

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

Look at the Book: Ephesians 4:4-6

Questions for You... “How Many Does It Say?”

How many...bodies are there? (The body here is the church according to Eph. 1:22-23)

The world says, “Literally, thousands!” and think it a good thing for one can “pick and choose.” Scripture says, “One body” and it belongs to Christ! (Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23)

How many...Spirits are there?

Some people declare Him a “ghost” while others ignore Him as though He doesn’t exist.

Scripture says, “One Spirit” given at baptism and our “down payment.” (Acts 2:38; Eph. 1:13ff)

How many...hopes are there?

Some say believers have differing hopes—some for heaven, others only for a renewed earth.

Scripture says, “One hope.” All Christians have the same sure hope of heaven! (Jn. 14:1-4)

How many...Lords are there?

Some try to follow many “lords” pledging allegiance to any and everything offering instant, though temporary, pleasure. Others live as if there is no Lord over them at all!

Scripture says, “One Lord” and every tongue will confess Him to be so. (Phil. 2:11)

How many...faiths are there?

Some answer, “There are many.” In fact, “What faith are you?” is a quite common question.

Scripture says, “One faith” which was given “once and for all delivered to the saints.” (Jude 3)

How many...baptisms are there?

Some say, “three forms”—sprinkling, pouring or immersion. Some say its purpose is just to be “an outward sign of an inward grace” or that it is one’s admission ticket to “join the church.”

Scripture says, “One baptism” and it is a burial *for* the remission of sins. (Rom. 6:4; Acts 2:38)

How many...Gods are there?

The world has long said there are many gods. Idolatry is not just a thing of the past even though many of them may be “unnamed.” Some have even said there are two Gods—one of the

Old Testament (a God of wrath) and one of the New Testament (a God of love).

Scripture says, “One God” and that God is “above all, through all, and in you all” and this One who changes not is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8)

How many...? The world says “Many!”...But what about Scripture? *How Many Does It Say?*

—Larry Keele

How many...?

*The world says
“many.”*

*What about
Scripture?*

*How Many
Does It Say?*

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Family Matters

As members of the Champions family, we feel blessed to have guests today to study God’s Word and worship Him with us. If you are one of those guests, please take a moment to fill in the information requested when the notebook is passed at the end of services. Come again!

Our hearts were touched by the request *Robbie Denton* made for prayers in her behalf. May God bless her with the peace and comfort for which she seeks!

Alan Reed announced his plans of retiring from his salaried work

here but said he and his family will continue to attend and serve the Lord together with us at Champions. It was a pleasure to work with *Alan* as fellow preachers, and we are blessed that *the Reeds* will continue to be a part of Champions.

In our continuing effort to highlight the achievements of our spiritual family, *Madison Phillips* made the Dean’s List (4.0 gpa) at *Freed-Hardeman* for the 4th straight semester! Terrific!

The *basketball team* will have their last game of the season

Monday night at 7 pm at Northland Christian gym. If you can, go out and cheer them on.

Vacation Bible School begins a week from tomorrow! There will be a work day this afternoon beginning at 3 for those who would like to help.

Parting Thought: When trials come our way we often wonder, “Why me?” but when they don’t come to us, do we ask, “Why not me?”

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Jimmy

Alan Reed: Stop and Smell the Tulips!

Last Sunday morning I announced my decision to not return to my position at Champions. I loved my time working at Champions, but I am excited to move forward to the next phase of my life. My family will continue to worship at Champions, and I look forward to working with you all as a fellow member.

I am just finishing up a 6-month sabbatical from work, a first for me. Since I was 14 years old I have felt the calling and obligation to work. While working is an honorable and necessary activity, in the last 6 months, I have learned there is more to life than working.

Lisa and I just returned from a trip to Canada. One of the activities on our agenda was to attend the tulip festival in Ottawa. While I was excited about most activities on this trip, I was a bit unsure about spending time at a tulip festival. I imagined myself resting or even napping on a park bench while Lisa explored the tulips of Ottawa.

