

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

A Note to our Seniors...

Remember, and...

In this time of transition, there are some things that I should like to remind our seniors (and the rest of us as well.)

As the Scriptures declare that we should give honor to whom honor is due (Romans 13:7), I find it a real privilege to honor our seniors in this article. They certainly have reached a milestone in their lives as well as in their academic careers. They are now about to embark on a journey of remarkable transition and change in their lives. This is true whether they continue their education in college or join the workforce. They are beginning a period of newfound freedom and independence. In this time of transition, there are some things that I should like to remind our seniors (and the rest of us as well.)

Remember! "Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no delight in them." Ecclesiastes 12:1 (NASB95). I share with you these words of Solomon, hoping they will become a foundation stone for your lives. The first priority in life should be to always remember to give our Maker the recognition and praise due Him. We do this by regularly reading His Word, talking with Him in prayer, and taking an active, regular role within a local congregation of His Son's church—wherever we happen to go in our next step. Keep your Creator front and center! Cf. Matt. 6:33.

Roots! Remember where you came from. There are those who have loved you and wanted the best for you, both within your physical family and your spiritual family at Champions. Untie those apron strings, perhaps, but don't cut them! Know that there are members of your family and brothers and sisters in Christ who are behind you – praying for your success but standing ready to provide a resource for those times in which you might have questions, doubts or difficulties. Keep these resources in mind! Cf. Col. 1:9.

Reflect! Remember to reflect on those things you are taught whether by an instructor at school, friends you make, or by life experiences you go through. Hold those lessons up in the light of God's Word and examine them closely. If they are true to that Word, hold them closely! If they lead you away from the Word, discard them immediately! If they lead you to question, remember that questioning *can* be good. It can be one of the ways in which your faith becomes your own and not just a hand-me-down from your parents. However, don't just bottle up those questions inside; rather remember and use the resources listed in the paragraphs above! Cf. 1 Cor. 1:18ff.

Renew! Remember to consider your commitment to Christ and renew it daily. Cf. Gal. 2:20.

Seniors, once again we are proud of you and praise our God for you. May His blessings be yours!
—Larry Keele

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Family Matters

We are glad to have all of our guests today. Please leave a record of your visit when the notebooks are passed at the end of services and please, come again when you can!

we will have our final worship service of the day. You will have a special treat as our two senior young men will share the sermon time in this youth-led service. By staying, you will not only encourage them but you will receive a blessing!

Parting Thought: What lies behind us, and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Immediately following lunch and the showing of our senior videos,



John's Jogs: Memorial Day

This article has been run before, but since the knowledge of our history is so weak at the present time, it is important enough to run it again.

By federal law, Memorial Day is designated as a Federal Holiday and is observed the last Monday in May. This was established by Congress in 1971. The origins of Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it was first known, are remote and mixed. In rural America, the custom of cleaning the cemeteries and decorating the graves, usually in late summer, was an occasion for reunions, revivals and picnics. Many cities and/or states claim to be the first like Boalsburg, Pa., Jackson and Columbus, Miss. and Arlington Heights, Va.

Memorial Day as a holiday was originally observed in the north on May 30th, in honor of the soldiers who died in the Civil War. Before the close of the Civil War, May 30th, was also observed in many of the southern states. There was no fixed celebration until May 5, 1868 when Commander in Chief, John A. Logan, of the Grand Army of the Republic issued General Order Eleven designating May 30, 1868, *"for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion"*. Logan did this, *"with the hope that it will be kept from year to year."* May 30 was made legal in Rhode Island in 1874, Vermont in 1876 and New Hampshire in 1877.

By the second half of the 20th century it was recognized in all the states except Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas. The May 30 celebration in Virginia was regarded as a Confederate Memorial Day. As late as 1967 when my Britannica was published, Confederate Memorial Days were celebrated in Louisiana, Tennessee and Arkansas on June 3 (Birthday of Jefferson Davis), in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi on April 26, and South Carolina May 10. Recently I received a letter from the trustees of the cemetery in Tennessee where my parents and one brother are buried inviting me to the annual homecoming and Decoration on June 6. That event has occurred annually since my earliest remembrance. Later the Memorial Day was to remember all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in all wars and is commemorated by programs at National cemeteries across the nation as well as a **presidential appearance at Arlington Cemetery** and placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Arlington National Cemetery received its first Union soldier for burial in May 1864.

