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THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

Some Really Good News!

We live in a news saturated time. There is hardly any way to escape. News programs, news talk radio, newspapers, news flashes, news blurbs scrolling lines across the bottom of your television screen—all to keep us informed of the latest news! Such saturation—and the biggest trouble of all is that it seems to be almost all *bad* news! (After all, that is the kind that “sells,” right?)

Don’t you think that our world may well be completely tired (my Mother’s way of saying it was “sick and tired”) of this constant bombardment of the negative? Isn’t it time that our world hears something radically different—isn’t it time for that which is truly “Good News?”

As we begin our study of the New Testament in the *Look at the Book* program, the lesson for this week is an introductory lesson on “The Gospels”. While each of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) will be studied individually through the course of our six-month journey through the New Testament, this particular lesson is to help us get a feel for the need and reasons behind those four important books.

Each of these four books, though written by different men through the inspiration of the same Spirit, generally has the word “Gospel” included in their title in our Bibles. This is because the word itself means “Good News” and was used to refer to these books from at least the 2nd century. The stories, written from four different perspectives, vividly tell the Good News that there is a Savior—One who came from heaven to live and die for us in order that we might have an eternal home. While those first four books are typically called “Gospels”, the “rest of the story”—the other 23 books complete the information we need to receive our eternal reward!

Read with us each week, study the handouts, attend the classes, listen, take notes, apply the principles—and share with others—tell them the story yourself or get them to come to class and worship with you! The Good News is not just an academic exercise to master, it is a story that needs to be lived and proclaimed in our day! When you share that Word, you will indeed bring something that our world so desperately needs today—*Some Really Good News!*

—Larry Keele

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Family Matters

“Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the Lord be glad.” (Psalm 105:3) This passage from yesterday’s reading reminds us of why we are here today—we seek the Lord and are made glad. How blessed we are that we can come to worship Him together! If you are a guest worshipping with us today, please sign the register when the binder is passed to you. You are welcome anytime.

This evening there will be a meeting of those interested in helping with our Building Dedication and 75th Homecoming

celebration. We will meet in the area to the left of the pulpit following services.

I want to say a word of *Thanks* to those who have been handling our Sunday morning Bible Hour. Their dedication to helping our children learn of the Lord is such a blessing!

Our *Friday Morning Fellowship* is next week in the *Family Center* beginning at 9 AM. This monthly event features Bible study and opportunities for fellowship, fun, and—of course, food! It is open for all.

Be sure and pick up the Bible lesson for next week—*Luke*.

Check out the new Track Rack located by the serving area. We thank *Eltonio Brown, David Kuehl* and *Brenda Jackson* for their help on it.

PARTING THOUGHT:
Just because God’s grace is greater than all our sin doesn’t mean that we should test its limits! (Cf. Rom. 6:1)

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Larry

Worth the Reid: Slowing Down

A week and a half ago I flew to Memphis for a close college friend's wedding. I am not a huge fan of flying, not that I have any fears about it; I just don't really enjoy the process. Everyone is in a rush, you have to take your shoes off, and there's never enough room in the seats! Overall, it is just not an enjoyable process. But, it does get you to where you need to go quickly!

On this particular flight we were running as smoothly as possible. No issues getting through the gate, boarding, throughout the flight, or even the landing. It was great! I

thought we would unload quickly and I wouldn't be rushed to my next destination. Unfortunately, that's not what happened. It turns out that we made such great time and got there so much earlier that they did not have a gate ready for us to pull into! How infuriating is that?! So we ended up sitting there just as long as we would have, even though it had run so smoothly and we had made such wonderful time.

While I was sitting on the plane, waiting for a gate to open up, it reminded me that maybe sometimes in life we shouldn't rush through things.

Maybe sometimes, things will go at the pace they are meant to go in, no matter how we try to speed it up. Sometimes certain aspects of our lives are simply out of our control, no matter how hard we try. My encouragement for you today is to try slowing down. Even if you are going through a trial or difficult time in your life, have faith in God. He will take care of you in due time, because sometimes all we can do is trust in Him.

John's Jogs: JESUS IN ACTS

To understand the book of Acts properly – we must realize it is a continuation of the gospels – especially the book of Luke.

Then in Acts we see Him sending the second account beginning with a slight review of the first – moving on from Jesus' ascension: To:

- 1) The sending of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles.
- 2) Inspiring Peter to preach the first gospel sermon.
- 3) Ushering in the church which He promised to build.
- 4) Spreading the Gospel throughout Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria.
- 5) Sending Peter to Cornelius - opening the door to the Gentiles.
- 6) Bringing about the conversion of Paul and spreading the gospel to Antioch of Syria.

- 7) And finally sending Paul throughout the world with the precious saving Gospel.

I suggest to you that Jesus Christ is the star or main character of the book of Acts, and He is backed-up by three supporting characters:

- 1) Peter – In Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria (1:1-11:18)
- 2) Barnabas – In Antioch and Cyprus – (11:19-13:12)
- 3) Paul – Takes the message to the uttermost of the Gentile world (13:13-28:11)

There are three apostolic activities shown in the book of Acts during the 50 day period from the resurrection to Pentecost.

THEY RECEIVED THEIR INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

- 1) **First, He told them to wait in (do not leave) Jerusalem...**
- 2) **Then He told them, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea & Samaria and to the ends of the earth."**
- 3) **As Jesus ascended into heaven, they stood looking intently into the sky as He was going: Suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them and said, "Men of Galilee why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven..."**

We will deal with the other two apostolic activities next week.

