

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

Got Pain?

Generally, teens who read this question will say, “Got what?” Young and middle-aged folks say, “Heard of it.” Senior citizens don’t even have to be asked, and in fact, if you do ask this question, they may say something like, “Glad you asked, sit down for a while.”

Actually, the pain that I’m talking about today is not that which is related to arthritis or aching muscles. What I have in mind is pain such as Nehemiah experienced in Nehemiah, chapter 1. When he heard about the condition of Jerusalem and its people from his brother, Nehemiah felt real pain-- but of an internal, spiritual kind. He mourned and fasted for days. He continually prayed through this time. He confessed the sins not only of the people, but also in his father’s house and even in his own life. Read the powerful prayer Nehemiah found in chapter 1:5-11.

This makes me think – what really makes an impact on me? Do the things that hurt come only from the physical world or body? Or, do spiritual conditions have a powerful effect on me as well? Does it cause me pain, real pain that some of my brethren have left the Lord? Does it hurt, truly hurt that some congregations have strayed from the truths found in the Bible? Am I really hurting over a lost and dying world?

There’s an old song that speaks of still being able to serve the Lord although not being able to preach like Paul or sing like angels. We can all pray like Nehemiah – if we develop enough spiritually to hurt like him! Again, I ask “Got Pain?”

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Family Matters

Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open... (Neh. 1:5 – 6, *ESV*.) These words of Nehemiah’s prayer certainly reflect our desire as we gather to worship. Let not only His ears and eyes be open, but let us reflect the language of this prayer and be those who keep His commandments.

We welcome all of those who come to visit with us today. Whether you come with family or friends or just by yourself, we’re so glad you come. If you have any question

about the Lord’s will for your life, or about what we do here, please feel free to ask. If you would like, you can write in your question as you fill in the visitor’s information in the binder that will be passed to you at the end of services.

Growing again! We are so thankful that two brothers in Christ have chosen Champions as their church home. We welcome *Jerry McKinney* and *Damon Wilson* to the family. We look forward to our work in service to the Lord’s cause together.

This morning we will complete our first week of this section of *Look at the Book*.

As you can tell this week our emphasis is on Ezra and Nehemiah. Next week we will study the book of Malachi, so that is also our reading assignment for the week. Only 4 chapters – a breeze!

Thanks to all who made our Teachers Banquet possible – *John Qualls*, *Al* and *LaNell Allee* and others who set up the event, *David Arnold* our speaker, and our great teachers of God’s Word.

PARTING THOUGHT:
An atheist is a man with no invisible means of support.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Harry

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Worth the Reid: Meet Our Summer Interns!



Austin Peace

Austin Peace is a freshman at Oklahoma Christian, majoring in youth ministry. He is very involved with OC's choir and has been in a number of musicals! He is also one of OC's freshman Spring Sing directors, which is super cool! Austin is a local Houstonian; he grew up attending at Memorial church of Christ and went to school at Jersey Village. Unfortunately for Austin this means he loves following all

teams Houston! (comment from the writer!) Austin loves spending time with friends, quoting the tv show the Office, and telling corny "Dad" jokes. A life long dream of Austin's is to perform in front of a 100,000 plus crowd, but he says youth ministry is cooler! What a guy! I encourage everyone to keep Austin in your prayers through out the Spring and during the summer while he will be serving our youth group.



Caroline Hose

Caroline Hose is a Sophomore at Oklahoma Christian, where she is majoring in family sciences to become a marriage and family therapist. How awesome is that?! Caroline is also a local Houstonian who grew up attending Jersey Village church of Christ. She is involved with her social service club, Gamma Rho. She loves watching movies; some of her favorites are Interstellar and La

La Land! Like Austin, she has great taste in television and enjoys the Office and Parks and Recreation! Caroline is quoted saying that pizza is her best friend! Smart girl who knows what kind of company to keep! Her life long dream is to travel to every continent in her lifetime! Caroline has a passion for people, and this is evident right when you meet her. We are very excited to have Caroline join us this summer; she is going to do wonderful things! Please keep her in your prayers as she goes through school and joins us this summer.

John's Jogs: Almost But Lost!

In Acts 24, 25 & 26 Paul stands trial before two Roman governors and a Jewish king. In Chapter 24 it is before experienced Roman Governor Felix who was acquainted with the way (Christianity). Paul discoursed on righteousness, self control, and the Judgement to come. Felix was afraid and said: that's enough for now. **When I find a more convenient time, I'll call for you.** Two years later Felix was replaced by Porcius Festus, but because Felix wanted to grant a favor to the Jews, he left Paul in prison.

