

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

Walking to Please Him—in our Family!

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As most of you know, our theme for the year at Champions is as noted in the above title—“Walking to Please Him.” There are so many areas of our daily walk of life in which we should want to do exactly that, but there is no more important area of walking to please our Lord than in our Family Life. A first reaction to such a statement might be to say, “No, the most important area to please Him is in our Church Life.” While I suppose that issue could be debated, my thought is that as Christians, our family life is so basic – so fundamental – that we must endeavor to “walk to please Him” there before we can please Him elsewhere. And, if we please Him there we will strive to please Him in the other areas of our life’s walk.

Why would I think that? Let me share some reasons with you. The Scripture does say that husbands must live in an understanding way with their wives so that their prayers to God “would not be hindered.” That tells me that our horizontal relationship (with earthly wives) must be right for our vertical relationship to be right (by that I mean a right relationship with God). Our relationships here on earth do matter greatly to Him.

Wives are to submit to their husbands “as to the Lord” (Eph. 5:22). Husbands are to love their wives “as Christ loves the church” (Eph. 5:25). Children are to obey their parents “in the Lord” (Eph. 6:1) and are to be brought up “in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” (Eph. 6:4). See how tightly bound are our roles to other members of our family and our relationship with the Lord Himself! While we cannot (and are not expected to) force another to follow the Lord’s instructions with all their heart in these matters, we can be sure that we are doing our part and giving our best effort! That will bless our family!

Let us take the practical lessons that we’ve learned from Dr. Martin this week and apply them to our family relationships. When those attitudes and attributes are found in those primary relationships then we will find a positive change made in the way in which we walk in all of our relationships!
--Larry Keele

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1 We welcome *Dr. Alan Martin*, who will be bringing all of our lessons today. We are so blessed to have a man of his training and expertise in the Houston area. He will complete our *Super Family Weekend Seminar* with the lessons today.

enjoy a closer relationship with our God, our families and each other! We invite you to stay for lunch with us and enjoy another message from Dr. Martin following that meal.

Reed will preach at both services next Sunday. Sunday evening will be our monthly singing with *Elijah Brown* bringing the devotional.

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We are also very thankful to have each of our guests today! Whether you have come to participate in our great weekend activities or if you have just stopped by for worship, we feel blessed by your presence. Our hope and prayer is that by our time spent together we will all

Janet and I will be leaving soon after things are over this afternoon to go to the *Freed-Hardeman* lectures in Henderson, TN. We will take advantage of the close distance to also visit children and grandchildren over the next weekend.

Ready...Set...Read! Our *Look at the Book* program will resume March 1. Want to get a head start? Read *Ezra* and *Nehemiah!*

PARTING THOUGHT:
A family “altar” (reading/ worshiping together) will indeed, “alter” a family!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Harry

Worth the Reid:



On February 17th the youth group will be attending a youth rally in Lewisville, TX hosted by the Lewisville church of Christ. We have a great group going on the T3 Commission, and we are very excited about this weekend! The youth rally is made up of a number of worship opportunities, class structured lessons, and fellowship time.

T3 offers multiple classes through their schedule so teens have opportunities to

select class topics that seem the most interesting to them. It has topics such as how to start a Bible study, make prayer personal, let your light shine as a student athlete, and many more. It will be difficult to pick which class sessions to attend!

The theme for the weekend is “A Time to Build”, and the scriptural theme for the rally is Romans 10:14-15, which says.

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can

anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

I personally appreciate the direct educational heart behind this year’s theme and scripture because it is so true! The future leaders of our church need to have a deep understanding of the scriptures and the ability to apply it to their lives.

This will be a weekend spent on deepening Biblical and spiritual understanding. This will be a wonderful and challenging time for our teens. My hope is that it is a beneficial trip for our teens; we ask that you pray for us on our travels and spiritual development.

John’s Jogs:

My article ended last week with my argument with the nurses over eye drops. Well, that wheel chair got practically worn out by my chasing down the nurses over those eye drops. However, it eventually became obvious that a good thing was happening – my legs and arms were getting stronger by moving that wheel chair around. Of course Christie’s (my physical fitness therapist) work was doing the same building of strength in those limbs, and Mel’s work on that terrible mat were also producing fantastic results. Then came the day when they told me to have my family bring my walker to Brookdale. Now I could walk everywhere I wanted to go.

About that time my military great nephew came to spend a month in Houston. So from him and all therapists everywhere I went “Heads up John, don’t look for pennies look for the stars. Stay inside the frame of the walker - that’s not a safe way

to walk with the walker.” It became a battle for me to decide whether I wanted to use the walker or the wheel chair. Some ways the wheel chair was more comfortable and convenient. But I realized that the walker was my way out of here to go home. So my skills developed greatly with the walker.

Once I mastered the walker, it was natural to start complaining that I want my cane. But, “you can’t have your cane, you are not strong enough nor stable enough to use a cane. You would be in danger of falling with a cane.” Since my cane was not in that facility, I had no way of getting it, but that could not prevent me from bugging everyone who came to visit me to bring my cane. But to no avail.

Well I started concentrating on really working hard with the therapists in really getting stronger and more diligent and

being more stable when and where I walk. After all it is my life that’s going to suffer if a serious fall occurs. We started workouts outside the building in a training course for normal walking up and down hills and over curbs, and asking me the color of a parked car we just walked by to determine if I looked and had my head up. I began telling the color of the cars before we got there. Kim had my life in her hands; she had to approve that I was ready to go home. After stretching in all directions she would get me off the mat and stand by a vertical pole with heels, buttocks, shoulders and head touching it and then press against the pole and stand as tall as possible. Then she would call attention to everyone in the room “See how tall and straight John is,” and everyone would applaud me. Next week– Let’s go home!

