

***THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT***

***Friend Day (at the Park)***

*This is the day the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it." (Psa. 118:24)*

*Rejoice with us by participating in the events of this wonderful day!*

**Study** the **Bible**  
with us



**9:30-10:15 Bible Classes for all ages**

**8:15-9:15 and 10:30-11:30 Worship**



**12:45-3:00 Picnic, Devotional, Fellowship and Games**

***No 6 PM Service Tonight***

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**Family Matters**

*I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations for your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.* (Psa. 57:9-10) We are blessed by every guest who has come to give thanks to God with us! We hope our time together is uplifting. We also hope that you will be our guest for the rest of the day's activities at Spring Creek Park in Tomball!

Our hearts go out to *Shawn Waye* as he requested our prayers in his behalf. May God bless Shawn in his renewed desire to walk in His

paths!

*Great News!*

We rejoice with *Martyn Shuttleworth* in his new job! (We are really glad that this will not require a move!) We are proud of *Ashlee Farmer*, who has been inducted into the National Honor Society. We are humbled with the granted prayer request that *Amy Freeman* does not have MS as originally thought. Let us give thanks to our God!

Calling all Men! We want to see you at Men's Day! Be sure and let *Wes Arnold* know so appro-

prate arrangements (like the amount of food!) can be made! It will be an inspiring, fun day together! Join us!

If you want to help with the *Impact* meal Sunday, sign up or see *Wes Smith*. You will truly be the one blessed if you choose to go and help in this work!

Parting Thought: *Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking in the light alone!*

**HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!**

*Amy*

## Worth the Reid:

He was furious in that moment. He could not believe he had traveled all this way for another dead end. How many times had he been promised a guaranteed cure? He had tried them all and nothing ever worked. Why had he been cursed with one of the worse ailments of his time? He was not just angry but frustrated. Thinking back on all the failed attempts, not only that, but this prophet of Israel wouldn't even come meet him face to face. Won't even come out and look at my diseased body, thought the very disgruntled commander of the Syrian army. Then he has the gall to tell me by washing in the Jordan my leprosy will be cured with something as simple as river water? What about the Abana or the Pharpar? At least those are known for having the best water. I'm done, this is not what I had in mind.

In 2 Kings chapter 5 we find Naaman, commander of the army of Syria, who is described in two ways. First, as a mighty man of valor, which, let's be honest, is a pretty awesome title to go by. I don't think anyone is going to be calling me a mighty man of valor any time soon! However, Naaman was also described as a leper. Luckily for this man of valor, one of his wife's servants who was a young girl from the land of Israel told Naaman of a man who could heal his leprosy. He looks into it, yet when he gets there, he is given news that he was definitely not expecting. He thought his cure was going to come in a big show of power and waving of hands, maybe a giant bolt of lightning, but instead he is told by a messenger to go and wash in the Jordan 7 times and he will be cured. Yeah, right.

It's easy to understand this man's frustration and anger. It doesn't make sense; he wasn't expecting the God of Israel to provide in that manner. When Naaman was expecting an open door God didn't even give him a cracked window! He provides through the Jordan river. Naaman swallows his pride and washes seven times in the river and is cured of his leprosy. In life we have to remember that God is going to take care of us, and he is going to provide. It just might not happen the way we thought it was going to. Sometimes we will have to have faith and take a swim in the Jordan.

## John's Jogs: NO OTHER NAME

Concluding chapter 3 in last week's article, Peter and John challenged the people concerning the healing of a crippled man by showing them that they had been wrong in denying Christ when God had resurrected Him and that it was **In His Name (Christ)** that this man was healed. **Up until now** the authorities had let the disciples alone. But now in chapters 3-5 when the disciples began dedicated and effective preaching in Solomon's Colonnade (a part of the Temple) the people eagerly listened - it was time for the authorities to do something (they thought).

**This article today describes the first collision of hostile authority with Christian faith and shows in essence the result of that collision in all ages. The motives of the antagonist can be analyzed thusly:**

**PRIESTS of The temple** – annoyed by the fact that that Peter and John taught the people. **CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD** - he was responsible for law and order. **SADDUCEES** – they were incensed at the teaching of the resurrection which they denied,

**We see the position of the Sadducees and Pharisees inverted in Acts as compared to the Gospels.** While Christ lived on earth it was the Pharisees who provided most of the opposition. . .His most solemn warnings fell on them. After the **Resurrection** the **Sadducees** head the opposition. **The resurrection made the difference!** We can see emerging in the first three chapters the **high respect** for the **NAME of Jesus** held by the apostles. Now in the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> chapters they emphasize it in their

teachings, and it is climaxed in 4:12 when Peter declared: **“Neither is there salvation in any other NAME!”**

There are 3 major episodes in the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> chapters - my next three articles will discuss each of these in order one at a time.