In chapter 25 vs 8 Paul answers three charges of the Jews before Roman Governor Festus: **"I have done nothing wrong: a) Against the Law of the Jews, b) Against the Temple c) nor against Caesar."** Festus wanting to grant the Jews a

favor, asked Paul if he would go with him to Jerusalem and stand trial before him there. Responding, Paul said, **"I have done nothing wrong against the Jews as you very well know. But since these charges are not true, no one has the right to turn me over to them. I appeal to Caesar."** Festus responded **"to Caesar you shall go."**

Festus gladly turns Paul over to King Agrippa in chapter 26. Paul is happy to talk to Agrippa because he understands the Jewish system. He first lays out his early life as a strict Pharisee and then his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. Then Paul says to the King, **"I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen that the Christ would suffer and as the first to rise**

from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles." Festus interrupts and says **"You are out of your mind, Paul! Your great learning is driving you insane. !"** Paul says, **"King Agrippa do you believe the Prophets? I know you do."** Agrippa said to Paul, **"Do you think in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?"**

Three men of renown were presented to the gospel. They could have rendered great service to God. **—"I'll see you in a more convenient time, - Paul, you're learning has made you insane ---do you think in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?" What a Great TRAGEDY - ALMOST BUT LOST!**

Adult Bible Classes Spring Quarter:

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class teachers:

"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

Wednesday Night

Adult Bible Class:

"Look at the Book"

- FC Auditorium: Larry Keele

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EVENTS AND NEWS

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.



Damon Wilson

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Houston, TX 77095
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Damon -DOB: 11-10
Wife: Vickie 01-22
Anniversary: 07- 26

Jerry McKinney

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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.



To all the ladies of Champions and the Ladies Bible Class:
Thank you for your cards, thoughts, prayers and good wishes for a speedy recovery during my stint in the hospital. In the days ahead I will keep you in my prayers and thank the Lord for His requested healing.

God bless you.
Dorothy Kuehl



William H. "Bill" Bonham

Bill was born in Seagraves, Texas on November 20, 1930 and passed from his earthly home on March 3, 2017.

He met his sweetheart for life, LaVerne White, when he was a junior in High School at Seagraves High. They later married on November 20, 1952 and were married for 64 years before her death on June 6, 2016.

Bill served in the U.S. Army and retired from Baker Hughes following 48 plus years of service.

Bill and LaVerne moved their membership to Champions in 1993. He has served as a deacon at Champions over the operations of the church building for over 20 years. He was last at the building cleaning on Friday night before suffering a massive stroke the following week. Bill is survived by his son, Carl Bonham, and wife Mary; son, Dale Bonham and wife, Camille; and three grandchildren, Ryan, Ross, and Lauren.

His services will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Earthman Resthaven Funeral Home (I-45 at Kuykendahl). Visitation will be prior to service from 9:00 -10:00 a.m.

The Bonham family will be served a meal following the Bill's services in the Family Center at Champions.

"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14

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 - TFT Commentary and give your payment to Marvin Trice or Jeanie Kuehl.

Church Calendar

March

- 10: Impact Garage Sale
- 12: Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 13-17: MDO Spring Break
- 14: Sunny Glen Food Truck
- 16: Men's Night Out

Youth Calendar

March

- 5: Parent meeting -5:00 pm
- 8: R&R
- 14: Tuesday morning Top Golf
- 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 5: Reid & Natalie Stafford
- March 12: Brent & Lisa Killough
- March 19: Wes & Christy Smith
- March 26: Justin & Julia Sammons

Men's Night Out

Thursday, March 16 @6:30 p.m.

Location TBD

Contact: Wes Arnold



Dear Champions Family,
Thank you so much for your prayers and kind words of encouragement for my recent surgery.

I'm also appreciative for the cards, calls, food and visits that I received from you during my recovery. Phillip and I are grateful for our church family and for the comfort and blessing that you've been to us.

In Christian Love,
Jackie Cuccerre

Vacation Bible School

June 19th—23rd!

If you can help, contact Reid Stafford

Wednesday Night Meal

March 8th

Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, mushroom gravy, mixed veggies, salad, rolls and angel food cake with mixed berries.

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:

The family of Bill Bonham.

Sherry Johnson for healing from her recent illness.

Debbie Bolin is recovering from surgery at Memorial Hermann Hospital in The Woodlands. She may go home today.

Gwen Crosby is awaiting scheduling of surgery for a nodule on her lung.

Ron Blankenship is recovering from surgery to repair a compound fracture above his wrist.

Amy Freeman is suffering with headaches and vertigo issues.

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

Gregg Chappell, Sr. continues radiation treatments daily. A sign up list for week five is available in the back.

Harold Lawrence is home continuing his recovery.

John Hixon is home, but continues to struggle with respiratory and GI issues.

Robert Leyer requests your prayers to more like Jesus.

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

Jean Taylor, June Freeman's sister, is having some problems following her recent surgery to remove a malignant tumor.

Champions Members On-

going 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 Ongo-

ing Concerns: Evelyn Keefer, Halle Kate Spivey, Zion Jones

Response: Robert Leyrer

Cancer Concerns:

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

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

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 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
2/26/2017**

Sunday Combined Services..414
Sunday Bible Class.....247
Sunday Night155
Wednesday Night.....nc
Contribution.....20,651.18
Weekly Budget.....20,057.69
YTD Contributions...181,952.07
YTD Budget180,519.21
Over/(Under).....1,432.86

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