Let's take time out of our busy holiday weekend of picnics, sports, travel etc. to pay honor and reverence for those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom that allows us to enjoy these pleasurable events. **Perhaps a trip to the Veterans cemetery on Veterans Memorial Dr. would be a great experience.**

In Search of the Lord's Way is aired 7-7:30 Sundays on channel 53(KUBE)

June topics are as follows:

June 4: FRIEND TO JESUS

June 11: THE MESSAGE PREACHED

June 18: PASSING ON THE FAITH

June 25: DOES JESUS CARE?

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

David Arnold & Larry Wilson	(FC Auditorium)
Bill Johnson & Don Sammons	(FC CR 2)
Britt Jones & Alan Reed	Families (FC CR 5)
Bryan Runions	Young Professionals (CPH1)
Chris Ball	College Age (CPH2)

Daily Bible Reading:

WEEK of May 28—June 3:

May 29: Monday—Mark, Chapters 1-3

May 30: Tuesday—Mark, Chapters 4-7

May 31: Wednesday—Mark, Chapters 8-9

June 1: Thursday—Mark, Chapters 10-12

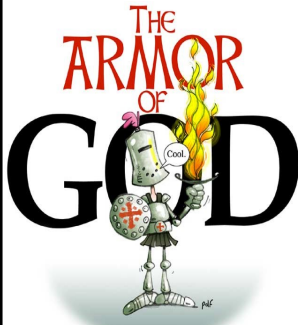
June 2: Friday—Mark, Chapters 13-14

June 3: Saturday—Mark, Chapters 15-16

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EVENTS AND NEWS

VBS—JUNE 19-23! Help is still NEEDED!



VBS Items Needed by June 11th:

1. Empty paper towel rolls
2. Gift wrap rolls
3. Cheap rolls of foil
4. Cans of spray paint / black, white, grey
5. Cardboard
6. Paper grocery bags
7. Clean milk / water plastic gallon jugs

Please place these items in the Family Center Kitchen in the container on the tables. Contact: Reid Stafford

Church Calendar

May

- 28: Senior Day
- 29: Office Closed
- 31: Interns begin work
- 31: Jeff & Rebekah Johnson Farewell

June

- 1: Young at Heart Trip
- 19-23: VBS

Youth Calendar

May

- 28: Senior Day!
- 31: Interns first day!

June

- 19-23: VBS
- 30: Summer Youth Retreats

Sunday Morning Bible Hour

Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

- May 28: Tiffany Thomas
- June 4: Killough
- June 11: Smith
- June 18: Stafford

Homecoming Wedding

Photo Request

If you were married at Champions during the past 75 years, I would like a photo of the bride and groom (preferably in the front of the auditorium). Please send the pictures and the wedding date and full names of the couple to

“spsammons@sbcglobal.net”. Thanks, Susan Sammons



Congratulations

Bill and Martha Hicks are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Madison Elizabeth Hicks** to **Evan Bullock** on May 13, 2017. A date for the wedding has not been set.

Champions Basketball

Date	Time	Home Team	Away Team	Location
Mon 5/29/2017	7:00 PM	Woodland Oaks	Champions	Northland Christian School
Mon 5/29/2017	8:00 PM	Jersey Village	Fifth Ward	Northland Christian School

Hugh Wayne Hemingway, Jr.

July 9, 1919 - May 21, 2017

Wayne Hemingway went home on May 21, 2017. He was born on July 9, 1919. He is survived by three children, daughters, Beth Hemingway and Lois Ferrell and husband, Stephen; son, Pat, and his wife, Kay; five grandchildren, Kara, Michael, Jenni, Alyssa and Ryan; twelve great-grandchildren. Pre-ceded in death by his loving wife, Annile and his grandson Derek.