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**“In Search of the Lord's Way”  
TV Program is aired at  
7-7: 30 am Sundays Channel 53**

**May Topics:**

**May 7: Christian Values**

**May 14: In Christ**

**May 21: Consider (fake news ½ truths)**

**May 28: Jesus and His promises**

## Special Opportunity

### 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.

## Guest Speaker

### Guest Speaker Sunday P.M., May 7th Truitt Adair from Sunset International Bible Institute (SIBI)

He will share with us their vision for evangelism of our nation and world. You will be greatly blessed and encouraged to hear his presentation!

## Daily Bible Reading

### WEEK of April 30—May 6:

May 1: Monday—II Corinthians, Chapters 1-3  
May 2: Tuesday—II Corinthians, Chapters 4-5  
May 3: Wednesday II Corinthians, Chapters 6-7  
May 4: Thursday—II Corinthians, Chapters 8-9  
May 5: Friday—II Corinthians, Chapters 10-11  
May 6: Saturday—II Corinthians, Chapters 12-13

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## EVENTS AND NEWS

### Truth for Today

The Board of Directors for *Truth for Today World Mission School* has elected to restructure the organization to improve operational efficiency of the work as the complexity of the expanding worldwide distribution of materials for national teachers and preachers together with the on-line "Through The Scriptures" school increases. This work is designed to reach out to every part of the earth with paper and on-line schools in twenty-two languages. There is no larger undertaking of this nature in the brotherhood. The Board will be expanded from seven to nine members, and personnel will be added to the staff to provide improved oversight and stewardship. The expanded Board will have a broader and more diversified pool of talent with elders representing at least three congregations. As a result of this restructuring, the church of Christ in Champions will no longer serve as the overseeing congregation. However, Champions will continue to have two elders on the Board to ensure the continued integrity, doctrinal accuracy and stewardship of this work, and Champions will continue to be a strong supporter of Truth for Today and the *Through the Scripture* school. This work will continue to be a key portion of our Foreign Missions outreach work. Address any questions you have about this change to one of the elders.

Marvin Trice

### Church Calendar

#### April

30: Friend Day & Picnic  
30: Nabwike Joseph Last Sunday

#### May

6: Men's Day  
7: Impact Meal  
7: Mission Meeting  
7: Guest Speaker PM Service  
21: Homecoming Meeting  
28: Senior Day

#### June

19-23: VBS

### Youth Calendar

#### May

12-14: Camp His Way  
28: Senior Day

#### June

19-23: VBS



### Dennis & Pam Long

9911 Edgewood Manor Ct.  
Tomball, TX 77375  
Dennis: 832-398-9774  
Pam: 832-398-9772  
DOB: Dennis 11-21  
Pam: 6-23  
Anniversary: July 1st

### IMPACT MEAL

#### Sunday May 7th

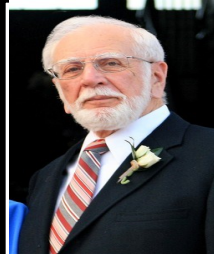
Please sign the lists posted in the Family Center. Contact: Wes Smith

### Gift Cards for the Rutgers Family

The Ladies Class is sponsoring a gift card shower for the Rutgers family to help them welcome their four adopted children from Bulgaria. We recommend gift cards from Walmart, Target or Academy, or if you want to contribute funds toward a gift card that's great too! Please give your donations to Cindy Asher or Carla Mahle

### Champions Basketball Schedule

Date	Time	Home Team	Away Team	Location
Mon 5/1/2017	7:00 PM	Fifth Ward	Champions	Northland Christian School
Mon 5/1/2017	8:00 PM	Woodland Oaks	Jersey Village	Northland Christian School
Mon 5/8/2017	7:00 PM	Champions	Woodland Oaks	Northland Christian School
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April 24, 2017

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Pap is survived by his beloved wife, Joyce, three daughters, Kathryn Bethke, husband, Jim; Melinda McClinton, husband, David; and Mary Everett, husband, Garry. He is survived by 3 grandchildren, Courtney, Amanda, Trey and two great-grandchildren, Reece and Ryder, and one sister.

Pap served in the US Army. He retired from National Supply Division of ARMCO Steele. He enjoyed traveling and photography, the outdoors and spending time with his beloved family.

His services were held on Wednesday in Tomball, TX.

In lieu of flowers Memorial donations may be made to the church of Christ in Champions or to a charity of your choice.

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### Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

April 30: Wes & Christy Smith

May 7: Aaron & Ashley Trent

May 14: Justin & Julia Sammons

### Today!

#### Spring Creek Park

15012 Brown Rd.

Tomball, TX 77375

Potluck Picnic 12:45 PM

Afternoon Devotional 1:45 PM

No 6:00 P.M. Service

### Men's Day—May 6th

Guest Speaker: *Jeff Sammons*

Samuel Matthew Park

1728 Hufsmith Rd.

Tomball, TX 77375

Please sign the list in the back of the FC

Contact: Wes Arnold

### Missions Committee Meeting Sunday, May 7th @ 4:30 p.m.

Cutten Parkway House

Contacts: Bryan Runions and Troy Thompson

### Wednesday Night Meal—May 3rd

Menu: *Chicken Marsala with Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Rolls, Salad, Butter Pecan Cake*

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

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



### Farewell

#### Nabwike Joseph

Today is *Nabwike Joseph's* last day at Champions! May God bless your travels with safety! We love you and will miss you!



