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THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

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"All of them"...say some. Don't talk about "politics or religion" used to be the stock phrase often heard in public circles—particularly when a controversial issue arose. (Now, with the current political climate, it might be that only "religion" is said to be off-limits.) At any rate, the thinking is that everyone has the freedom to do their own thing, to believe their own way, so no one should mention anything that might in the least way be controversial.

"None of them"...say others. Don't let anything go left unchecked. Any mistake, any small slip, any error at all must be immediately and boisterously debated and refuted before all. Voices are often raised, veins bulge, and tempers flare. The issue really is not all that important to these folks. The time and place doesn't matter—winning in any and every arena is what counts—no matter the cost.

"Foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law"... says Paul. (Titus 3:9) Paul is not saying that one should avoid every controversy-- a superficial reading of his epistles will prove that to be the case. Nor does Paul say one should not worry about doctrine. Indeed, one of the qualities of the godly elder is that he is to "be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict." (Titus 1:9). Make no mistake, Paul teaches by both word and example that there are times to enter a controversy and declare the truth from the word of God which is "profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16, see Galatians for example). What Paul speaks of here are "foolish" controversies and disputes.

There are always controversies, disputes, and things about which we can debate. May we have the mind of Jesus enough, be Scriptural and prayerful enough, mature enough, wise enough, and discerning enough to know **Which to Avoid!**

—Larry Keele

Family Matters

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"I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints." (Philemon 1:4) Paul's words to Philemon are an appropriate way to begin this column, because there is so much to be thankful for when those that we care about have a great love for Jesus and faith in Him. When that is the case, when we are blessed to gather as a group—and have visitors with us who are likeminded—we can truly rejoice and give God praise and thanks! Don't forget to sign up for the bowling night, Sunday evening, August 6th, after services if you would like to participate. This will be a great way to have fun with members and friends from all different age groups. You don't have to be a great bowler (at least I hope not!) just one looking for some fun time together. There is a sign-up list on the back counter.

Jan Fariss gave her young students an assignment Wednesday night—to share some homemade cookies with others. It was really fun to watch the joy the children had as they shared their (tasty) cookies with others. Hmm... might there be a lesson for the rest of us?

Books of the Week: 1, II Peter & Jude.

Celebrating 75 Years of Service with a Homecoming and Building Dedication Sept. 16-17. Spread the word! There is a money bowl if you would like to help fund the Sunday Homecoming meal.

Parting Thought: Wrinkled with worry? Get a faith lift!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Amy

Worth the Reid:

IMPACT VBS!

This afternoon a group of our teens will be heading to Impact church to begin our week of VBS. We will be meeting the other churches we will be serving alongside us during this week.

Monday through Thursday will be the actual days of VBS. Our teens will have the opportunity to go on bus routes to pick the kids up from their homes and apartments. This can be a very eye opening experiences for our teens and a wonderful chance for our teens to connect with the kids.

During VBS our teens will assist the kids with reading time, serve them lunch, guide them through activity rotations, and mentor on a personal level. Impact can be a very encouraging experience for our teens. We are very excited for this ministry opportunity! Please pray for our teens as they serve this week.

John's Jogs:

The most important American national holiday commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence by John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, on July 4, 1776, at Philadelphia and its adoption by the delegates from the thirteen colonies. Its observance increased in popularity as a sense of national pride and accomplishment increased, and by the 1880's had become a major patriotic occasion. It is a political holiday and a community enterprise traditionally observed with fireworks, parades, band concerts, oratory, picnics, public entertainment and especially sporting events.

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel

them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

They then layout a host of considered injuries.

History Lesson: On July 4, 1826—50 years after the signing of the Declaration, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who had struggled so hard for the cause, both died on the same day.

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
7-12	1&2 Peter & Jude	Wes Smith
7-19	Matthew	James Wyatt
7-26	Hebrews	Justin Sammons

Wednesday Night College Class:

Cutten Parkway House

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

EVENTS AND NEWS

Friday Morning Fellowship
July 14th @ 9:00 a.m.
All ages are invited!
Snack and Coffee Provided!
Contact: Don Sammons

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

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. Contact: Troy Thompson

Wednesday Night Meal

July 12th

Menu: Chicken Carbonara, green beans, garlic bread, salad and dessert

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.

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.

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

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

Church Calendar

July

12: Summer Series—Wes Smith

9-12: Impact VBS

14: Friday Morning Fellowship

16: Missions Meeting

22: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Youth Calendar

July—August

9-12: **Impact VBS**

14: Friday Morning Fellowship

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

Wednesday Night College Class

(Cuten Parkway House)

Teacher: Aaron Trent

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

Agnes 2 to Kindergarten

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

July 9: Wes & Christy Smith

July 16: Reid & Natalie Stafford

July 23: Justin & Julie Sammons

July 30: Brent & Lisa Killough

Daily Bible Reading

WEEK of July 9—July 15:

July 10: Monday—I Peter, Chapter 1

July 11: Tuesday—I Peter, Chapter 2-3

July 12: Wednesday—I Peter, Chapters, 4-5

July 13: Thursday—II Peter, Chapters 1-2

July 14: Friday—II Peter, Chapter 3

July 15: Saturday—Jude 1

Benefit for Gus D'Rozario

A Benefit for Baby Augustus (Gus) Mark D'Rozario, son of Robin & Amy D'Rozario, and grandson of Bryon and Annette Willis, who is recovering from a bone marrow transplant for acute myeloid leukemia AML 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?aff=eac2>" or you may contact Jason or Sarah Jackson.



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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:

Reba Navarro in the loss of her brother, Bennie Paul Kendrick.

David Arnold is home recovering from injuries received in a fall while walking.

Donna Nance was unable to have her lung procedure to re-inflate her lung. Please no visitors.

Gwen Crosby was scheduled to come home this weekend following lung cancer surgery.

Roger Aduddell is recovering from the removal of a melanoma. He will have a skin graft soon.

Carson Hill as he heals from a broken knee cap.

Karen Watson as she continues chemo treatments.

Linda Breithaupt as she continues to recover from surgery.

Thresa Dickenson is home recovering from knee replacement surgery.

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

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

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns:

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:

Navarro, Kendrick, Garcia, Mark Freeman, Cox, Farmer

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 9: Betty Toldan & Edie Tews

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
7/2/2017**

Sunday Services.....	354
Sunday Bible Class.....	228
Sunday Night	139
Wednesday Night.....	170
Contribution.....	23,766.50
Weekly Budget	20,057.69
YTD Contributions.....	585,839.06
YTD Budget	541,557.63
Over/(Under).....	44,281.43

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
littlechamps@att.net
281-893-2062
Lisa Killough—Director