

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

Tasting God's Word Gladly!!

The freedom and opportunity to "taste the Word of God" (Heb. 6:5) is a blessing that will not be ignored by God's faithful followers. At Champions, we are so fortunate to have that great blessing!! Each of us can participate in Bible classes taught by faithful people. You will want to share in these classes!!

Next **Wednesday evening, March 1st**, Larry Keele will give a "sneak peek" as we revive the "Look at the Book" study in all adult Bible classes. All adults will meet in the auditorium for this important study, to "kick off" an exciting journey.

Each Wednesday evening, Larry will lead the lesson for all adults dealing with the specific Bible books being studied by the congregation for that week.

Today: February 26, Materials for the lesson to be taught next Sunday, March 5th, are available, giving each of us opportunity to read the lesson in advance. (Ezra & Nehemiah)

This procedure will be followed throughout the "Look at the Book" giving opportunity for private study as well as in class study.

In addition, Larry will be preaching each week from the material of the Bible book being studied that week.

Adult Bible Class teachers: beginning on Sunday, March 5th - "Look at the Book"

- FC Auditorium: Jay Mahle & Larry Wilson
- FC CR 2: Bill Johnson & Britt Jones
- Families FC CR 5: Marc Culpepper & Jay Fraley
- Singles CPH 4: Bryan Runions
- College CPH 2: Chris Ball

—David Arnold

Family Matters

"Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy hill, for holy is the Lord our God." (Psa. 99:9) We gather today to worship the One who is truly supreme--and holy! In the time we spend together, may our hearts and minds be united in seeking to honor and praise Him through the various aspects of worship. If you're visiting with us and have any questions, please feel free to ask. Thanks for coming!

As noted in David Arnold's article above, Wednesday night begins what is "The Rest of the Story" in our *Look at the Book* program.

Last year we spent six months going through most of the Old Testament. This quarter we will spend a couple of weeks finishing up our Old Testament reading and then move to study the New Testament. This is a *great opportunity* to read the entire New Testament together! If we want to be a people of the book, we must be people who read it as well. Take advantage of this program—attend every Bible class and worship, but also read each week as well.

Our Wednesday night dinner continues to be a great blessing. Not only does it provide

an additional time for fellowship, but also a great, inexpensive meal for busy Wednesday nights. Be sure to indicate as you sign the attendance binder if you plan to join us. Remember, meals are served from 5:45 and closed at 6:30. Thanks again to the McKain's and Rickman's for their service in preparing these meals.

PARTING THOUGHT:
If you want to be a leader with a large following, just obey the speed limit on a winding, two-lane road.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Larry

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Worth the Reid:

During my time at Harding University I spent three years on the track team. For those three years I competed in pole vaulting. If you are not familiar, pole vaulting is the field event where athletes carry a long pole, run as fast as they can, and hold on for dear life! It is quite exhilarating, unless you have a fear of heights, which fortunately for me was not one of my phobias, snakes, cough cough. Participating on the Harding track team brings with it many fond memories and is something I always enjoy reminiscing about.

I mention pole vaulting because I believe this physical endeavor brings a beautiful imagery concerning our faith. There's a moment while pole vaulting, where the pole has lifted you off of the ground into the air, you are advancing towards the bar that you have to clear, but have yet to go

completely upside down. (the best position to be in to complete any height) This moment is where you lose sight of the ground. Down becomes up, up becomes down, and the whole time you are hoping you continue in a direction that will find yourself landing on the nice soft mat. Trust me, this is a much better option than the fairly solid ground! I like to call this split second in the jump, the point of no return!

This point is key to successful pole vaulting. Without going upside down, you will never jump as high as you can, because you are letting your body hold back. It's the moment in vaulting where you have to either fully commit or fully dive in, actually a better term might be fully dive up! Without completely committing to the jump, the vaulter will never be as successful as he or she can be. You have to be

either all in or all out.

