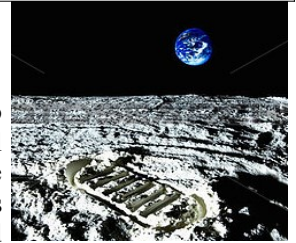


THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

Already There!



In the movie, *Hidden Figures*, there are many great insights and lessons to be learned. One of the most obvious takeaways was the hardship that racial discrimination placed upon those who were black. I will never forget some of those lessons portrayed—such as there being only certain restrooms (regardless of how far away) and coffee pots (no matter what they looked like) that were to be used. May we continue the process of growth in racial relationships until we see each other as we are – God’s creation, with everyone unique and special, but equal in His sight.

One of the other “teachable moments” for me came in some words spoken by Al Harrison (portrayed by Kevin Costner). On a couple of occasions, in regard to NASA sending a man to the moon, Mr. Harrison said, “*In my head, we are already there.*” What he was saying was that he had already envisioned the end result—and the current work was just the parts of the process to get there.

The best way to “get there” is to set the end result firmly in mind—to have that real vision. Such vision drives the steps and gives definition to the direction. Indeed, it was an important part in a man actually being able to leave a footprint in the dust of the moon.

It would be so great if we all could say, “In my head, I’m already there!” It would be so great to live the words of the old song, “*I’ve got my head in heaven and my feet on the earth...*”. If we really did, would it not make a difference in the steps that we take in this life? Would we not tend to make different decisions in regard to how we use our time or where we spend our money or how we treat other people?

If our answer is “Yes, it would make a difference,” then we really do need to change our lifestyle and vision—*now*. It is not that we don’t live *in* this world, it just means that we’re not *of* this world—that we have set our goals and vision in such a way that they make all the difference in how we live because it seems to us... “we are *already there!*”

—Larry Keele

**Remember!
Feb. 4-5**

**Super
Family
Weekend
at Champions
with
Alan Martin**

Be Here!

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Family Matters

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! (Psa. 105:1-2) If you’re visiting with us today, we’re glad that you’ve come to worship and praise our God with us. Please keep a record of your visit by filling out the information in the notebook that is passed at the end of our services. Please, come again!

About 130 of our adults took the time to take a tour through our old building.

(Unfortunately, children couldn’t enter due to safety hazards.) It was very enlightening to see all the changes and improvements that are being made. It will look like a different building. What a blessing it can be for this congregation. May it be a great tool (not a great idol) to the glory of our Lord!

Remember to keep the family weekend, February 4-5, in mind and prayer. It’s a great opportunity for us to reach out to our friends and neighbors! Would you take it upon yourself to invite five

specific families to this event (and to attend yourself?)”

If you noticed the banners hanging at the front of the auditorium, you can thank *Jeff Johnson* for being willing to use his artistic talents in this regard. These banners will help us to be able to keep our theme for the year in mind, “*Walking to Please Him.*”

PARTING THOUGHT:
An atheist is a man with no invisible means of support!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Larry

Worth the Reid:

On Monday I started my next big wood-working project: a stand for all my coffee amenities and equipment that my lovely wife lets me have! I am not necessarily an experienced or good builder of things wooden, but it is something I thoroughly enjoy doing. In wood working there is an old adage “measure twice cut once.” I was reminded of this thought on Monday when I had to cut twice numerous times... which is never good. Normally I would say I do not take on projects like this. However, Monday was a day of many projects, which means speed and hastiness trumped precision and accuracy. In the end, efficiency is what became the loser, because when a cut is not done correctly, you must recut!

While I was re-cutting my incorrectly measured wood, I started thinking about

if there were areas in my life in which I was doing this. Actually, this is not true. The first thing I thought about was what I could be getting accomplished instead of re-cutting what I had already cut! After that, I wondered if there are aspects in my life that I am not giving the necessary time to, even if those aspects require a certain amount of time and energy to be accomplished. If so, why? What important things in my life am I shirking because, in the moment, I deem them not as important? And where else am I doing this?

