

*"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*

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

Truth for Today

Today, *Eddie* and *Susan Cloer* are with us as *Eddie* will bring our morning messages concerning the work being done through the *Truth for Today* mission effort. *Eddie* developed and has directed this program since its inception. *Champions* has played a vital role in this work since 1981.

Truth for Today World Mission School sends expository studies to 32,000 men in 140 nations to assist them in their work of evangelism and edification. We believe that expository studies cross cultures better than any other type of biblical material. "Thank you" letters from national preachers and teachers are received weekly. Messages such as the following bring encouragement: *"Providing these study helps is the best assistance you can give us. When we understand the Word better, we are able to preach and teach the Word better."* The churches of Christ in America have continually put "equipping our frontline soldiers with the resources they need to fight the battles they must fight" at the top of their list of priorities. *Biblecourses.com* is the website for *Truth for Today World Mission School*.

ThroughTheScriptures.com, an online Bible school developed by TFTWMS, was launched in 2015. The school contains over forty courses covering nearly all the books of the Bible. Each course is based upon a study text that is approximately 400 to 700 pages in length. These texts are in-depth, thorough studies of the Scriptures that have been written by well-respected scholars. These courses are currently available in English and thirteen other languages:

Two very significant strong points of this school can be seen. One strength is its coverage: Internet access makes the courses available anywhere in the world. The second strength is found in its being postage free. Anyone who is connected to the Internet and can utilize one of the languages can study the Bible for himself through this school, regardless of where he may be. This online school offers invaluable assistance to long-term missionaries, short-term mission efforts, medical missions, preacher training schools, and personal work throughout the world. *The school joins hands with all of other Christian works, giving us a tool for which we have all been praying. Offering Bible studies in twenty-three languages will provide the most Scripture for the most people in the shortest amount of time. The complete coverage of the Bible coupled with the multi-lingual possibilities make this school one of the most Bible-laden teaching tools available online.*

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Family Matters

Welcome! We are so thankful for the presence of every guest who has chosen to be with us today! We believe that each individual is special and valuable in the sight of our Lord and to us as well. If there is any way in which we can be of help in your service as you give your life to Him, please let us know.

We are also thankful for the growth of the Champions family. The families of Paul and Cheryl Chandler and James and Willie Mae Birdow, both

have chosen to serve the Lord along with us. How thankful we are to have them! Thanks to all who worked so hard to provide the refreshments for the election! Not only the polling workers, but also the voters were truly thankful. Thanks for sharing the light with our community.

the Lord and to establish lasting relationships not only with each other and the adults who accompany them, but with the Lord as well! Parents, thanks for sharing your teens!

Thanks to *Don* and *Susan Sammons* for initiating and hosting the fellowship and Bible study last Friday.

PARTING THOUGHT:
Don't hide your light—either under the bushel nor in the church building!

Army

Reed All About It: Holiday's Are Here

They are here and have been for some time. I am talking about the holidays. I started seeing Christmas trees in September. I have managed to ignore all the signs of Christmas until now.

When I allowed myself to think about Christmas, I am ashamed to admit that my first thoughts were about what gift I wanted. I have many ideas in mind and started my "wish list" at Amazon. I looked at this "wish list" the other day and asked myself if I need all this stuff. Most of it was cool wiz bang stuff that was unnecessary. Several of the items were things other people possessed that spurred me to have one as well. It was clearly time to check myself and rethink my position on the Christmas holiday.

Christ was probably not born during the winter time. Shephard's don't keep

their flocks in the fields during the cooler month of December. Also, the Roman census that drove Joseph to Bethlehem did not take place during the winter time. It makes the likelihood of December 25th as Jesus birthday a remote possibility. Even if Christmas may not technically be the birthday of Jesus, many people around the world think about Christ during this time.

Family is another important element to the Christmas holidays. I have great memories of time spent with family during the holidays. Christmas provides a time for us to remember members of the family who have passed away.

Given these positive elements that surround Christmas, why do I dread seeing early reminders of the holidays? I

believe it is due to the commercialization of Christmas. Based on my earlier confession, I am part of the problem.

My first thoughts of Christmas should not be self-centered ideas of what I want under tree. It seems I have become a contributor to the commercialization of the Christmas holidays.

With the pending onslaught of holiday advertisements, I challenge you to pause and maybe do things differently this year. Let's all spend more time thinking about Christ and our families and less time on material possessions. While this is a new focus for me, I am betting that Christmas 2016 will be a memorable season.

