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### 2017—Walking to Please Him!

Our 76th Year!

"so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in knowledge of God" Col. 1:10. Volume 76, Issue 4 January 29, 2017

## THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

## Family Weekend—A Synopsis

#### "Satisfying Parenting" (Saturday evening)

Many parents feel totally defeated when they experience some disappointment in the way their children turned out or develop. They feel that, somehow, they are to be blamed if things do not turn out perfectly. They blame themselves and load up tons of guilt when they hear or read about "successful parenting." Well, this lesson will help in lessening feelings of defeat, guilt, and even shame by clearly showing that God's Biblical design for parenting has a definitive plan for each parental set to be "satisfying parents" vs. the guilt-inducing notions of having to be "successful parents."

#### "Those Teen Years" (Sunday Bible Class)

Teen years can be turbulent for both teens and the parents who are simultaneously experiencing developmental transitions. Understanding and accepting those transitions and intersecting crisis points are the first steps to navigating through these God-designed stages with fulfillment. This lesson will clearly delineate how parents can help themselves and their teens move through these stages with lessened conflict and a much greater chance to remain positively connected.

#### "Modeling True Love to Kids Through Marriage" (Sunday Worship done twice)

God designed the home with the express purpose of instilling faith in the next generation – Deut. 4-6. Faith in God can greatly be undermined if our children's faith in the marriage of their parents is undermined! What will give our children faith in the marriage of their parents? Did you know that YOUR MARRIAGE can make or break your children's faith in God? Marriage was designed by God to be the model of the CRUCIBLE OF LOVE. Parents, may think that, somehow, their children are not aware of their words, actions, and feelings of love toward each other but they are kidding themselves. This lesson will demonstrate and impart information as to how couples can model true love to their kids within their marriage.

#### "Valuable Tools for Effective Parenting" (Lesson after service/Potluck)

There is no "perfect parenting," but we can be exposed to tools, techniques, and strategies that will help our parenting task to be more enjoyable and fulfilling. Not all parenting tools or strategies will be effective and applicable for every, unique child but there are some proven tools that will practically work in most situations. This lesson will expose you to at least five (5) proven parenting tools that can be applied and implemented immediately with guaranteed positive outcomes.

—Dr. Alan Martin

## **Family Matters**

O may Your glorious name be blessed and exalted above all... (Nehemiah 9:5) If you're visiting with us, thank you for coming to engage in praising God's glorious name with us. We appreciate both your presence and encouragement. Please, come again!

We are only one week away from a great event – and I don't mean the Super Bowl game! There are great things that will be taking place here at Champions prior to the game. Next Saturday afternoon, we will begin a *Family Weekend* seminar featuring Dr. Alan Martin from Memo-

rial. A family counselor, he will share great insights on Satisfying Parenting that evening at 6 o'clock. (Note: There has been a change of the time for the Saturday program. Beginning at 5 PM, there will be a hot dog supper in the Family Center. To know how many hot dogs to cook, please "write and circle" the number of your family members and friends who will be eating with us Saturday. Thanks so much for your cooperation. Also, take the advertising cards or House to House Mailouts and put them to work!

Sunday will be an even greater day as we will have more opportunities to hear Dr. Martin as well as another opportunity to enjoy food and fellowship. Bring sandwiches and desserts for lunch that day bringing them through the south back door. We will be blessed with insights on how to better "walk to please Him" as Christian families.

#### PARTING THOUGHT:

Will you invite at least 5 others to attend our Family Weekend with you?

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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#### Worth the Reid:

and Rose retreats. I was obviously not at the Rose retreat, but we had a great time at Man Up! Andrew Haigh was gracious enough to not only join us but bring some of his awesome remote control trucks. The guys (and myself) had a really fun time with them. These weren't vour run of the mill RCs either; I'm pretty sure you could have raced these things on the highway! Probably a bit of an exaggeration, but they were fast.

All the guys took turns going through a course that Andrew and his son, Tom, made with cones and ramps. With each round the guys sped through the course: we clocked their times and

This past weekend we had our Man Up kept track of their results. With every time we went through the course, times improved. Which makes sense, for the more you do something the better you will be at that activity. This is why athletes train and students study. The more you do something the better prepared you will be.

> Do we apply this same logic to our spiritual practices though? We would not expect to pick up a remote control car and drive it with perfect ease on our first attempt. So why would we expect that to happen with our spiritual disciplines? If we only pray in times of dire need, do we expect to be in healthy relationship with God, when we never spend time in communication

with Him? Or if we never spend time in the Word, do we expect to have the knowledge necessary to spread the Gospel of Christ?

1 Corinthians 9:26-27a So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control....

We should treat our spiritual lives and disciplines like we would any activity we are seeking improvement in. We would do so by actively preparing and training in that area. This week spend time asking yourself, what areas do I want to grow in spiritually? How will I go about "training" in that spiritual area?

### John's Jogs:

I ended my article last week with "I practically wore out my wheel chair by trying to keep up with my nurses. In the hospital I didn't think much about what happened before the accident but just get well enough to get out of there. But now that I'm in rehab I'm concerned about the future. I start realizing before the accident I'm under the care of a heart Dr., an eye Dr., (fighting glaucoma), a breathing Dr. and a Diabetic Dr. - all of which: I have just missed appointments. All of them I've been taking prescriptions under. As I became more aware of the situation, I became more concerned about all these medications. Since Kathy was gone on a three week vacation, no one else was totally aware of my prescriptions, thus my problem with the nursing staff.