Our Faith in God is the same way. There comes a moment where we have to decide, am I ready to be fully committed to God, or not? Yes, this is scary and a bit uncomfortable. It's hard to completely put our hope and trust in something we cannot see but we must be willing to put our faith in God. Have faith and trust that God will take care of you.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

John's Jogs: Time for Some Humor and Search for the Lord's Way

SMILE: Why did golfer carry an extra sock? In case he got a "hole in one."

MEMORIES: I can remember Monday through Thursday. If you can remember Friday, Saturday and Sunday, let's put our two heads together.

MINT CONDITION: Male, 1932 model, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves. Not in running condition, but walks well.

OVER HEARD: 1st man, "What are you doing today?"

2nd man, "Nothing".

1st man, "That's what you did yesterday!"

2nd man, "I haven't finished".

CHURCH SIGN: "To remove worry

and wrinkles, get your faith lifted."

TO THE UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE EARTH: From the beginning of the church, God had in mind the preaching of the Gospel to the whole creation (Mat. 28:18-20). This preaching began in Jerusalem and soon spread throughout the Roman Empire and the known world. (Mt. 24:14, Col. 1:23).

Each Sunday 7-7:30 am "In Search of the Lord's Way" airs on Channel 53. Following are the topics to be discussed each Sunday during the month of March.

MARCH 5 – What Happened to Sin? Many think sin is an outdated word or an obsolete concept. Some think there

is no such thing as sin today.

MARCH 12 – Christ is our Hope! When life fills with doubts and darkness, we look to Christ for our hope. Life's troubles can darken our lives but not remove the source of all blessings. Our hope is in Christ our Lord and Savior.

MARCH 19 – Obeying God! God expects those who love Him to hear His word and to obey. Obedience distinguishes the true disciple from the one who just claims to believe.

MARCH 26 - Who is Your Lord? Faith in Christ is an individual matter. Each must decide for himself whether he will follow the Lord and His teachings.

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

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EVENTS AND NEWS

CLEMENTINE'S RESTAURANT

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH @ 6:00 P.M.

A sign-up list is posted in the back of the Family Center for anyone who has taught the Bible in any way during 2016, i.e., Bible classes, WBS, MDO, Bible studies, etc.

Contacts: John Qualls or Al Allee

Church Calendar

February

- 26: Bridal Shower—Keely Gibson
March
4: Teacher Banquet
10: Impact Garage Sale
12: Daylight Savings Time Begins
13-17: MDO Spring Break
14: Sunny Glen Food Truck
16: Men's Night Out

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*).

Sunny Glen Children's

Home

Truck coming March 14th

Supplies Needed: Salsa/Picante and Chili

Please place your items on the shelves by the back door which faces the Cutten Parkway House.

Youth Calendar

February

26: Youth Dinner & Devo

March

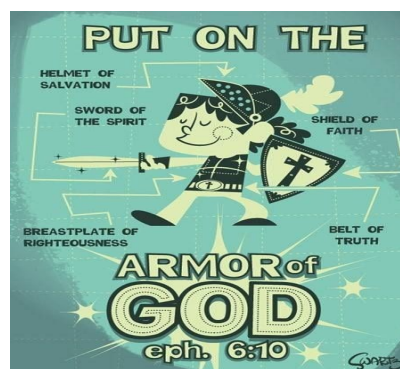
- 5: Parent meeting -5:00 pm
8: R&R
14: Tuesday morning Top Golf
17: FNL
22: R&R
26: Youth Devotional

Save the Dates!

Champions'

75th Homecoming!

August 5 & 6, 2017



Vacation Bible School

June 19th—23rd!

If you can help,
contact Reid Stafford

Wednesday Night Meal

March 1st

Chicken with onions and mushrooms, Baked Potato Casserole, Banana Pudding

Cost: Adults \$5.00; Children: \$3.00 (Ages 3-6th Grade) Children 2 and under Free.