Have you ever seen a beautiful bed of tulips? I quickly realized that the tulips were much more impressive than I anticipated. Slowly, I began to appreciate the beauty of

these flowers. It was not long before I was steadily taking pictures of tulips. I entitled this article "Stop and Smell the Tulips." It turns out tulips don't have much of a smell. They just sort of smell clean. A better title might be "Stop and Look at the Tulips," but it doesn't resonate as well. Despite the misguided title, I think you probably know where I am going with this article.

Our life here on earth is full of amazing wonders. For me most of these wonders were not seen from inside of a building or the cabin of an airplane. Ten years ago, I could not imagine taking the time to look at tulips on a vacation. Our trip would be planned down to the minute while focusing on hitting the major sights because, after all, I must return to work. Today I am thinking about tulips two weeks after returning from our trip.

The worry and stress of "making it" in this life keeps us from enjoying the wonders of God's creation.

Matthew 6:25-26 (ESV)

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,

nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

God will take care of the birds; He will take care of us. This world is not our home, and we are truly just passing through. If we store up all of our treasures on earth, I believe we will miss the preview of heaven.

Is your life filled with work and worry? Are you enjoying God's creation? Do you spend time enriching your life by building and maintaining relationships with others? I am asking you to trust me on this next statement. Stop worrying and working so much; you won't remember what you are concerned about in 6 months. Make a difference in the world, engage with others and the creation. Focus on enhancing your spiritual life. Make achieving balance a key goal in your life. The future is here, do it now!

John's Jogs: Consider Stephen's Sermon Acts 7:2-50

The sermon is basically divided into four parts: 1) The promise to Abraham, 2) The Patriarchs, 3) The leadership of Moses, and 4) The attitude toward Jesus the Christ. **Brothers and fathers, LISTEN TO ME!**

The **God of Glory** appeared to our father, Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran. **He** told him to **leave his country** and go to the land that He would show him. So he left the land of the Chaldeans (Present day Iraq) and settled in Haran (Present day Syria). After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you now live (Judea).

Abraham himself **never owned a foot of ground of this land** where you now live (Judea). But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land.

Interestingly, at that time Abraham was an old man, his wife was past the child bearing age, and he had no children to be his heirs. **Yet God told him, "Your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and will be enslaved and mistreated 400 years. But I will punish the nation they served as slaves."** Then He said, **"Afterward they will come out of that country and worship me in this place."**

He then gave Abraham the **covenant of circumcision**, and he became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are known and acknowledged as the big three of the Jewish Patriarchs. However, Isaac's importance seems to be as the son of Abraham and the father of Jacob

and thus the link between them.

Jacob became the father of 12 sons who are known as the 12 patriarchs or the leaders of the **12 tribes of Israel**. His brothers were jealous of Joseph and sold him into Egypt as a slave. God was with him and saved him from all his troubles. God gave Joseph wisdom, and ultimately Pharaoh made him ruler of all Egypt, except to Pharaoh himself.

A famine struck the whole area including both Canaan and Egypt. However, Joseph had made provisions with stored grain, thus Egypt had food. Jacob sent his sons to Egypt to buy grain. On their second visit Joseph told his brothers who he was. Ultimately, Jacob and all of the family, 75 in all, moved to Egypt where they all lived until they died.

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

EVENTS AND NEWS

Sunday Morning and Wednesday Night Adult Bible Classes

David Arnold & Larry Wilson
Bill Johnson & Don Sammons
Britt Jones & Alan Reed
Bryan Runions
Chris Ball

(FC Auditorium)
(FC CR 2)
Families (FC CR 5)
Young Professionals (CPH1)
College Age (CPH2)

Wednesday Night Summer Series—June 2017

Date:	Book	Speaker
6-14	Colossians	Bill Rasco
6-21	Philippians	Tim Stafford
6-28	1 & 2 Timothy	Scott Thibodeaux

Church Calendar

June

11: VBS Workday
11: VBS Supplies Needed
14: Summer Series—Bill Rasco
15: Men's Night Out
16: Friday Morning Fellowship
18: Father's Day
18: Homecoming Meeting
19-23: VBS
21: Summer Series—Tim Stafford

Youth Calendar

June

11: VBS Workday
15: Men's Night Out
16: Friday Morning Fellowship
18: Father's Day
19-23: VBS
29-2: Summer Retreat

Men's Night Out

Thursday, June 15th
6:30 P.M.

