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THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

Look at the Book: Jude

Small Packages

Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

Sometimes great things come in small packages-- the book of Jude is one example. Only 25 verses comprise the whole of the letter. Yet, while so short, it contains some great lessons! Look what we can learn just from verse 3:

Jude 3 teaches that sometimes doctrine takes precedence.

Biblical lessons on how to be a good husband, wife, parent or child are vitally important to the health of Christian individuals and congregations. Lessons on how to be a good citizen, neighbor, employee or employer were also necessary to learn how to best let our light shine to the world around us. Sometimes in many circles today however, there seems to be such an outcry for only "practical lessons" on such topics as those above, that sermons dealing with basic doctrines—vital doctrines such as the inerrancy of God's word, the exclusiveness of Christ as being "the way" to God, the importance and work of the church, God's plan for man's salvation, and many others—are slighted. Jude says that while there is a time to write and speak about the salvation we have in common, there is also a time when one must write and speak about doctrine.

Jude 3 teaches that there is a common faith for all.

Jude speaks about "the faith." Like the apostle Paul who in Ephesians 4:5 says explicitly that there is "one faith," Jude helps us realize that we don't have the right to devise our own tenets of faith or accept such from any other source. He clearly speaks of, "the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints." That being the case, there should not be a multiplicity of answers when someone asked, "What faith are you?" The faith to which we subscribe must be no different than—nor more recent than—the New Testament.

Jude 3 teaches that sometimes we must speak out.

It's so easy to let error go and offer no response. No one will think differently about us, we think, so we don't speak up. However, Jude teaches us that there is a time that we should "contend" (literally "to struggle") for the truth. Remember only the truth can set us free, John 8:32, and thus it is not negotiable—it is not to be compromised but contended for! (Someone once said, "Silence is not always golden. Sometimes, it is just plain yellow!" How true! Yet also remember there is a very real difference—in both attitude and manner—between contending for the faith and being contentious!)

Jude 3 teaches us that sometimes big truths can come in "Small packages" -Larry Keele

Family Matters

"...though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory." (1 Pet. 1:8) We come together today because indeed, we do love Him! What a blessing it is to worship Him, and to be able to do so with our guests and friends who have joined with us today. Thank you for coming.

Thanks to Don Sammons for his work (and for all those who provide the snacks) for the Friday Morning Fellowships. These meetings are open for all ages and begin at 9 a.m.

Nominations for deacons are to be turned in today. You may give your form to any of the elders. Please remember to pray for this great, congregational-changing event!

Celebrating 75 Years of Service! Homecoming and Building Dedication, Sept. 16-17.

Look at the Book: Matthew

Parting Thought: Worry is the darkroom in which negatives develop!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Survey:

To better understand the needs of our members, needs of the community, and to grow the church, Champions is conducting a survey to review all that we do. Please complete the survey at the following link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9J6CRVR> - to submit your family's opinion of Champions. This survey is 100% anonymous (other than age and family status) and 1 survey should be submitted per family unit. If each person in your family would like to submit a survey, have only 1 member complete the demographics section. For questions on this survey, please contact Justin Sammons.

John's Jogs: SAUL THE ZEALOUS ANTI-CHRIST

Thus far in our study of Acts - Peter, John, Stephen and Phillip have been the heroes of the early church. Peter preached the first Gospel Sermon that opened the doors to the church. Peter and John together filled Jerusalem with the doctrine. Stephen spoke so forceful to the council that he was stoned to death. Thus becoming the first Christian martyr, Phillip became the first to take the Gospel out of Judea as he preached Jesus in Samaria.

All of this is about to change. The thrust of the church is about to shift to the Gentiles and with that shift will come other main characters. One of these will become the overriding character of the latter part of the book of Acts. At the stoning of Stephen we had a very brief introduction to a young man named Saul. He held their coats and was consenting to his death.

After Stephen's death, *"Saul made havoc of the church entering every house and dragging off men and women committing them to prison."* This was certainly an unlikely prospect to become a hero of the church.

Suddenly the church has an arch enemy in this young man Saul. (9:1-2) It seems he will stop at nothing to persecute the Christians even unto death. Now we find him zealously hunting them down even to foreign lands. Not only carrying out his assignments but actually asking for extra persecuting assignments.

Observe how Saul saw himself. – What kind of man would relish this kind of activity with such zeal? Note his description of himself: (26:4-5 & 22:3-4,9-11) A Jew born in Tarsus, capital city of Province of Asia. – Raised in Jerusalem

as a strict Pharisee – Taught by Gamaliel according to the strictness of Jewish law – Zealous toward God – I persecuted **"THE WAY"** to the death, binding and delivering into prison both men and women. – I thought I must do many things against Jesus –

Now how do you think Jesus must have seen him. Unlike us, Jesus looks to the deeper qualities in a person. Saul was dedicated to his cause – He was sincere in what he did - He was enthusiastic in what he did – He was honest, forthright and well disciplined. These are qualities that assure success in whatever field or endeavor they are employed. Saul is a perfect example of an honest, sincere, dedicated individual who was mis-directed and **MISERABLY LOST.**

Contrary to our opinion - he was a man ready for an encounter with JESUS! That's Next Week!

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
7-19	Matthew	James Wyatt
7-26	Hebrews	David Duncan
8-2	John	Larry Wilson

Wednesday Night College Class:

Cutten Parkway House

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

EVENTS AND NEWS

Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, July 22nd 8:00 a.m. Family Center

Please sign the list in the back of the Family Center if you plan to attend.

