

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

Look at the Book—The Gospel of Luke

Inspiration from Some Incredible Women!

Reading Luke, one cannot help but be inspired as the author recounts the faith and lives of some incredible, godly women. One of the most enduring of those stories is that of Mary, the mother of Jesus. We first encounter her in Luke 1:26ff.

In this text, Mary is a young woman, engaged to Joseph. In those days, it was common for young women to marry between the ages of 12 and 14. Most likely then, God chose a very young teenager to be the mother of Jesus. That she was so honored is incredible enough, yet there are many other aspects of the story that inspire us as well.

For instance, when told that even though she was a virgin, she would bear the Son of The Most High, Mary didn't falter. She knew her place and her desire. First, she knew her place with God in that she called herself the "bondslave of the Lord," Luke 1:38. When one knows their place with God, then they also know how they should respond in obedience. A slave of the first century did not refuse or question their Master's commands or decisions—the slave simply obeyed. What a beautiful, powerful example for us to emulate! He is Lord—we are His slaves. He commands, we obey!

Another occasion in which Mary inspires us is her great song given in response to Elizabeth's blessing. The song is so beautiful as it shows that Mary not only exemplified a beautiful servant's attitude but also shows her knowledge of God's work and Word as well. She not only quoted the Psalms a couple of times, she also inter-sprinkled scriptural references throughout.

Mary knew her God and her place of service in regard to Him. She also knew the Scriptures and their stories of His great power. How blessed we are to have her story within the pages of Luke's Gospel. Certainly, from Mary and her sisters we find *Inspiration from Some Incredible Women!*
—Larry Keele

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Family Matters

"Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him." Lk. 8:25 The apostles had just experienced the power of Jesus in stilling the storm and were astounded. We are astounded that we can worship that same powerful One and His Father today! We are also thankful for our guests who have come to worship with us. Please complete the form that will be passed toward the end of services. We are glad you came!

Important date change! Make a note that, due to construction

restraints, our building dedication and homecoming has been moved to September 16-17th. Circle those dates on your calendar. This evening you will be blessed as Reid Stafford will be bringing our sermon. Congratulations to Sarrae Reed who was recognized as the top student of not only her discipline of Mechanical Engineering, but also of the entire University of Houston College of Engineering. Awesome! I also learned that Brendan Smith, as only a sopho-

more, was selected as the Commanding Officer of the ROTC at his high school. How blessed we are to have such great young people.

There will be an important VBS meeting this evening at 5:15 with Reid. If you can help with VBS,(June 19-23) please attend.

PARTING THOUGHT:
Let the Word be a light to your path and you can always find your way home!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Larry

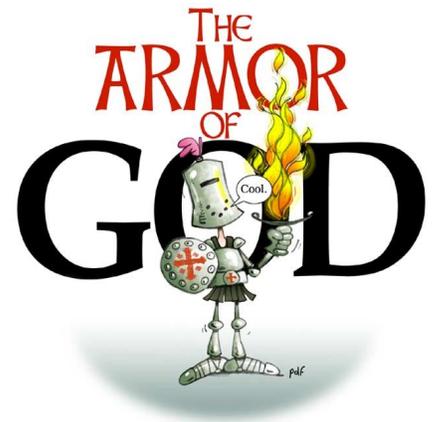
Worth the Reid: VBS—COMING JUNE 19-23 “The Armor of God”

Whenever I think of VBS or really about any good works of the church, I can't help think about Ephesians 4:15 - 16 ¹⁵“*Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.*” ¹⁶“*From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*”

The body of believers working together can be a powerful and beautiful thing. Each member is given gifts and abilities to serve our Father in Heaven.

As we use these gifts we begin to build one another in love, encouragement, and care. A wonderful example of this work is VBS. I believe it's the responsibility of the church to raise up our children with godly love and teachings. VBS is a wonderful avenue to do so!

We have an informational meeting for volunteers this afternoon at 5:15pm before service. We would love to see you there! We will be going over new aspects of VBS, theme, schedules, and what volunteers we need! We can't wait to see you there!



John's Jogs: THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Waiting in the upper room where the Apostles with about 120 disciples gathered - Peter stood up and said: ***“Men and Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, Judas was one of our number and shared in this ministry. Therefore, we must replace him.”*** They cast lots and the lot fell on Matthias. Matthias was numbered with the apostles.

The third activity within this 50 day period was the receiving of the Holy Spirit in the second chapter vs 1-13. Ten days of waiting after the ascension they were all together and in one accord (that's a miracle itself). Suddenly – from heaven – a sound like a mighty, rushing wind and something like divided tongues of fire – sat upon

each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Note: This baptizing of Holy Spirit occurred here and in Acts 10 as the gospel is made available to the Gentiles. It did not and will never occur again.)

NOTE THE CROWD'S RESPONSE

There were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation. There were Parthian, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs.

They were astonished and amazed for each heard in his own language. Amazed and perplexed, they asked, “What does this mean?” Others said, “They are full of new wine.”

Peter standing up with the eleven said, “.....let me explain this to you—listen carefully: “These are not drunk as you suppose – but this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel (Joel 2:28-32 and 2:17-21) It will come to pass in the last days (Christian Dispensation) He will pour out His Spirit on all people – (both Jew and Gentile). Everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved.”

CHURCH BONDS AVAILABLE

The church has \$51,000.00 long term bonds available. As you know, church bonds, secured by property, offer an excellent investment.

Plus, they provide funds to be applied to the construction project.

If you are interested in all or part of these bonds, please see David Arnold.