Are there times in our lives when our spirituality takes the back seat to more “urgent matters?” In the craziness of life, our values and goals seem to sway depending on what feels more important in the moment. For example, “Well, I have 10 assignments due by Friday, I have a

really important meeting in the morning, I’ve got to pick the kids up, and at some point I need to feed myself to keep on existing.” Where is there time to devote in prayer to God? Not to mention finding the energy required to read my Bible!

Sound familiar? Life is a constant struggle of keeping our priorities in order. We know it should always and forever be our relationship with God that comes first, but how are we doing at this? God should play a big enough role in our lives that we take moments in life to measure twice. Ask ourselves, are we actually taking care of the things that really matter? Our relationship with God takes time and it definitely takes energy. Are we devoting ourselves to God the way we should be?

John’s Jogs: John’s Last Three Months

My Walking cane had been taken from me in the hospital and was still not allowed along with my walker. A personal wheel chair was issued me here as my only means of moving around. I could not get out of bed by myself but could move from the bed into the wheel chair. So the wheel chair became my best friend. There were no feet rests on the chair. So the chair could move with foot power or hand power as normal. I mastered that wheel chair better than my car. In the early days a person was assigned to put me in bed and to help me get up during the night. One night person did not want to help me stand so I started using the wheel chair to accomplish that goal.

One girl was assigned to order and deliver my food, give me a bath, and put me to bed. She was really good to me, but she would get mad at me when I doodled

around at bed time because she wanted to get done and go home. She would get me extra portions of the food I liked and worked hard to get it on time. She really got a joy of telling Paul and Gale about how all the women in there were chasing me. She would get them laughing. I noticed that when she had opportunity she would come and sit in my room and kept working on her phone. When I asked, she said she was studying to be a nurse. Often she was picking my brain. She liked my stories and my insight into life. She could not understand how I could ask for three hot blankets at bed time. She is one I would like to go back over there to see sometime. There was another young lady that was just as caring and dedicated about getting my food on time and quality. I really appreciated her.

Well the other personnel with whom I had contact were nurses and their aides. The best I can say is, “I was not impressed.” I’m not sure what exactly was the problem. My guess is there were too low a ratio of registered nurses to aids, so we rarely saw the registered nurse. Also, we would never have the same nurse more than a couple days. Therefore, you could not build up a relationship with your nurse. Like when I had one staple that had to be removed (the last one) and the nurse that was supposed to be the expert at removing staples tried and said it’s not ready. Then she’s not on duty again for a period of time, etc. all the way until the day I was discharged. I practically wore out my wheel chair trying to keep up with my nurses.

Next week: More on nurses

Adult Bible Classes This Quarter:

SUNDAY 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 7:00 P.M.

Larry Wilson—Genesis—FC Auditorium
Wes Arnold—Above All Things FC-CR2
Chris George—College Age—CPH2
CPH—Cutten Parkway House
FC—Family Center

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

EVENTS AND NEWS

Super Family Weekend with Dr. Alan Martin February 4-5, 2017

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

Food Needs for Super Family Weekend

Saturday: Cookies are needed for Saturday night.

Sunday: Bring sandwiches, chips, dips, veggie trays, fruit trays, desserts.

Please Do NOT bring any food into worship/main Bible class area. Bring all food items to the back door of kitchen (not the kitchen door facing the main worship area). Contacts: Al & LaNell Allee

Church Calendar

January

22: Budget Review
22: Missions Meeting

February

4-5 Family Weekend
11: Sweetheart Banquet

Youth Calendar

January

29: Youth Led Service

February

4&5 Family Weekend
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.

January 22: Justin and Julie Sammons
January 29: Tiffiany Thomas
February 5: Brent & Lisa Killough
February 12: Reid & Natalie Stafford



Earnest Harris

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DOB: Earnest: 2-28
Karen: 4-4
Faith 8-16-09
Jeremiah: 12-4-11
Anniversary: 4-3

Missions Committee Meeting TODAY at 4:30 P.M.

