

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

**A Family Weekend with
Dr. Alan Martin**



Saturday:

6-7 PM Hot dogs and fixin's
7-8 "Satisfying Parenting"

Sunday

8:15 Worship: "Modeling True Love to Kids thru Marriage"
9:30 Combined Bible Class: "Those Teen Years..."
10:30 Worship: "Modeling True Love to Kids thru Marriage"
11:45-12:45 Sandwich Lunch and Fellowship
12:45-1:30 Final service of the day: "Valuable Tools for Effective parenting"

No Evening Services

Dr. Alan Martin is the Marriage & Family Life Minister of the Memorial church of Christ in Houston. Before beginning his work with the Memorial congregation, he served as Professor and Dean of the College of Biblical Studies at Oklahoma Christian University.

Alan has been a family therapist since 1994 having received his education at Harding University, Abilene Christian University, and Michigan State University where he earned his Ph.D. in Marriage, Family, and Child Ecology.

He and his wife Linda have three grown children and 3 grandchildren.

February 4-5
Save the date!

It's a Super
Family Weekend at
Champions with
Dr. Alan Martin

Invite your friends
and neighbors!

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Family Matters

"This is the day the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it." What a blessing we do have in being able to come together to worship our God and fellowship with one another. Our prayer is that if you are visiting with us that you will be encouraged in your walk with the Lord by the time we spend together. You have encouraged us by your coming!

John Hixson has requested that we pray in his behalf for forgiveness and right standing before the Lord. We are honored to fulfil this request, knowing that God has promised to forgive those Christians who repent of their sins and turn to Him. (Acts. 8:22; 1 John 1:9). We are thankful for both of our brothers.

It was such a pleasure to have Jordan, Natalie, and Adelaide with us last Sunday as well as Allen and Dixie. Jordan did a great job sharing with us the message of the Gospel as well as updating us on the work

in Slovakia. They are back "home" overseas. Keep them in your prayers.

Thanks to those who have begun our Wednesday night feasts again! Be sure and mark in the attendance book the number from your family who will be attending this week.

PARTING THOUGHT:
What one "extraordinary" thing will you choose to do this week as you live our theme and "walk pleasing to Him?"

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Amy

Worth the Reid:

About two weeks ago I found out my Jeep had a recall on this particular make and model. Apparently there was an issue with the ignition where it would all of a sudden turn off the car and or lock up the steering wheel. Either defect is not a good situation to be in! So Wednesday morning I decided it would be a wise decision to take my car into the dealership. After taking it in they said it wouldn't be ready until later in the afternoon, so they had someone shuttle me back to Champions. Who would then pick me up when my car was cured of all sudden shut offs and locked steering wheels?

Well, the shuttle service they provided wasn't really a shuttle, but just another Jeep (that I hoped didn't have a recall!) and a driver who took you back and forth. In the afternoon

when I was picked up, I hopped in the front seat, said hello, and we started chatting. One of the first questions the driver asked me was, "So, is this some sort of church building? You work here?" I explained what exactly my position was and what I did with the church. I think he was surprised I was a "youth minister" when he probably thought I was more youth than minister!

For the next 20 minute drive back to the dealership we discussed a wide range of topics but all circling around the idea of religion and Christians.

He was not a Christian but shared what he believed and how he grew up. I was able to share what I believe and how I grew up. It was a very interesting car ride! Even though we did not see eye to eye on

many issues we were able to have a pleasant discussion about Christianity. This interaction made me think of 1 Peter 3:15 *"but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect"*

God can use us in what seems like the most random of circumstances, giving us opportunities to spread the kingdom at a moment's notice and where we weren't even looking.

This week I encourage you to open your hearts to the possibilities God might be giving you, but remember that we must be ready! Know the hope that we have in Christ, and let it consume your thoughts.

John's Jogs: John's Last Three Months

The pattern was set – I had one month to prove that I could live alone in my apartment without being a potential frequent faller. Kathy, my rock, was leaving on a three week vacation and rarely answered her phone thereafter. Seven o'clock Monday morning I was to meet Marine Drill Sergeant, "Christi!" That morning Christi came into my room and asked, "Why are you still in bed? You are supposed to meet in the workout room for one hour of practice before breakfast! Get dressed and meet me there pronto!" She was my physical therapist. From then on I was out of bed at six thirty and met her in the gym.