Adult Bible Classes Spring Quarter and Weekly Bible Reading

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes "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

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Class: "Look at the Book"

FC Auditorium: Larry Keele

Daily Bible Reading Schedule WEEK of March 19-25:

March 20-Monday Luke Chapters 1-4
 March 21- Tuesday Luke Chapters 5-8
 March 22-Wednesday Luke Chapters 9-12
 March 23-Thursday Luke Chapters 13-16
 March 24-Friday Luke Chapters 17-20
 March 25-Saturday Luke Chapters 21-24

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EVENTS AND NEWS

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Vacation Bible School Meeting
Sunday, March 26th
At 5:15 P.M.
Family Center
Contact Reid Stafford

Winning on Wednesday!!

The Wednesday evening opportunities are incredible!!

OFFERING: Fellowship and excellent meal.

A mountain top experience in Bible study for all adults in the FC auditorium. Larry does an outstanding job in leading "Peek of the week", providing deeper respect for the Word and our "Look at the Book". This session is extremely helpful to anyone who loves and desires the Word of God. You are challenged to make this opportunity a high point for your weekly activities. You lose, if you choose to miss!!

Church Calendar

March

19: Homecoming Meeting
26: VBS Volunteer Meeting
31: Friday Morning Fellowship

June

19-23: VBS

Youth Calendar

March

17: FNL
22: R&R
26: Youth Devotional

Sunday Morning Bible Hour

Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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



We extend our love and sympathy to **Sally and Karen Enders** in the loss of Sally's younger brother, **Timothy Alan Mann**, of Trinity, Texas. His services were held yesterday in Trinity, Texas. Please keep Sally and Karen in your prayers during this difficult time.

Homecoming Meeting Sunday Night, March 19th

Following Evening Service

All coordinators and anyone interested in volunteering are encouraged to stay. Contact: Larry Keele

Friday Morning Fellowship (FMF)

9 a.m.

March 31st

Everyone is invited for a time of devotion and fellowship.
Contact: Don Sammons

Truth for Today Commentary

The latest Truth for Today commentary covering Leviticus is now available. Cost is \$27.00. Make your check out to Church of Christ in Champions with a memo – TtT Commentary and give your payment to Marvin Trice or Jeanie Kuehl.

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.

Collecting Used Magazines for Nursing Homes

Remember to bring any magazines as Walter Jarrell is collecting them to give to nursing home residents to enjoy. Please place your magazines in the box which is marked "Magazines" in the back on the shelves in the Family Center.

Wednesday Night Meal March 22nd

Menu: *Taco Bar*

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

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

Sally and Karen Enders and their family in the loss of Sally's brother, Timothy Mann, in an accident last weekend.
Yamile Delgado as she travels to Columbia to be with her special aunt, Flor Reyes, who is very ill. Please pray for her safe travels and for peace and comfort for her aunt.

Harold Lawrence is recovering at home from another recent fall.

Lynn Antwine is in the Vintage HealthSouth Hospital/Rehab continuing to recover from a broken femur. Please no visitors at this time.

Donna Nance as she consults with doctors regarding a recent CAT scan that showed multiple bone lesions on her spine.

Karen Watson will find out on March 23rd if she will need chemo as well as radiation treatments.

Gwen Crosby will consult with a surgeon on March 28th regarding possible cancer in her lung. She is also having difficulty with heart medications.

Amy Freeman continues to struggle with headaches and vertigo issues.

John Hixon continues to struggle with respiratory and GI

issues.

Stephanie O'Brien continues her struggle with vertigo and other health issues.

Gregg Chappell, Sr. received a good report on his radiation results!

Everett Brooks, Jess Long's 95 year-old uncle, has struggled with cancer and was placed in hospice care.

Bettie Moran, Jana Eley's mother, will have surgery for a pacemaker on March 20th at Willowbrook Methodist Hospital.

Mike Wright, friend of Walter Jarrell, is in Brookdale Place (formerly the Hampton).

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns: Sharon DeCarlo, Ronald Blankenship, Jeff Bolin, Lois Boyd, Merri White, Richard Garza, Paulette Brown, Sue Trice, Sally Enders, Fay Stephens, Glenn Dixon, Jan Kelly, Keith and Linda Underwood, B.B. & Dorothy Snell

Hospice: Pap Papillon, Everett Brooks

Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones:

Enders, Bonham, Kendall, Sandhop

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

Cancer Concerns:

Gregg Chappell, Sr., Caella Chappell, Karen Watson, Wayne Hemingway, Colter Taylor, Bea Augustin, Rocky Harrell, Lawrece Smith, Pat Morrison, Ted Poe, Frieda Ishee, Joyce Kidwell-Stearsman, Austin Keefer, Gus Drozarior

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, Mike Wright

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

March 19: Laura Mize & Chandra Runions

March 26: Ashley Trent & Pat Medlin

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
3/12/2017**

Sunday Combined Services...355
Sunday Bible Class.....208
Sunday Night133
Wednesday Night.....150
Contribution.....19,407.07
Weekly Budget.....20,057.69
YTD Contributions...225,329.07
YTD Budget220,634.59
Over/(Under).....4,694.48

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

March

Marvin Trice

Food Coordinator

Check with your Family Circle Leaders

Church Wi-Fi Password

churchguest

Little Champs:

Mothers Day Out

Contact: Lisa Killough
littlechamps@att.net

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Lisa Killough—Director