Evidently, if the hospital had an accurate account of my outside prescriptions, it did not get responsibly transferred to Brookdale. The nurses went by what was on their computer and what the Brookdale doctors prescribed. Of course when I challenged them they knew this guy just had brain surgery, so try to pacify him. The diabetic process they had down pat on time every time. So were the blood pressure and diuretic pills on time. One pill is taken after breakfast for reflux - if missed by lunch I'm having severe heartburn – they didn't seem to be aware of the importance of taking that pill on time.

Two medications I fought the nurses over almost constantly were as follows: A couple months before the accident I went through a severe nasal situation and had just recently started a new spray in the nose. They seemed to have a problem over that one.

My real problem with the nurses was with eve drops. I had an eve appointment not long before the accident. And we had de cided not to see him again until April when we check my glasses. He prescribed a new small prescription he wanted to try for that period of time thinking it might help the glaucoma – it was only to be taken at bed time. There were two other drops to be taken in the morning and at night. I would tell the nurse (two morning and night – one night only) They would say, "not what my computer says". I would say, I don't care what your computer says, this is the fact."

Ever now and then one of them would check and get the computer corrected, but someone would change it and the argument would begin all over again.

#### **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 Free Babysitting!

**Saturday:** 

5-6 pm Hot dogs and fixin's 6-7 "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,

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

## **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).

**Sweetheart Banquet** Saturday, February 11th @ 6:00 p.m. in **Family Center Menu: Mexican Food** Cost: \$12.50 or \$25 per couple Free Babysitting!

Please sign the list on the back wall if you plan to attend. Contacts:

#### **Church Calendar**

February

4-5 Family Focus Weekend

11: Sweetheart Banquet

20: Office Closed

26: Bridal Shower—Keely Gibson

#### Youth Calendar

**February** 

4&5 Family Focus Weekend

10: Youth FNL

17-20: T3 Commission (8th Grade and

26: Youth Devo

## **Sunday Morning Bible Hour** Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

January 29: Tiffiiany Thomas

February 5: Brent & Lisa Killough

February 12: Reid & Natalie Stafford



We extend our love and sympathy to Paul and Holly Freeland and their family, in the loss of Paul's step-father, E.J. Corbin. His ser-

vices were held on Thursday in Edmond, Oklahoma. Please keep Paul and his family in prayer.

## **Special Opportunity For Champions**

Last Sunday when the announcement included update on the building process, it was stated that several "unknowns" have been discovered in the old building that were not included in the original construction contract. This has created some necessary, but unplanned increases in cost and consequently the need for additional funds. These changes will involve added needs of approximately \$150.000; which includes the necessity to replace all AC equipment at an added cost of \$110,000. Together, with the Lord's help and leadership, we will accept this responsibility. Several of you have indicated a willingness to share in this special opportunity. Any added donations will be ap-

Someone suggested that some members are sharing by donating church bonds to the church. If you are willing to donate a bond that you own, it can be transferred to the church. If you are willing to participate in this or some other form of donation but would like more information, please contact any of the elders.

### **Wednesday Night Meal** February 1st

Menu: Beef Stew, Cornbread and Dessert

Cost: Adults \$5.00; Children: \$3.00 (Ages 3-6<sup>th</sup>

Grade)

Children 2 and under Free Meal served: 5:45–6:30 p.m.

> **Ladies Bible Class** Wednesdays at 9:45 A.M.

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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
- Jav Fralev
- 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 Holly Freeland and family in the loss of Paul's step-

**Jeff Bolin** is home recovering from a blood clot in his lungs. Madalynn Irby fractured her collarbone, will not require surgery!

Wayne Hemingway is in St Luke's rehab in The Woodlands, 5th floor, room 550. He will be here until Wednesday, if not longer. He is gaining strength and welcomes visitors. Please pray for his recovery.

Paulette Brown continues to struggle with her recovery following recent leg surgery. If you would like to help provide a meal, please contact the Brown's. **Glenn Dixon** requested prayers for his continued recovery. Cards of encouragement would be appreciated.

Pam Shaw's test results showed the masses are benign. They will be monitored for changes.

Merri White is recovering from a broken wrist. She will not need surgery.

Sharon DeCarlo is home continuing her recovery.

James Birdow was moved to the Kindred Hospital in the Woodlands for additional therapy.

Rosa Collins, Dennis' mom, is in Tomball Hospital recovering from the placement of a feeding tube.

Frieda Ishee. Darlene Ewell's niece's mother, has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. Please pray for her heal-

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

Halle Kate Spivey, the Bluhm's baby grand-daughter, continues to recover from a 2nd heart sur-

Dorothy Kuehl was scheduled to be moved to Health South Vintage, 20180 Chasewood Park Dr, Houston, TX 77070, for continued rehab.

Calain Hamilton, Tonya Hamilton's son and Arlene Hale's grandson, is in Camp Hope for the next several weeks for therapy for PTSD.

**Champions Members Ongoing** Concerns: David Arnold, Paulette Brown, Jan Elev, Rose Delav. 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

#### 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. Bernice Ponder

#### **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 29: Martha Hicks & Karen Watson February 5: Holly Freeland & Melba McKee

If you cannot serve, please find a replacement by checking names posted on the wall outside the nursery classroom. Contact: Karen Casev

#### **FOR THE RECORD** 1/22/2017

Sunday Combined Services	336
Sunday Bible Class	.246
Sunday Night	188
Wednesday Night	.169
Contribution 17,714	.62
Weekly Budget20,057	.69
YTD Contributions82,090	.77
YTD Budget80,230	.76
Over/(Under)1,860	.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: Ladies Bible Class (LBC) 9:45 a.m. Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

#### **Elder of the Month**

**January** 

Danny Mize

**February** 

**Britt Jones** 

#### **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