She liked my stories and we developed a good relationship. She worked me hard and gave me good advice. I responded in a way that she knew I wanted to go home as soon as possible. Her job was to help

me build up my strength to be able to live a normal life.

The next encounter was Kim, my occupational therapist, whose main goal was to ensure that I can function properly in society (The vote is still out!). Kim's job functionally was to assure that I could stand up like a marionette puppet string that was attached to my head and my spine being completely straight. They measured me and at my best I was 5ft.10inches. Kim made me miserable every day by putting me on a padded board where I would have to roll onto my side and stretch myself as much as possible from head to toe. She would then make me stand against a post and pretend I was a pole or a tree standing in the woods. Thoughts like, "if a tree falls in the woods, does one hear it?" were opposed by, "If I have fallen pretending to be a tree will Kim retrieve

me." All in all, hard work and perseverance did not come easily. Yet, my drive to be home amongst my books and my own bed was my prize, and I was not giving up!

From that day forward it reminded me of my Navy boot camp days. Kim and Christi both were demanding and wanted me to give my best physical effort. Every morning I would hear those two ladies, "Head up John, back straight, eyes forward, stop looking for pennies on the ground, but look for stars in the sky! In conclusion reach for the stars and not for the pennies." I had never noticed before but now I saw that all Brookdale Personnel walk like sticks – straight as an arrow – perfect posture.

Next week: More personnel and overt action. John Qualls

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EVENTS AND NEWS

Friday Morning Fellowship (FMF)

All Ages Invited!

January 20th at 9:00 a.m.

Family Center

Everyone (all ages) is invited to the Friday Morning Fellowship on January 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Center. There will be coffee and snacks with a short lesson and an opportunity for fellowship. Remember, this Fellowship is for all ages! Please take the opportunity to invite and bring friends, neighbors and anyone that would enjoy a time of Bible study and fellowship. Don Sammons will lead the FMF. Sherry Johnson will provide the refreshments.

Church Calendar

January

20: Friday Morning Fellowship

21: Men's Prayer Breakfast

22: Missions Meeting

February

11 Sweetheart Banquet

Youth Calendar

January 2017

21: Man—Up & Rose

29: Youth Led Service

February

17-19: T3 Commission (8th Grade and Up)

Sunday Morning Bible Hour

Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

Date	Teacher
January 15	Reid & Natalie Stafford
January 22	Justin & Julia Sammons
January 29	Tiffiany Thomas
February 5	Brent & Lisa Killough
February 12	Reid & Natalie Stafford
February 19	Justin & Julia Sammons
February 26	Wes & Christy Smith

Sweetheart Banquet

Saturday, February 11th

Cost: \$12.00

Family Center

Please sign the list on the back wall if you plan to attend. Contacts: Dave and Darlene Bounds

Church Building Remodel Tours

TODAY

The elders encourage all adults of the congregation to take a tour through the old building being remodeled either following one of the worship services on Sunday or at 5:30 P.M. on Sunday afternoon. The elders will be available to guide the tours and to answer any questions you might have. *No children* will be allowed in the building.



We extend our love and sympathy to the *Lusk, Chitwood and Trice families* in the loss of their loved ones.

Paul and Nicole Lusk and family in the loss of Paul's grandmother who died recently. Her services were held last weekend in Sherman, TX.

Marcia and Jim Chitwood and family in the loss of Marcia's younger brother, *Jerold Beazley*, who suffered a massive heart attack. Memorial services were held last week in Longview, TX.

Marvin and Sue Trice and family in the loss of their brother-in-law, *Bobby Webb*. His services were held last week in Waco, TX.

Attention Men!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, January 21st

8:00 a.m.

Family Center

Please sign the list in the back if you plan to attend.

Contact: Wes Arnold

Missions Committee Meeting

Sunday, January 22, 2017

at 4:30 P.M.

Contact: Troy Thompson & Bryan Runions



To our Church Family,
We sincerely thank all of you for your love, kindness, and sharing our sorrow during Don's illness and Celebration of Life.

A special thanks to David Arnold, Larry Keele, and David Morgan for their part in Don's service.