Blessings,
Alan

John's Jogs: As I Have Aged

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly.

As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating the extra cookie, or for not making my bed. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 A.M. and sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 and 70's and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love...I will.

I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They too, will get old.

But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the job of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on

my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I would not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

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Next Week: John's Aging Experiences

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

EVENTS AND NEWS

Progressive Dinner Saturday, December 10th @ 5:30 P.M.

Cost: \$10.00 per person
Homes are needed for Appetizers and Salads!
Entree, Desserts and Entertainment
will be held in the Family Center.
Sign-up A.S.A.P. List are on the back wall!

Free Babysitting!
Contacts: Justin and Julia Sammons

Church Calendar

November

14: Champions Softball Payoffs
17: Little Champs MDO Thanksgiving Feast
17: Men's Night Out (TBD)
24-25: Office Closed

December

6: Ladies Christmas Party
10: Adult Progressive Dinner

Youth Calendar

November

13: Houston Area Wide Retreat
17: R&R
18: Movie Night and Ice Cream!
20: Teen Devo after service



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Paul: June 28
Cheryl: March 23

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DOB: James: 07-27-52
Willie Mae 09-13-54
Anniversary 04-25-72

Men's Night Out
Thursday, November 17th @
6:30 p.m.

Rudy's BBQ
24503 Tomball Parkway
Tomball, TX. 77375
281-205-4812
Sign up list is on the
North Bulletin Board!
Contact: Wes Arnold

Eddie Cloer Guest Speaker Today Truth for Today

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



Dear Christian Family,
On behalf of my brother,
my family and myself, we
thank you for your prayers, texts,
and emails. Victor is recovering
well and may be released from
the hospital next week. He will
have a lengthy recovery to heal
spine, shoulder, elbow, and hand
fractures. Please pray for his
continued healing and that insur-
ance will cover the necessary re-
habilitation.

In Christian Love,
Allison Culpepper

Mark Your Calendar
Next Missions Committee
Meeting
Sunday, January 22, 2017 at
4:30P.M.

Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

November

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

Champions Softball Schedule

| Date | 8:00 |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| 11/14/16 | Playoffs - Champions vs. Bammel |

Attention Ladies!
Lisa Reed's Home Bible Study
will resume in January 2017.

Truth for Today Commentaries

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



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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
- 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
- Paul Tews
- Troy Thompson
- Billy Tippit
- James Wyatt

Ministers:

- Larry Keele (Pulpit)
- Alan Reed (Associate)
- John Qualls (Associate)
- Reid Stafford (Youth)

PRAYERS & NOTES

Prayer Requests:

Arlene Hale as she struggles with an infection.

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

Mary Armstrong will continue her recovery at her daughter’s home until around Thanksgiving.

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

Donna Nance as she explores options for a possible liver transplant.

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

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.

Victor Slovacek, Allison Culpepper’s younger brother, is in Willowbrook Methodist Hospital, Room 5424 with complications following his auto accident. Please pray for his healing and peace for him and all his family during his recovery. Visitor welcome!

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

Valerie Long travel plans

were changed. She leaves tomorrow!

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

Recovering from surgery:

Paul Tews, John Dickenson, Hank Sheppard, Mary Armstrong, Pap Papillon, Leslie Bills, Susan Ellis, Glenn Dixon, Victor Slovacek

Families Who Have Lost

Loved Ones: McKain, Mahle

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns:

Leslie Bills, Matt McKain, Patricia Pennington, 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 families

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, Jackie Stearsman, Colter Taylor, Bea Augustin, Rocky Harrell, Lawrece Smith, Sandra Underwood, Gary Brown, Pat Morrison, Ted Poe

Missionaries:

Dale DuVerney, Peter Chin, Eddie Cloer, Roman Halamiccek, 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 13: Jena Asher and Kelly Thompson

November 20: LaNell Allee and Margaret Jensen

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
11/6/2016**

Sunday Combined Services 383
 Sunday Bible Class.....230
 Sunday Night163
 Wednesday Night.....159
 Contribution..... 22,226.50
 Weekly Budget20,048.00
 YTD Contributions 889,048.51
 YTD Budget 902,160.00
 Over/(Under).....(13,111.49)

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

November

Bill Johnson

Food Coordinator

Check with your Family Circle Leaders

Church Wifi Password

churchguest

Little Champs:

Mothers Day Out

Contact: Lisa Killough
 littlechamps@att.net

281-893-2062

Lisa Killough—Director