

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

What, Where, and When!

Paul's words to the brothers and sisters of the Philippian church have become words that Sunday School teachers have taught the children in the Bible classes for years: *Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.*" (Phil. 4:4)

What? *Rejoice!* The word here means gladness and rejoicing. There is a difference in such "joy" and what the world calls "happiness." A statement attributed to J. Sidlow Baxter shows the difference. "When happenings happen to happen happily, you have happiness; when happenings happen to happen unhappily, you have unhappiness; *happiness, then, is merely circumstantial happiness.* But joy is independent of circumstances."

Where? *Rejoice in the Lord!* The *state* where we find ourselves is so vital. In the Lord refers to our standing and relationship with Jesus. When we are baptized "into Christ" (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27) and that "in Christ" we are a new creation. (2 Cor. 5:17)

When? *Rejoice always!* Always? It's easy to ask, "How in the world can we do that?" A teen asks, "Where is joy when you find yourself bullied all day?" Parents ask, "How can there be "gladness and rejoicing" when we have a sickly child?" A mid-management employee adds, "How does joy fit in with losing my job and with it the ability to make our house payment? The care-giving adult asks, "How can there be joy when my Mother with Alzheimer's doesn't even remember me when I go to visit? Rejoice *then?* Does God really expect us to go about all day with a smile plastered on our faces like the "Joker" of the old Batman episodes?

The key to the mystery is to remember—the joy we have in Christ—as Lord of all things—good and ill! We have joy in Jesus as the Great Physician who ultimately heals every broken heart. We have joy in our Christ who, as King of Kings, has ultimate control and rule over this world and leads us to the next! You see...Christ is all of those—and in Control—regardless of circumstances or as Baxter said, "happiness."

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, "rejoice." Truly, when it comes to finding a lasting, meaningful joy in life—Paul tells us the What, Where and When!
—Larry Keele

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Family Matters

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Guests are special at Champions! We are always thrilled to have guests choose to worship our God together with us. If you have questions about the Lord or His will for you, please ask us or make a note of it when you complete the visitor's information card. May God's blessings be upon us all as we worship Him together today.

Our prayers and thoughts continue to be with Devin Holum as he requested prayers on his behalf. Also, we were blessed to have *Bill and Sherlyn Cartwright* place their membership with us! Be sure and meet them. As noted in a letter sent out from our elders, the Champions family is asked to consider men who have demonstrated the qualities of life mentioned in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and would be willing to serve the congregation as deacons. After prayerfully considering the Scriptural qualification and discussing the possibility of service with these men, members are asked to submit their names to the elders. Next Sunday's lesson (which coincides with our reading 1 and 2 Timothy) will be a look into those qualities found within the text. This can be a historic time in the life of the Champions congregation. Therefore, let us fill this time with prayers for this endeavor.

Tonight, there will be a meeting of the coordinators for our Homecoming/Building opening event. It will be a short meeting immediately following the conclusion of the evening services. Volunteers are welcome!

Parting Thought: Be humble...or stumble!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Larry

Camp Awesome—Applications NOW DUE!

**Sign-up NOW
for
Camp Awesome!**

Dates: August 2 - 6

Ages: 3 - 6 grade

Price: \$150 per camper

Theme: Cling to What is Good

Location: Twin Oak Ranch, Buda, TX

Applications will be at the back of the FC, or Reid can email you a copy.

Final application deadline is July 2nd!

John's Jogs:

Up until now the church has not actively moved outside the familiar borders of Jerusalem. Here they have grown like wildfire and built a strong home base. The stage is now set for another chapter in the history of the early church. We can see some basic principles that they applied which brought their fantastic success. If we will apply those same basic principles, we'll experience the same basic success.

Phillip, another of the seven chosen to serve tables quickly, **fills Stephens shoes** as an outstanding spokesman. Therefore, as we study the works **the Lord did through Phillip**, we see three of these vital principles at work. **"As for Saul, he began to destroy the church, going from house to house and dragging off men and women, putting them in prison."**

THE FIRST PRINCIPLE - "Those scattered - Preached the Word - wherever they went." (Acts 8:1-8) In The early days, they were establishing their strong home base in Jerusalem. They were arrested for preaching, threatened and commanded not to preach any-

more. They prayed for boldness and went back to preaching. The lesson comes ringing loud and clear, a basic principle applied: **No Matter What! They Continued to Preach Jesus!**

As Saul led the persecution of the church, the Christians were scattered! As they did in Jerusalem - they went everywhere preaching the Word. The violent hand of the persecutor acted as the scattering hand of the sower. The scattering of the disciples was meant, by men, to put out the fire - but by Christ, to spread it. **Thus the church spread like wildfire.**

Phillip went to Samaria and **preached Christ to them.** Multitudes heeded the things he taught. He performed many miracles and healings. There was great joy in that city. Thus the gospel moves from the narrow confines of Judea toward a world wide expansion. Phillip, the first recorded person to **preach beyond Judea**, goes to the Samaritans - half way between Jew and Gentile - a mixed race. The Samaritans were **eagerly seeking the truth.**

The apostles chose seven men to wait on tables so they could **attend to the Word**. One, Stephen became the first **Christian martyr** for his preaching. Now the second, **Phillip** effectively takes the gospel to the Samaritans. You never know from where the next great gospel preacher will arise.



"In Search of the Lord's Way"

TV program airs on Comcast 53 Every Sunday 7-7:30

Following are the July topics:

July 2—A NEW SPIRIT – Would you not like a New Spirit

July 9—A SERVANT'S HEART– "Give Me The Heart of a Servant"

July 16—BECAUSE OF JESUS –Our Hearts Have Taken a New Direction

July 23—ANOTHER GENERATION – We must stand strong in our faith

JULY 30—BE YE HOLY – Christians are to live Holy Lives.