Bluewater Seafood - Champions
6107 FM 1960 W
Houston, TX 77069 (281-895-9222)
Contact: Wes Arnold
Please sign the list posted in the FC.



CHRIS HICKS

We rejoice with the angels in heaven in the baptism of Chris who was baptized at Camp Bandina on Thursday by Reid Stafford! This is the son of Bill and Martha Hicks!

Sunday Morning Bible Hour

Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

June 11: Smith
June 18: Stafford

Friday Morning Fellowship

June 16th @ 9:00 a.m.

All ages are invited!
Snack and Coffee Provided!
Contact: Don Sammons



HOUSTON RUNIONS

We rejoice with the angels in heaven in the baptism of Houston who was baptized at Camp Bandina on Thursday by his Dad, Bryan Runions. He is the son of Bryan and Chandra Runions!

VBS WORKDAY TODAY!

3:00-6:00 P.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Contact: Reid Stafford

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday Night Bowling

Beginning August 6th
Please sign the list in the FC.
Contact: Troy Thompson



For My Church Family,
You are always there for me
when my spirits need a lift.
Thank you all for the cards, calls
and e-mails I received while I was confined to the house.

I Love You All,
Arlene Hale

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

Wednesday Night Meal

June 14th

Menu: Chicken Parmesan, Broccoli, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Lemon 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.

Attention 3rd-6th Grade

Parents!

Camp Awesome Registration Forms are in the back of the FC by the sign up list.

**VBS
JUNE 19-23!**

Champions Basketball

Date	Time	Home Team	Away Team	Location
Mon 6/12/2017	7:00 PM	Fifth Ward	Champions	Northland Christian School
Mon 6/12/2017	8:00 PM	Woodland Oaks	Jersey Village	Northland Christian School



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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)
- John Qualls (Associate)
- Reid Stafford (Youth)

PRAYERS & NOTES

Prayer Requests:

Karen Watson will have her last round of this set of chemo treatments on Tuesday.

The Rutgers family, all “7” are home! *Welcome Ivan, Alexander, Anna, and Lily Violet* to Houston and to Champions! Prayer of Thanksgiving for their safe travels and for their new family.

Barbara Brown, Eltonio's mother, has been placed under Hospice care. Please pray for comfort for her and peace for her family.

Jeff and Rebekah Johnson and children as they adjust to their new home in Michigan. **Noah Reed** is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Gwen Crosby will have surgery for cancer on July 5th at St. Luke's Hospital in the Medical Center.

Donna Nance's chemo drug has been reduced so her immune system can recover. She struggles with ongoing side effects from the chemo, but has reduced pain. Please pray for her healing and comfort.

Jenifer Woodley requested prayers for her mother, **Pam**, and for herself.

John Hixon continues to struggle with health concerns.

Please pray for his healing and comfort.

Halle Spivey, Garland and Janis Bluhm's granddaughter, has made vast improvements, but is still at risk of losing her toes.

Caroline Herrera requests prayers for herself as she is seeking a shelter and a job.

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

Hospice: Barbara Brown, Bernice Ponder, Juanita Cox, Bennie Paul Kendrick

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: Hemingway, Shuttleworth, Sheppard, Papillon

Response: Robbie Denton

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

Expectant Parents:

Lance & Sarah Kinsey-12-2017

Friends and Family Members with Ongoing Concerns:

Tommy Dang, Erwina Moore, John, Stacy and Autumn Quinn, Adam & Malyn Murphy, Winona Bullard, Bettie Moran, Julia Lopez, Elizabeth McIlvaney, Ruth Kyle

Family and Friends with Cancer Concerns:

Bea Augustin, Rocky Harrell, Lawrece Smith, Pat Morrison, Joyce Kidwell-Stearnsman, 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

Nursery Attendants

June 11: Karen Casey & Robin Freeman

June 18: Holly Freeland & Rhonda Bonwell

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
6/4/2017**

Sunday Services.....	400
Sunday Bible Class.....	228
Sunday Night	123
Wednesday Night.....	166
Contribution.....	21,696.50
Weekly Budget	20,057.69
YTD Contributions.....	503,214.14
YTD Budget	461,326.87
Over/(Under).....	41,887.27

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

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