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

2017 Eastern European Missions (EEM) Event February 21, 2017

7:00 pm

Klein Multipurpose Center

7500 FM 2920

Sign up at eem.org/events or call 800-486-1818. Contact Troy Thompson

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EVENTS AND NEWS

Today! Dr. Alan Martin

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

Church Calendar

February

5: Super Sunday with Dr. Martin
11: Sweetheart Banquet
20: Office Closed
24: Friday Morning Fellowship
26: Bridal Shower—Keely Gibson

Youth Calendar

February

5: Super Sunday with Dr. Martin
5: Super Bowl Party at Fraley's Home
10: Youth FNL—Bowling
17-20: T3 Commission (8th Grade and Up)
26: Youth Dinner & Devo

Sunday Morning Bible Hour

Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

February 5: Brent & Lisa Killough
February 12: Reid & Natalie Stafford



Ryan and Jessica Coleman Kinley (9), Jaxon (7)

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Spring, TX 77379
Ryan: 936-520-6429
Jessica Cell: 316-651-7195
DOB: Ryan 4-16
Jessica: 9-19
Kinley: 10-24-07
Jaxon: 02-18-09
Anniversary: July 10
Ryan's: rcoleman34@yahoo.com
Jessica's: jessioakley@aol.com

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: Dave and Darlene Bounds

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.



Dear church family,
Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, and many expressions of sympathy following the passing of our brother-in-law, Bobby Webb, and for the beautiful flowers that were sent for the funeral.

We also thank you for the prayers, calls, cards and food given following Sue's fall. Your expressions of love are a great encouragement and comfort to us.

In Christian love,
Marvin Trice



Thank you so much for the beautiful Peace Lily sent for the Bobby Webb service (brother-in-law of Marvin Trice).

Your concern for our family meant so much. Joyce Webb and all family of Bobby Webb



Holly and I are grateful for the love and support shown by our church family at the passing of my stepdad E.J. Corbin. The many prayers, cards and kind words of encouragement are deeply appreciated.

In Christ,
Paul and Holly Freeland

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*). If you would like to assist with the shower, please contact Susan Sammons.



Church of Christ in Champions,
Thank you for the visits and calls when I was in the hospital. The cards were enjoyed. Also THANK YOU! For the prayers and calls when my daughter, Karyn Friesen was in the hospital.

In Him,
Melba McKee

Special Opportunity For Champions

It's not too late to help with the unexpected expenses to the building remodel. For additional information or questions, please contact one of Champions elders. Any added donations will be appreciated.

Wednesday Night Meal February 8th

Menu: *Pepper crusted pork loin with burgundy sauce, Rice pilaf, Vegetable Medley, Rolls, Salad and Strawberry Cake*

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

Meal served: 5:45-6:30 p.m.

Friday Morning Fellowship February 24th at 9:00 a.m.

Everyone (all ages) is invited to the Friday Morning Fellowship on February 24th at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Center. Don Sammons will lead the FMF. Refreshments will be provided.



IN CHAMPIONS

“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:

Jackson, Holt, and Couch families in the loss of Nettie Jo Jackson’s sister, Mollie, who died on Friday afternoon. Services are pending at this writing. **Gregg Chappell, Sr.** will begin radiation treatments on Monday. He will have treatments five days a week for six weeks. If you can help provide transportation for Gregg to MD Anderson Hospital in the Med Center, please sign in the back. **John Hixon** is in room 6425 at Willowbrook Methodist Hospital fever issues.

Wynon Ballard is home recovering from surgery to remove an infection.

Winnie Wysinger is recovering from eye surgery.

Jeff Bolin is recovering from a blood clot in his lungs.

Wayne Hemingway is home!

Paulette Brown continues to struggle with her recovery following recent leg surgery.

Sharon DeCarlo is home continuing her recovery.

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

Jean Taylor, June Freeman’s sister, will have a tumor removed on February 17th.

Austin and Evelyn Keefer, Ruby Sheppard’s sister and

brother-in-law, are both recovering from surgeries; Austin, cancer, Evelyn, hip surgery, broken while caring for him at the hospital.

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

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

Zion Jones, Everlina Jones’ grandson, was run over by a big truck. He suffered a broken leg in five places. and is in great pain.

Jeff Long, Jess and Peggy’s son, is in the hospital in Austin with blood clots.

Tasha DiRaffaele requests prayers for her son, **Jude Privratsky**, and his father, **Gordon**, in the loss of their mother and grandmother.

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns: 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

Family and Friends Ongoing Concerns: Halle Kate Spivey
Hospice: Pap Papillon

Cancer Concerns:

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

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:

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, Meghan Gilispie

Employment Concerns: Martyn Shuttleworth, Leslie Bills, Gene McKain, Patricia Pennington, Bill Hicks, Rudy Morris, David Kuehl

Nursery Attendants

February 5: Holly Freeland & Melba McKee

February 12: Jackie Cuccerre & Jackie Doherty

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
1/29/2017**

Sunday Combined Services...362
Sunday Bible Class.....228
Sunday Night195
Wednesday Night.....nc
Contribution..... 17,887.91
Weekly Budget20,057.69
YTD Contributions...99,978.68
YTD Budget100,288.45
Over/(Under).....309.77

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

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