SUNDAY MORNING & WED. Night ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

Sunday Morning:

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)

Wednesday Night Summer Series:

Date:	Book	Speaker
6-28	1&2 Timothy	Scott Thibodeaux
7-5	Titus	Thomas Reed
7-12	1&2 Peter & Jude	Wes Smith
7-19	Hebrews	David Duncan

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EVENTS AND NEWS



**THANKS to Our
VBS Volunteers!**

Daily VBS Attendance

Monday: VBS Kids	91	Thursday: VBS Kids	92
Volunteers	65	Volunteers	58
Tuesday: VBS Kids	93	Friday: VBS Kids	86
Volunteers	61	Volunteers	55
Wednesday: VBS Kids	96		
Volunteers	58		



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Anniversary 3-20

Friday Morning Fellowship

July 14th @ 9:00 a.m.

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

Sunday Night Bowling Fellowship

August 6th @ 7:30 P.M.

Cost: \$14.00 per person

@ AMF Willow Lanes
19102 State Hwy 249 N
Contact: Troy Thompson

Wednesday Night Meal June 28th

Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mixed vegetables, Salad, Rolls and Chocolate 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.



Deepest Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to *Mark and Robin Freeman and their family* in the loss of Mark's step-mother, *Martha Freeman*, who passed away on June 18, 2017. Please keep their family in prayer during this difficult time.

Tonight!

Homecoming Committee Meeting

Immediately following evening services. Please meet in the front of the Family Center. Contact: Larry Keele



Dear Church,
Thank you for the prayers during my search for employment. I am very thankful for the members at Champions.

Marc Culpepper

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

Church Calendar

June

25: Homecoming Meeting
28: Summer Series—Scott Thibodeaux

July

4: Office Closed
5: Summer Series—Thomas Reed
12: Summer Series—Wes Smith
9-13: Impact VBS
14: Friday Morning Fellowship
16: Missions Meeting
22: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Youth Calendar

June & July

29-2: Summer Retreat
9-13: Impact VBS
14: Friday Morning Fellowship
22: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

June 25: Aaron & Ashley Trent

July 2: Tiffiany Thomas

July 9: Wes & Christy Smith

July 16: Reid & Natalie Stafford

July 23: Justin & Julie Sammons

Daily Bible Reading

WEEK of June 25—July 1:

June 26: Monday—I Timothy, Chapters 1-2

June 27: Tuesday—I Timothy, Chapters 3-4

June 28: Wednesday—I Timothy, Chapters 5-6

June 29: Thursday—2 Timothy, Chapters 1-2

June 30: Friday—2 Timothy, Chapters 3-4



Dear Champions,
As I finish up the first phase of my treatments I want to say thank you so very much for everything! The phone calls, cards, food, prayers, hugs and words of encouragement have truly helped me during this crazy adventure. What a blessing you all are!

Love,
Karen Watson



Champions Youth and All,
Thank you all for the love, joy, and acceptance you have given me! I am well equipped to take on any trial. Thank you for your prayers for my family and myself! God bless everyone and may the Lord straighten every path! Oh, never forget Genesis 1:27!

Love and God bless,
Zachary T. Rickman
P.S. You da Batman



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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:

The Chappell's request prayers for good results as Caella undergoes tests on June 29th and 30th.

Karen Watson has an appointment with her oncologist tomorrow.

Donna Nance as she struggles with cancer and breathing difficulties.

Marc Culpepper has accepted an offer of employment! Prayer of Thanksgiving!

Jess Long is in A-Fib. Please pray that the medications will correct this problem.

Linda Breithaupt remains in the hospital at this writing waiting on lung improvement, following the removal of her pacemaker.

Thresa Dickenson is home recovering from knee replacement surgery.

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

David Beard, Janice Norman's brother, is in the hospital in Richmond, due to complications from gallbladder surgery.

Baby Halle Spivey, Garland and Janis Bluhm's granddaughter, will have additional

surgery to remove infection in her leg. Please pray for her doctors and for all their family. **Jean Taylor**, June Freeman's sister, as she takes chemo treatments for the next six months.

The Champions Family

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

Hospice: Barbara Brown, Bernice Ponder, Bennie Paul Kendrick

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns:

Julia Shaw, Noah Reed, Sally Enders, Rose Delay, Sharon DeCarlo, Lois Boyd, Richard Garza, Fay Stephens, Jan Kelly, Keith and Linda Underwood, B.B. & Dorothy Snell, Pam and Jennifer Woodley

Families Who Have Lost

Loved Ones: Mark Freeman, Cox, Farmer

Employment Concerns:

Ernest Harris, Jr., Patricia Pennington, David Kuehl, Caroline Herrera

Expectant Parents:

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:

Jean Taylor, Bea Augustin, Rocky Harrell, Lawrece Smith, Pat Morrison, Joyce Kidwell-Stearsman, Austin Keefer, Gus Drozario, Karen Hall, Hester Mills, Paul Elkins, Randy McKain, 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:

Terri Bennett, Margurite Pennington, 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., Darion DuVerney

Nursery Attendants

June 25: Rosie Martinez & Kylie Dodd

July 2: Betty Toldan & Allison Culpepper

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
6/18/2017**

Sunday Services.....	348
Sunday Bible Class.....	234
Sunday Night	121
Wednesday Night.....	176
Contribution.....	17,572.75
Weekly Budget	20,057.69
YTD Contributions.....	542,136.91
YTD Budget	501,442.25
Over/(Under).....	40,694.66

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

July

Bill Johnson

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