxygen masks deploying. "In the event of the loss of oxygen, these masks will drop from the ceiling. Take the mask, pull it toward you, put it over your mouth and nose, stretch the band over your head...and—then the part that always makes me smile—"just breathe normally!"

I don't know about you, (*well, maybe I do*) but if that mask drops down from the ceiling in front of me and I do manage to get it over my mouth and nose, even with strap in place, my breathing is going to be *anything but normal!*

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You may be aware that there is an election going on in our country. (*Of course you are!*) In fact, Tuesday is *the* day. What if the candidate of your choice is *not* elected? What if the election turns out opposite of what you would like? Let me suggest something—it may not be your first "natural" reaction, but it certainly the best in such a situation. Take your Bible, pull it toward you and *read*. Read Psa. 66:7 "He rules by His might forever; His eyes keep watch over the nations..." Read Psa. 22:28 "For the Kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations." Read Psa. 48:10 "Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. Keep on reading as these are but a few of the passages that tell us that our God is in control, even of nations. As you read, remember where the ultimate power lies!

So, after the election, whether things go as you hope or go completely opposite, my advice is, "Take down and read your Bible, trust its Author, and... *"Just Breathe Normally!"*

—Larry Keele

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Family Matters

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly. (Psa. 149:1) We welcome our visitors who have come today to praise the Lord with us! Come back soon!

We want to also welcome *Lance* and *Sarah Kinsey* to Champions as they placed membership with us last Sunday. We look forward to serving the Lord with them.

News you need to know:

First, *Charles Boyd* has resigned as a deacon. We thank him for his years of service in the area of finance. He put in more hours than any of us will ever know. The elders have asked *Paul Tews* to serve as a deacon and take over for *Charles*. We are blessed to have him as he has served as both a deacon and an elder here in the past. We thank God for both of these servants.

Next Sunday, *Eddie Cloer*, with *Truth for Today*, will be

with us to bring an update of that work. As in years past, we will take a special contribution on that Sunday for that work. The elders ask that we give an amount equivalent to our weekly contribution to *Truth for Today*. May God bless this great work and those who support it!

PARTING THOUGHT: *We don't change the message, the message changes us!*

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Larry

Reed All About It: History: Now for Something Completely Different

This past Monday I had a dentist appointment scheduled for a regular check-up and cleaning. I have been going to the same dentist for around 10 years. I received a text message over the weekend asking to confirm my appointment. I confirmed the appointment and was expecting no surprises as I walked up to the door of the dentist's office.

I noticed the name of the dentist on the door had changed. My first thought was that I must be in the wrong place. Well, that wasn't likely as I have been to this dentist location many times. I stood in front of the door for a few minutes trying to figure out if I had entered the twilight zone. I could see the people at the desk staring at me. Finally, one of the people inside motioned for me to come on in.

The person at the front desk told me my previous dentist had retired and there was now a new dentist who had taken over the practice. They apologized for not letting me know and assured me that this new dentist was wonderful.

I was skeptical, I liked my old dentist. He was very conservative and when he did have to do work, I never felt any pain. I was starting to feel like my old dentist had let me down by retiring. The nerve of that guy! Just as I was making my excuses to leave, the new dentist walked up and introduced himself. He convinced me to at least get my cleaning done at a reduced price. He even agreed to do the cleaning himself.

He did a great job but I will get to test him again next week when he fixes a cracked tooth.

Why was I so taken aback by this unexpected change in dentists? I was secure with my dentist; it was an area of my life that was not causing me concern. Among all the uncertainty in life I felt like I could count on my dentist always being there when I needed him.

What happened here? Well, my dentist is human and decided to retire. There is nothing wrong with this but it goes to the point of putting our faith in worldly things. In the end, we will always be disappointed. 1 John 2:17 NRSV tells us where to put our trust.

¹⁷ And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever.

Where are you placing your trust?
Blessings,
Alan

John's Jogs: Bible Basics #14

Like the Old Testament the New Testament is divided into five sections – Gospels, History (Acts), Paul's Epistles,

General Epistles, and Prophecy (Revelations). Paul tells Timothy, "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the of truth." (II Tim. 2:15) Therefore as we rightly divide the truth we see the old Testament – old covenant – Ten Commandment Law – the Jewish nation all traced the lineage of Jesus to bring him to the world. Paul again says, "The law was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ." Thus as we turn to properly dividing the new Testament we need to determine the purpose of each section. The Gospels are a compilation of various events in the life of Jesus the Christ. John often suggests that these events are written to establish faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Jesus himself said, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man comes to the

Father, but by me." Therefore, we must know Jesus and we can only know him through the Gospels.

The Acts of Jesus through the apostles is the History of the beginning of the church and its first thirty years of growth and expansion. Peter is the predominate character in the first half of the book and Paul predominates the last half. In Acts we find how people become Christians and members of the church. We find at least eight clear examples of conversions and what they did. Thus we can have a clear picture what we must do to become Christians. They learned about Jesus and believed it, they acknowledged that belief by repenting of their sins and turned to God. They then were baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins and thus, were added to the church and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:36-42)

The Epistles are letters written by Paul, Peter, James, John and Jude to various churches and/or individuals

concerning how Christians are to conduct their affairs in life situations and in the church. There are 21 epistles – Paul wrote 14, Peter 2, James 1, John 3, and Jude 1.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ given to John in the New Testament section of Prophecy. Basically it is the struggles between good and evil – God and Satan- Jesus and Satan and God through Jesus has already won. The first three chapters deal with the seven churches of Asia giving many good lessons for any church any time.