Contacts: Troy Thompson &
Bryan Runions

Sweetheart Banquet Saturday, February 11th @ 6:00 p.m. in Family Center

**Menu: Mexican Food
Cost: \$12.00**

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



To all of those who prayed, sent a card, made a phone call or expressed sympathy at the loss of our nephew, James Fleming, your kindness is appreciated greatly.

Love,
Shirley and Leland Willis



Dear Church Family,
David and I would like to thank each of you for your love and support during Mom's extended illness and her passing.

Your prayers, cards, telephone calls and expressions of love and concern are deeply appreciated.

Mom loved Champions and often expressed how she felt your love and support, especially during the last months of her life.

We love each of your very much and so appreciate our Champions family.

Love,
Freddie, David and Darlene Bounds



Dear Ones,
I believe the time we most fully understand how much our prayers are appreciated by others is at the time when we are the ones in need of those prayers. Thank you so much for the cards, kind words and prayers given at the recent loss of our brother. The beautiful plant you sent to the Memorial service was also a beautiful reminder of your love and concern.

Love,
Jim and Marcia Chitwood and family

Bridal Shower Sunday, February 26th @ 2:00 p.m.

In the Family Center

All ladies are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring *Keely Gibson*, bride-elect of *Ritchie Biggs*. They are registered at *Bed Bath and Beyond* and *Target*. (Ritchie's registered name is listed as *Craig Biggs* at *BB&B*).



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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:

Pam Shaw is scheduled for a biopsy on a mass on her ankle.

Merri White is recovering from a broken wrist. She will see a doctor this week to see if surgery is needed.

John Hixon continues to struggle with health issues.

Emmett Gaines continues to struggle with pain and limited mobility from a pulled ligament in his leg.

Lois Boyd is home, but has to remain off her foot for an additional two more months.

Sharon DeCarlo remains in Willowbrook Care on Breton Ridge Rd. regaining her strength.

James Birdow remains in a rehab facility (Nexus) near the Woodlands. Thank you for your continued prayers. Please no visitors.

Terry Young and his family, former Champions' member (his father, Nolan Young, served as an elder at Champions), lost two of his grandchildren in a car accident outside of San Antonio.

Howard Killough, Brent's grandfather, is recovering from hip replacement after suffering a broken hip.

Joyce Kidwell-Stearsman, Linda Bell-Lopez's mother, is scheduled for extensive surgery in February.

Halle Kate Spivey, the Bluhm's newborn granddaughter, had emergency heart surgery last Sunday for an infection.

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns: David Arnold, Paulette Brown, Jan Eley, Rose Delay, Donna Nance, Sue Trice, Sally Enders, Dennis Crosby, Fay Stephens, Glenn Dixon, Stephanie O'Brien, Jan Kelly, Keith and Linda Underwood, B.B. & Dorothy Snell

Family and Friends with various concerns. Calain Hamilton, JJ Davis

Cancer Concerns: Karen Watson, Gregg Chappell, Caella Chappell, Wayne Hemingway, Colter Taylor, Bea Augustin, Rocky Harrell, Lawrece Smith, Gary Brown, Pat Morrison, Ted Poe

Hospice: Pap Papillon

Families Who Have Lost Loved

Ones: Lusk, Chitwood, Trice, Gaines

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: James Birdow, John Qualls, Terri Bennett, Margurite Pennington, Juanita Cox, Julia Garcia, Nell McDonald, Marie McCall, Jean Simpson, Dorothy Kuehl

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, David Kuehl

Nursery Attendants

January 22: Joan Burns & Rhonda Bonwell

January 29: Martha Hick & Karen Watson

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
1/15/2017**

Sunday Combined Services...375
 Sunday Bible Class.....236
 Sunday Night177
 Wednesday Night.....159
 Contribution..... 20,182.87
 Weekly Budget20,057.69
 YTD Contributions...64,376.15
 YTD Budget60,173.07
Over/(Under).....4,203.08

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