Brother Hemingway made a huge impact on the lives of so many throughout his entire life. Wayne was a faithful servant who loved his Lord. He served as an elder, minister, Bible class teacher and song director. He was also a gifted teacher who was beloved by his students, both Christian and non Christians. He served as principal at Northland Christian School for many years as well as other schools throughout the country, before retiring from Lone Star College in 2015.

Brother Hemingway will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He lived his life looking forward to the eternal promise of his heavenly home with God. “Well done thy good and faithful servant.”

Going Away Party

Jeff and Rebekah Johnson Wednesday Night, May 31st

Contact: Edie Tews

Jeff and Rebekah are moving to Michigan. We will have a Farewell Cake Party following evening services. Contact: Edie Tews

Young at Heart Trip Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center Thursday, June 1st

The Harris County Bus will leave Champions at 8:00 a.m. for LaGrange. Join the fun as we visit the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center. Cost: \$15.00 - This includes the Museum and Lunch. Contact: John Dickenson

Wednesday Night Meal May 31st

Menu: Roasted chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, and Brownies

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.

Attention 3rd-6th Grade Parents!

Camp Awesome Registration Forms are in the back of the FC by the VBS flyers.



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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:

Beth Hemingway and family in the loss of her father, Wayne. His services were held on Friday.

Donna Nance finished her 3rd week of chemo and continues to suffer with side effects of the medication and breathing difficulty.

Jean Taylor, June Freeman's sister, is home recovering from surgery.

Reba Navarro requests prayers for her sister, Ruth Kyle, who lives in Crockett, Texas. She is not doing well. Also, for her brother, Bennie Paul Kendrick, who is in a Dallas Hospital not expected to live long.

Chris and Allison George and family as they struggle with difficult family concerns.

Elizabeth McIlvaney, Martyn Shuttleworth's aunt, is recovering from a heart attack and fluid in her lungs. Please pray for peace for her and her husband, William, and children, Anne, John and Linda.

Greg Myer, uncle of Jude Privratsky (Tasha's son), has been diagnosed with extensive cancer.

Tommy Dang, friend of Kim Holt, remains in Ben Taub Hospital ICU 4F recovering from his injuries.

Halle Spivey, Garland and Janis Bluhm's granddaughter, is in

critical condition.

Baby Gus Drozario, Bryon Willis' grandson, is back in Texas Children's Hospital with complications. Please pray for all their family.

Jimmy and Karen Cullins, dear friends of Jeanie Kuehl's. Jimmy has been placed under Hospice care.

Champions Family Members with Cancer: John Burns, Caella Chappell, Gregg Chappell, Gwen Crosby, Donna Nance and Karen Watson.

Hospice: Bernice Ponder, Juanita Cox

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns: Sally Enders, Rose Delay, Sharon DeCarlo, Lois Boyd, Richard Garza, Fay Stephens, Jan Kelly, Keith and Linda Underwood, B.B. & Dorothy Snell, Harold Lawrence

Families Who Have Lost

Loved Ones: Sheppard, Miller, Chappell, Reed, Papillon, Tippit, McClelland, McConathy, Enders, Guillory, Terry Blackwood, Wallace, Shuttleworth and Fernie.

Family and Friends with Health and Other Concerns: John and Susan Quinn family, Adam and Malyn Murphy

Family and Friends with Cancer Concerns:

Bea Augustin, Rocky Harrell, Lawrence Smith, Pat Morrison, Joyce Kidwell-Stearsman, Austin Keefer, Gus Drozario, Karen Hall, Hester Mills, Paul Elkins, Randy McKain, Janie, Greg Myer

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

May 28: Ruby Sheppard & Rebekah Johnson

June 4: Thresa Dickenson & Joan Burns

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
5/21/2017**

Sunday Services.....	334
Sunday Bible Class.....	228
Sunday Night	171
Wednesday Night.....	169
Contribution.....	19,773.00
Weekly Budget	20,057.69
YTD Contributions.....	464,695.74
YTD Budget	421,261.49
Over/(Under).....	43,484.25

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:
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Elder of the Month

May

David Arnold

June

Jim Chitwood

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