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
- 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:**

**Joyce Papillon** and her family in the loss of their beloved husband, father, grandfather, (Pap) Sherwin Papillon.

**Dave McConathy** will have a tumor removed from his kidney on Monday, May 1, 2017 at St. Luke's Hospital, 6720 Bertner Avenue at 1:00 PM. He is to arrive at 11:00 AM at the Day Surgery Department, on the third floor. He is expected to stay in the hospital for 2-3 days.

**Teola Boutte** is recovering from Thyroid surgery.

**John Burns** is taking shots to build up his blood count.

**Arlene Hale** is home recovering from a serious infection. No visitors please.

**Donna Nance** will begin a new type of treatment for her bone cancer. Please pray this will be successful in healing her body.

**Lynn Antwine** is home continuing to recover from his broken hip.

**Karen Watson** will have her next round of Chemo Treatments beginning on May 2nd.

**Juanita Cox**, Frankie's mother, has been moved back to Grace Care Nursing Home and placed in hospice care.

**Gwen Crosby** remains in St Luke's Hospital, room 415, in The Woodlands, recovering

from a lung biopsy.

**The Block family**, friends of the Coleman's, requests prayers for their 1 year old son, Calum, who has been hospitalized after he pulled out his trach and went without oxygen for a period of time.

**Robert Chappell**, Gregg Sr's., brother, is very critical and not expected to live. Please pray for his peace and comfort.

**Gene Sheppard**, Hank's brother, is recovering from heart valve surgery.

**Halle Spivey**, Garland and Janis Bluhm's granddaughter, as she continues her recovery from heart surgery.

**Gus Drozario**, Byron and Annette Willis' grandson, continues his recovery from a bone marrow transplant.

**Champions Members Ongoing**

**Concerns:** Rose Delay, Sharon DeCarlo, Jeff Bolin, Lois Boyd, Richard Garza, Paulette Brown, Sue Trice, Fay Stephens, Glenn Dixon, Jan Kelly, Keith and Linda Underwood, B.B. & Dorothy Snell, Harold Lawrence

**Hospice:** Bernice Ponder, Juanita Cox, Robert Chappell

**Families Who Have Lost Loved**

**Ones:** Papillon, Tippit, McClelland, McConathy, Enders, Guilloiry, Terry Blackwood, Bounds, Cerny

**Family and Friends with Health and**

**Other Concerns:** John and Susan Quinn family, Adam and Malyn Murphy, Harley Morgan, Nicholas Greenhaw

**Cancer Concerns:**

John Burns, Gregg Chappell, Sr., Caella Chappell, Karen Watson, Wayne Hemingway, Bea Augustin, Rocky Harrell, Lawrece Smith, Pat Morrison, Joyce Kidwell-Stearsman, Austin Keefer, Gus Drozario, Karen Hall, Hester Mills, Paul Elkins, Randy McKain

**Missionaries:**

Dale DuVerney, Peter Chin, Eddie Cloer, Roman Halamicek, Eric Tan, Roland Mohsen, Workers at Biblical Institute of Central America, Eastern European Mission, Jordan Arnold, Will Hanstein, Mario Saldana and Aaron Solis

**Assisted Living/Rehab/ Nursing**

**Homes:** John Qualls, Terri Bennett, Margurite Pennington, Juanita Cox, Julia Garcia, Nell McDonald, Marie McCall, Jean Simpson, Bernice Ponder, Mike Wright

**Prayers for Military:**

Landon White, Brent Tyler Bowles, Traveon Gaines, William E. Taylor IV, George Marcus Jones, Melanie Adams, Travis Long, Aaron Jean, Charles DuVerney, Ryan Bonham, Phillip Cuccerre, Jr., Eric McCall, Darion DuVerney

**Employment Concerns:** Ernest Harris, Jr., Marc Culpepper, Patricia Pennington, Bill Hicks, David Kuehl

**Nursery Attendants**

**April 30: Susan Frazier & Karen Casey**

**May 7: Andrea Oakley & Alaina Robinson**

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  
4/23/2017**

Sunday Services..... 369  
 Sunday Bible Class..... 215  
 Sunday Night .....146  
 Wednesday Night.....na  
 Contribution.....20,849.57  
 Weekly Budget .....20,057.69  
 YTD Contributions 383,460.44  
 YTD Budget ..... 340,980.73  
**Over/(Under).....42,479.71**

**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**

**May**

David Arnold

**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