The beautiful plant, the meal served after the service, the food brought to our home, the cards, calls, and words of comfort were so appreciated. We feel so loved by this family at Champions and will be forever grateful.

In Him,
June, Doug, Amy and
Ashlyn Freeman

Budget Review

The 2017 budget review will be held on January 22.

Take Advantage of Our Great

Adult Bible Classes

SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES

9:30 A.M.:

Glenn Asher—Auditorium—Holy Spirit
David Arnold—FC CR2—Sermon on the Mount

Don Sammons—Families—ACTS
FC CR5

Bryan Runions—Young Single Adults
CPH4

Chris Ball—College Age—CPH2

WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASSES

7:00 P.M.

Larry Wilson—Genesis—FC Auditorium
Wes Arnold—Above All Things FC-CR2

Chris George—College Age—CPH2



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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
- 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:

Paul and Nicole Lusk in the loss of Paul’s grandmother.
Marcia and Jim Chitwood in the loss of Marcia’s brother.
Marvin and Sue Trice in the loss of their brother-in-law.
Paulette Brown is home recovering from surgery on her leg
David Arnold is recovering from A-Fib.
Emmett Gaines suffered a back injury and is experiencing high blood pressure issues.
Karen Watson was diagnosed with Stage Zero breast cancer (Very early stage).
John Hixon is home following his recent hospital stay.
Jana Eley is recovering from foot surgery.
Sue Trice is recovering from a fall which caused ligament damage in her hip.
Rose Delay is home recovering from back surgery.
Lois Boyd was scheduled to be released from Villa Toscana yesterday. She cannot put weight on her foot for 8 more weeks.
Donna Nance was denied placement for a liver transplant at this time (basically she must wait until she is more critically ill.) Please continue to remember her in prayer. She appreciates all your calls, cards and prayers!

Sharon DeCarlo is scheduled to be released from Willowbrook Care on Breton Ridge on January 26th.
James Birdow continues his recovery in a rehab facility.
Joyce Kidwell-Stearsman, Linda Bell-Lopez’s mother, is scheduled for extensive surgery and a lengthy recovery for cancer.
Calain Hamilton has entered Camp Hope for therapy.
Devin Holum’s Mom is home from the hospital following a liver biopsy. They hope a medication change will help her liver to heal.
Dorothy Kuehl, David’s Mom, is in Kindred Hospital #308, Fallbrook Dr.

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns: Sally Enders, Dennis Crosby, Fay Stephens, Mil Biron, Glenn Dixon, Stephanie O’Brien, Jan Kelly, Keith and Linda Underwood, B.B. & Dorothy Snell
Family and Friends with various concerns. JJ Davis, Baby Halle Kate Spivey
Cancer Concerns: Gregg Chappell, Pap Papillon, Caella Chappell, Wayne Hemingway, Colter Taylor, Bea Augustin, Rocky Harrell, Lawrence Smith, Gary Brown, Pat Morrison, Ted Poe

Hospice: Pap Papillon
Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones: Lusk, Chitwood, Trice, Willis, Lopez, Denton, Cobb, Freeman, Dodd
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,
Prayers for Military: Brent Tyler Bowles, 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: Patricia Pennington, Bill Hicks, Rudy Morris
Family and Friends of Champions: Dee Crosby, David Jenkins, Hunter Anderson, Laurie Spears, Otha Farmer, John Michael Cerva, Karyn McKee Friesen, Ilonia Lazerko, Donald Lightfoot, Joyce Kidwell Stearsman

Nursery Attendants

January 15: Andrea Oakley & Jeanie Kuehl
January 22: Joan Burns & Rhonda Bonwell
 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
1/8/2017

Sunday Combined Services 357
 Sunday Bible Class.....245
 Sunday Night197
 Wednesday Night.....184
 Contribution..... 21,884.87
 Weekly Budget20,695.42
 YTD Contributions . 44,193.28
 YTD Budget41,390.84
Over/(Under).....2,802.44

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:
 Ladies Bible Class (LBC) 9:45 a.m.
 Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Elder of the Month

January
 Danny Mize

Food Coordinator
 Check with your Family Circle Leaders

Church Wi-Fi Password
 churchguest

Little Champs: Mothers Day Out

Contact: Lisa Killough
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 Lisa Killough—Director