Meal served: 5:45–6:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

Parents and children are dismissed to check in following the Lord's Supper.
February 26: Wes & Christy Smith
March 5: Reid & Natalie Stafford
March 12: Brent & Lisa Killough
March 19: Wes & Christy Smith
March 26: Justin & Julia Sammons
April 2: Aaron & Ashley Trent
April 9: Reid & Natalie Stafford
April 16: Tiffany Thomas
April 23: Brent & Lisa Killough
April 30: Wes & Christy Smith
May 7: Aaron & Ashley Trent
May 14 - Justin & Julia Sammons
May 21 - Reid & Natalie Stafford
May 28 - Tiffany Thomas

League City Church of Christ Gospel Meeting

Christ, Culture, and the Church
March 5-8, 2017
Tyler Young, Guest Speaker

Special Opportunity For Champions & Special Thanks!

It's not too late to help with the unexpected expenses for the building remodel. For additional information or questions, please contact one of Champions' elders. Any added donations will be appreciated. The Elders would like to thank those who have graciously given contributions and/or donated purchased church bonds back to Champions to help offset unexpected remodeling expenses.



“A Place to Belong.”

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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:

Gwen Crosby's Pet Scan showed a possible malignant 1 cm. nodule in her lung. She is waiting for surgery to be scheduled.

Bill Bonham is in room 5 on the 3rd floor, at The Vintage St Luke's Hospital with low blood sugar and strep.

Jackie Cuccerre is home recovering from a procedure to remove a lump on her back.

Jacki McKain is home recovering from recent heart tests.

Harold Lawrence is home continuing his recovery.

John Hixon is home, but continues to struggle with respiratory and GI issues. John requested our continued prayers for his healing.

Stephanie O'Brien continues her struggle with vertigo and other health issues. She has been referred to TIRRS for treatment.

Gregg Chappell, Sr. continues radiation treatments daily. A sign up list for week four is available in the Family Center.

Gus Drozario, Byron and Annette Willis' seven month old grandson, will be begin the process for a bone marrow transplant. Please pray that one of the three donors will be

a perfect match for his body, and that the transplant will be successful for him to have a complete recovery. The next days and months following his transplant will be a critical time that he not be exposed to any infection. Prayers for peace for Amy, Robin, and all their family.

Jean Taylor, June Freeman's sister, is home recovering from surgery to removed a malignant tumor. No additional treatment is needed.

James Kendall, Bob's brother, is in the last stages of his illness. Please pray for his peace and comfort and for all his family.

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns: Wynon Ballard, Sharon DeCarlo, Gwen Crosby, Jeff Bolin, Wayne Hemingway, Lois Boyd, Mary White, Madalynn Irby, Paulette Brown, Jan Eley, Rose Delay, Donna Nance, Sue Trice, Sally Enders, Fay Stephens, Glenn Dixon, Stephanie O'Brien, Jan Kelly, Keith and Linda Underwood, B.B. & Dorothy Snell

Hospice: Pap Papillon
Family and Friends Ongoing Concerns: Evelyn Keefer, Halle Kate Spivey, Zion Jones

Cancer Concerns:

Gregg Chappell, Caella Chappell, Wayne Hemingway, Colter Taylor, Bea Augustin, Rocky Harrell, Lawrece Smith, Gary Brown, Pat Morrison, Ted Poe, Frieda Ishee, Joyce Kidwell-Stearsman, Austin Keefer, Brittany Rackley

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, 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

Employment Concerns: Marc Culpepper, Martyn Shuttleworth, Patricia Pennington, Bill Hicks, David Kuehl, John Kirshy

Nursery Attendants

February 26: Jena Asher & Janet Keele

March 5: Karen Casey & Jessica Holt

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
2/19/2017**

Sunday Combined Services...337
Sunday Bible Class.....209
Sunday Night152
Wednesday Night.....158
Contribution.....19,540.63
Weekly Budget.....20,057.69
YTD Contributions...161,300.89
YTD Budget160,461.52
Over/(Under).....839.37

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

February

Britt Jones

March

Marvin Trice

Food Coordinator

Check with your Family Circle Leaders

**Little Champs:
Mothers Day Out**

Contact: Lisa Killough
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