Contact: Wes Arnold



We extend our love and sympathy to the *McConathy* and *Chappell* families in the loss of their loved ones last week.

Dixie McConathy in the loss of her brother, *Leroy Lightfoot*. His services are pending.

Gregg Chappell, Sr., in the loss of his brother, *Frank Chappell*. His services were held yesterday at the Northland Church of Christ in Columbus, OH.

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

Cost includes shoe rental and unlimited bowling till 10:00 p.m. Please sign the list in the FC.

Wednesday Night Meal July 19th

Menu: Breakfast for dinner: Biscuits and gravy, pancakes, bacon and eggs, etc. Cost: Adults \$5.00, Children: \$3.00 (Ages 3-6th Grade), Children 2 and under Free. Meal served from 5:45 - 6:30

Opportunity to Help!

If you would like to donate \$\$ to help offset the cost of the meal for our Homecoming and Building Dedication Celebration in September, a *Money Bowl* has been placed in the back of the Family Center for your \$\$.

Contacts: Cindy or Jeanie



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
I want to let you know how I appreciate all the many prayers, calls and cards on my behalf since my surgery. Also, a special thanks to John and our daughter, Wendy for their love and care.

In Him,
Thresa Dickenson

Missions Meeting Today 4:30 p.m.

Family Center

Contacts: Bryan Runions or Troy Thompson

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

July

16: Missions Meeting
19: James Wyatt
22: Men's Prayer Breakfast
26: David Duncan

Youth Calendar

July—August

16: Youth Led Sunday night
18: Jr. High Zoo Day 6-8th Grades
20: Mystery night activity 6-12th Grades
20: Sr. High Lock-in 9-12th Grades
22: Men's Prayer Breakfast
23-30: Teen Mission Trip to Arms of Hope
Aug. 10-11: End of Summer Trip

ADDRESSES NEEDED

for the

75th Homecoming and Building Dedication Celebration!

Please send any addresses or email addresses for Champions former members to "office@championschurch.org".

Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

July 16: Reid & Natalie Stafford
July 23: Justin & Julie Sammons
July 30: Brent & Lisa Killough



To the Church of Christ in Champions,
As I leave for college I wanted to first say thank you for the generous gift that will help to support myself as I open a new chapter in my life. Attending this church has provided me with a constant sense of security and family. While I will be moving to San Antonio, I know I will always have a home at Champions.
Thank you for an upbringing of love and support.

Erin Doherty

Benefit for Gus D'Rozario

A Benefit for Baby Augustus (Gus) Mark D'Rozario, son of Robin and Amy D'Rozario, and grandson of Byron and Annette Willis, who is recovering from a bone marrow transplant for Acute Myeloid Leukemia, will be held at The Shack, 12710 Telge Rd., Cypress, TX on July 23, 2017. Additional information is available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/groovin-with-gus-tickets-35419543809> or contact Jason and Sarah Jackson. Come join in the fun! No tickets necessary.



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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:

Dixie and Dave McConathy in the loss of Dixie’s brother, Leroy Lightfoot.

Gregg Chappell, Sr. and family in the loss of his brother, Frank Chappell.

Carole Blankenship is home recovering from a recent fall in which she suffered multiple facial and skull fractures and a broken arm.

Jess Long as he continues to struggle with A-fib.

Donna Nance was unable to have her lung procedure to re-inflate her lung.

Gwen Crosby is home recovering from lung cancer surgery.

Karen Watson as she continues chemo treatments.

John Hixon in his struggles with health issues.

Betty Chappell, Gregg Sr.’s sister -in-law, is recovering from a stroke and the loss of her husband, Frank.

Larry and Judy Lee, Peggy Long’s cousin, as Larry has Alzheimer’s.

Sally and Jim Griffin, friends of Peggy Long, for Jim as he battles Alzheimer’s.

Bonnie Love, mother of Richard and Dennis, for healing and God’s counsel in decisions the family will be considering for her treatment.

Ever Johnson, 3 year old son of Bob and Amy Johnson, minister of the church of Christ in Waco,

was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

Baby Halle Spivey, Garland and Janis Bluhm’s granddaughter, as she continues her recovery.

Ryan Wendt, son of Jena and Tom Wendt from Bammel and father of 3 young children, fell off a balcony in Galveston, and he remains in a coma in very poor condition.

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

Hospice: Barbara Brown, Bernice Ponder

Champions Members Ongoing

Concerns: Carson Hill, Roger Aduddell, Linda Breithaupt, Thresa Dickenson, Kenneth Smith, Michelle Smith, 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 Jenifer Woodley

Families Who Have Lost Loved

Ones: McConathy, Chappell, Navarro
Employment Concerns: Ernest Harris, Jr., Patricia Pennington, David Kuehl, Caroline Herrera

Expectant Parents: Lance & Sarah Kinsey 12-2017

Friends and Family Members with Ongoing Concerns:

Tommy Dang, Erwina Moore, Adam & Malyn Murphy, Winona Bullard, Ruth Kyle

Family and Friends with Cancer

Concerns: Jean Taylor, Bea Augustin, Rocky Harrell, Lawrence 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 Halamiccek, 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, 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

July 16: Sarah Kinsey & Jan Aduddell

July 23: Jerry Johnson & Cindy Asher

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
7/9/2017**

Sunday Services..... 404
Sunday Bible Class..... 267
Sunday Night 186
Wednesday Night..... 173
Contribution.....19,431.45
Weekly Budget20,057.69
YTD Contributions.605,270.51
YTD Budget561,615.32
Over/(Under).....43,655.19

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

July

Britt Jones

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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281-893-2062
Lisa Killough—Director