There are some parts dealing with the destruction of Jerusalem. There are hundreds of books written misguided about Revelation. It must be studied seriously and causatively. John closes out the book with a severe warning about adding to or leaving out any part of the prophecy.

P.S. This series was written to help beginning Bible Readers know how to read it.

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EVENTS AND NEWS

Friday Morning Fellowship (FMF)

Friday, November 11th

@ 9 a.m. in Family Center

Everyone is invited (all ages) to attend and please take the opportunity to bring friends, neighbors and anyone that would enjoy a time of Bible Study and fellowship. Don Sammons will lead the FMF! Susan will be bringing some delicious muffins to go with the coffee.

A Kind of Progressive Dinner

Saturday, December 10th

Due to space limitations, we are planning "A Kind of Progressive Dinner"! Appetizers and Desserts in Member's Homes. Sign-up lists for Attendance and Host Homes are posted in the back!

Free Babysitting will be provided in the FC
PLEASE SIGN UP A.S.A.P.!

Contacts: Julia Sammons or Jeanie Kuehl

Church Calendar

November

- 6: Mission Committee Meeting
- 7: Softball vs. Bammel
- 8: Election Day (FC)
- 11: Friday Morning Fellowship (FMF)
- 12: Shower Brunch for Baby Elliot
- 13: Friday Morning Fellowship (FMF)

Youth Calendar

November

- 10: R & R - (Location TBD)
- 12-13: Houston Area Wide Retreat
- 17: R & R
- 18: Movie Night and Ice Cream!



Dear Champions Family,

Thank you for the many expressions of love and sympathy shown to our family after the passing of my father, Don Brooks. The plant we received is beautiful and will be a sweet reminder of a special day. My dad was a wonderful father and a fun granddad and will be greatly missed. Having our Champions family share our sorrow is a precious blessing.

Much love,

Carla, Jay, Amanda and Rebecca Mahle



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and sweet cards; they brought joy to my heart and brightened my days. God's amazing grace has carried me through my ordeals, and I'm hoping to be HOME soon! I have missed you and am looking forward to being among you again. Until then - close in heart.

Mary Armstrong



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Anniversary February 28

Eddie Cloer

Truth for Today

Sunday, November 13th

The elders request, if possible, that we give an equivalent contribution to our weekly giving.



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. Please bring these items by Tuesday, November 8 to the Family Center! Contact s: Susan Frazier or Jeanie Kuehl

Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

November

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

Mission Committee

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

Champions Softball Schedule

Date	7:00
11/7/16	Champions vs Bammel
11/14/16	Playoffs - Time TBD

Truth for Today Commentaries

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



William & Valerie (Arrington) Long
May God be with you until we meet again!

Brunch Honoring Baby Elliot Haavikko Saturday, November 12th

@ 10: 00 a.m. In FC

Newborn adopted son of Ollie and Hanna Haavikko



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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)
- Reid Stafford (Youth)

PRAYERS & NOTES

Prayer Requests:

Paul Tews will have hand surgery on Monday at Houston Methodist Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, 13802 Centerfield Dr., Suite 300. Time TBD.

Please pray that the surgery goes well on this delicate hand surgery.

Lynn and Earlene Antwine as they struggle with respiratory infections.

Arlene Hale as she struggles with an infection.

David Jenkins, Lisa Reed's brother, is recovering from a stroke.

Emmett Gaines is recovering from bronchitis and double ear infections.

John Dickenson is home recovering from shoulder surgery this afternoon. Please pray for his quick healing and recovery.

Hank Sheppard is home recovering from a stent placement.

Matt McKain is recovering from injuries from an auto accident.

Leslie Bills is doing well following shoulder surgery.

Mary Armstrong as she continues her recovery at her daughter's home

Gerald Barkley is home recovering from foot surgery and an infection.

Donna Nance continues to recover from her recent chest tab to drain fluid from her lung.

Suzanne O'Connell is in the hospital for health issues.

Patricia Pennington continues

her recovery from heart surgery.

Caella Chappell is taking hormone treatments for breast cancer. If you could help with meals, please check the church email for her food calendar link.

Williams and Valerie (Arrington) Long in their move to Alaska. Valerie leaves next week. William is already there!

Charles Bowers is in Kindred Hospital in Tomball, Texas, for the next 30 days to receive IV antibiotics for an infection.

Victor Slovacek, Allison Culpepper's younger brother, is continuing his recovery at Marc and Allison's home. Please pray for his complete recovery from multiple injuries.

Susan Ellis is recovering from foot surgery.

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

Families Who Have Lost Loved

Ones: McKain, Mahle, Gettings, Bounds, Eubanks

Champions Members Ongoing

Concerns: Suzanne O'Connell, 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:** Janet Maiers, Hunter Anderson, Aaron Solis, Ruby Mayo, Joe Zarata, Daryl Davis, Laurie Spears, Sheila Durham, Don Jackson, Frank Chappell, Sammy Kemp, Otha Farmer

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, 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, 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

November 6: Andrea Oakley and Alaina Robinson

November 13: Jena Asher and Kelly Thompson

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

November

Bill Johnson

Food Coordinator

Check with your Family Circle Leaders

**FOR THE RECORD
10/30/2016**

Sunday Combined Services 383
Sunday Bible Class.....241
Sunday Night176
Wednesday Night.....175
Contribution..... 21,233.58
Weekly Budget20,470.50
YTD Contributions 866,822.01
YTD Budget 882,112.00
Over/(Under).....(15,289.01)

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.

**Little Champs:
Mothers Day Out**

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