Daily Bible Reading

Day by Day Reading Schedule Week of March 27—April 1:

March 27: Monday — Acts, Chapters 1-2
 March 28: Tuesday — Acts, Chapters 3-4
 March 29: Wednesday — Chapters 5-6
 March 30: Thursday — Chapters 7-8
 March 31: Friday — Chapters 9-10
 April 1: Saturday — Chapters 11-12

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EVENTS AND NEWS

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Vacation Bible School Meeting TODAY!

At 5:15 P.M.

Family Center

Contact Reid Stafford

Friday Morning Fellowship (FMF) 9 a.m.

March 31st

Everyone is invited for a time
of devotion and fellowship.

Contact: Don Sammons

**REVISED
HOMECOMING WEEKEND
DATE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017!**

**Mark Your Calendar!
Vacation Bible School
June 19th—23rd!
Help is Needed!**

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.



Dear fellow Christians,
Thank you for the cards, calls
and prayers for my wrist surgery
and recovery to be successful.

Thanks to your prayers, I am doing fine
now and recovering well. I should be
good as new in a few months after my
therapy is completed.

It is so comforting to know there are
godly Christian brothers and sisters pray-
ing for you and offering help and visits
when sickness or injuries occur. You are
all in my prayers as well.

May God richly bless you.

Love to you all.

Ron Blankenship



Dear Church Family,
Jeff and I want to thank everyone
for your cards, texts, concern,
and prayers as he recovers from

the blood clot and I recover from sur-
gery. Your prayers have been felt as our
Father has cloaked us in comfort and
peace throughout the healing process.

Please continue to life us up in prayers as
we continue on this journey.

Fondly, Jeff & Debbie Bolin

Church of Christ Men's Basketball League

Begins April, 2017

If you are interested in playing,
coaching or volunteering to
help, contact Elijah Brown

832-244-3739 [eli-
jahlevi26@yahoo.com](mailto:elijahlevi26@yahoo.com)

Church Calendar

March

26: VBS Volunteer Meeting

31: Friday Morning Fellowship

June

19-23: VBS

Youth Calendar

March

26: Youth Devotional

April

9: Camp His Way Deadline to sign-up

14th - 16th: LTC

Sunday Morning Bible Hour

Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

March 26: Justin & Julia Sammons

April 2: Aaron & Ashley Trent

April 9: Reid & Natalie Stafford

April 16: Tiffiany Thomas

April 23: Brent & Lisa Killough

April 30: Wes & Christy Smith

May 7: Aaron & Ashley Trent

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 29th

Menu: *Hamburger, Mac N Cheese,
Mixed Fruit, Dessert*

Cost: Adults \$5.00; Children: \$3.00
(Ages 3-6th Grade) Children 2 and un-
der 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:

Amy Freeman's results from her MRI showed the possible beginning stages of MS. She is scheduling an appointment with a neurologist.

Emmett Gaines requests prayers for the Deloney family. Emmett's friend, Terry Deloney (41) died last week following a stroke.

Lynn Antwine is in the Vintage HealthSouth Rehab/Hospital recovering from surgery to repair a broken femur. Please no visitors.

Donna Nance had fluid removed from her lung on Monday. They are testing the fluid for cancer cells.

Karen Watson will start chemo in a couple of weeks. Please pray for successful results.

Gwen Crosby will see her surgeon on March 28th. She continues to struggle with heart issues.

Landon White will soon be deployed for nine months.

Rose DeLay requests prayers for health issues and concerns plus medical costs.

Bill Hicks requests prayers for his great Aunt Hester Mills. She will have surgery on March 31st for treatment of cancer.

Josie Biron requests prayers for her family's spiritual health.

Yamile Delgado is in Columbia with her aunt, Flor Reyes, who was very ill, but has improved.

Harold Lawrence is recovering at home from another recent fall.

Stephanie O'Brien is consulting with additional doctors regarding

her health struggles.

Gregg Chappell, Sr. has finished his radiation and received a good report concerning its effectiveness!

Linda Stevens, Larry Keele's sister, is home recovering from a blood clot in her lung.

Baby Halle Spivey, Garland and Janis Bluhm's granddaughter continues to struggle with her heart issues.

Bettie Moran, Jana Eley's mother, is recovering from surgery for a pacemaker.

Winona Bullard, 85 year old grandmother to Kathy Gerber's son Jody, is recovering from surgery from a dog attack.

Karen Hall, Jess Long's niece, has been diagnosed with a large tumor.

Mike Wright, friend of Walter Jarrell, is in Brookdale Place.

Gus Drozario, Byron and Annette Willis' seven-month old grandson, is undergoing strong chemo treatments for cancer.

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

Families Who Have Lost Loved

Ones: Long, Gaines, Enders, Kendall, Sandhop, Deloney

Cancer Concerns:

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

Missionaries:

Dale DuVerney, Peter Chin, Eddie Cloer, Roman Halamiczek, 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, Casey Bolin, Charles DuVerney, Ryan Bonham, Phillip Cuccerre, Jr., Eric McCall, Darion DuVerney

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

Nursery Attendants

March 26: Ashley Trent & Pat Medlin

April 3: Martha Fassino & Cindy Asher

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
3/19/2017**

Sunday Combined Services...383
 Sunday Bible Class.....210
 Sunday Night179
 Wednesday Night.....167
 Contribution.....59,435.12
 Weekly Budget.....20,057.69
 YTD Contributions....284,764.19
 YTD Budget240,692.28
Over/(Under).....44,071.91

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

April

Glenn Asher

Food Coordinator

Check with your Family Circle Leaders

Church Wi-Fi Password
 churchguest

**Little Champs:
Mothers Day Out**

Contact: Lisa Killough
 littlechamps@att.net
281-893-2062
 Lisa Killough—Director