

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

How Encouraging!

“But encourage one another day after day...” Hebrews 3:13.

Have you ever thought *how* you might be an encouragement to others?

One of the great ways we encourage one another is by coming together to worship our God! Today is no exception. Let me tell you some stories of encouragers, and I think you will see what I mean.

There is the person or perhaps a family that really doesn't know anyone at Champions, and yet they have made the choice to come today because they are interested in studying the Bible and worshipping the God of it. They have overcome a bit of the uneasiness of the unknown because of their desire to draw closer to God. *How encouraging!*

There are some of our members who woke up to pain this morning. Just to get out of bed was difficult, much less getting dressed and making the trip to the building. Even once here, though they have a smile on their face, they still are in pain, sometimes even to sit for the length of the service. Yet, they are here. *How encouraging!*

There are those parents of small children. While the young ones may not like to get up so early in the morning, these parents have gone to the extra effort to get them up anyway, feed them, dress them, and have them here in time for Bible class so that they might learn of Jesus on their own level. *How encouraging!*

Others are parents of growing families. While there are sports or a thousand other things to pull families in different directions, these parents have made worshipping the Lord and studying His word as a family their priority. While not always easy (if they were like my folks, they might have even had to referee an argument or two in the car), yet they are here—intentionally! *How encouraging!*

This morning the single person had no one to nudge them out of bed, no one to tell them it was time to get ready “for church” as we say. Yet, here they are—totally of their own free-will to show their love for the Lord and His people. *How encouraging!*

While multiple names could be put with all the stories above, these are just a few of the stories of the encouragers here today. I'm sure your story, if not in generalized form here, somewhere could also be told. You've chosen to be here. You have put God first today. You are here with your songs and prayers—your praise and presence. May God's blessings be upon you! *How encouraging!*

—Larry Keele

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Family Matters

If you are our guest today, we thank you for coming. If you have questions, or if we can be of assistance, let us know. Please, come again soon.

We have been greatly blessed by a great volunteer crew who painted and did other work in the class rooms upstairs! Often working in little light and great heat of having no electricity, they have blessed us all with their work. Serving in this way were *Barney*

Bowles, Valerie Fraley, Susan Frazier, Amy Freeman, Lisa Kil-lough, Laura Mize, Suzanne Phil-lips, Lonnie Richmond, Don and Susan Sammons, and Edie Tews. Thanks for your service!

Tonight: Our own *Aaron Bell*, a Bible major at FHU will bring us the message of the hour. Be here, not only to support him, but to be inspired by the message he brings from the Word!

Look at the Book: Read: John

Celebrating 75 Years of Service! Homecoming and Building Dedication, Sept. 16-17. Note this change: the Homecoming Committee meeting will be tonight at 5 PM in the office building (Cutten Parkway House).

Parting Thought: From Glenda Gibson's collection: "Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape."

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Amy

Survey: Final Day to Complete Survey!

The Survey will close this evening!

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. The survey will be closed this evening. For questions on this survey, please contact Justin Sammons.

John's Jogs: THE PERSECUTOR BECOMES THE PERSECUTED

Saul's post conversion reveals the great truth that the Gospel is urgent! Immediately Saul becomes an enthusiastic proclaimer of Christ. Saul recognized the urgency of the mission Christ had given him (9:20-22). Thus he began immediately to preach Christ in the Synagogues. Those who heard him were amazed considering the destruction he had wracked on the disciples. Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews in Damascus proving that Jesus is the Christ. Thus the change has occurred, the one who most vehemently opposed Christ has become His ardent proclaimer. Saul thus joins those whom he persecuted in **"As he went, he went preaching Christ!"**

Beginning of Saul's persecution (9:23-25). As the amazement wore off and the truth began to set in, the Jews plotted to kill him. The plot was discovered and the disciples let him escape down the wall in a large basket. **The Persecutor is now the persecut-**

ed. We next encounter Saul back in Jerusalem (9:26-30). He tried to join the disciples in Jerusalem but they were afraid of him. Barnabas brought him to the apostles and told them the story of Saul's conversation. Saul spoke boldly in the name of Jesus and brought on another attempt on his life when he returned to Tarsus. This was about 3 years after his conversion; he remained in Tarsus until he was called to Antioch.

In summary, the church's activity in Jerusalem, shows a pattern development that was consistent. Persecution or not, they preached Jesus, and when they did, people were converted. This pattern does not change as they are scattered into other parts of the world.

As they go everywhere, they go preaching the Gospel. As Philip moves into Samaria, multitudes respond as he preaches Jesus. We now learn from Peter and Simon that Christians can and do sin and they must Repent, and

Pray for forgiveness. As Phillip encounters the Ethiopian eunuch, we learn a valuable lesson in teaching others. Start where they are. Communicate through three clear principles: convenience, comfort, inconvenience, hardship, intimidation, persecution, imprisonment and to death itself - no matter what! Preach Jesus-Preach the Gospel.

An erring Christian must repent and pray for forgiveness. As we reach out with the Gospel to others, we must understand where they are coming from and start where they are.

When we apply these principles to our lives we'll become the effective fruitful Christians God wants us to be.

As we enter our enlarged facility, let us go to this community preaching the Gospel – telling people about Jesus the Christ and fill this facility.

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
8-2	John	Larry Wilson
8-9	1,2&3 John	Gary Smith
8-16	Revelation	David Duncan

Wednesday Night College Class:
Cutten Parkway House

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EVENTS AND NEWS

Sunday Night Bowling Fellowship August 6th @ 7:30 P.M. Cost: \$14.00 per person

AMC Willow Lanes, 19102 St. Hwy. 249N

Cost includes shoe rental and unlimited bowling till 10 PM.

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

Contact: Troy Thompson

Church Calendar

July

30: Homecoming Committee Meeting
30: Aaron Bell PM Speaker

August

2: S.S. Larry Wilson
6: Bowling Night
9: S.S. Gary Smith
13: Summer Interns Last Day
16: S.S. David Duncan
17: Men's Night Out

Youth Calendar

August

August 2-6 Camp Awesome
August 7-9: Sheep Week.
August 10-11: Overnight trip to Austin

Homecoming Committee Meeting Today at 5:00 P.M.

Please meet in the church office on Cutten Parkway. Contact: Larry Keele



A Special Thank You!!

The many cards, calls, visits, prayers, and food sent during my recoup from the fall are deeply appreciated. God bless each of you for your attentiveness and concern. We love you!!

In His Service,
David Arnold



Hi Church Family,

I would like to thank you all for your prayers and words of encouragement. Tommy is now at home with his Mom. He still is taking rehab but things have worked out well. He still has a long path ahead, but again I would like to thank the church for their prayers and God's gift of healing.

In Christian Love,
Kim Holt



Thank you all so much for celebrating the Senior graduation and for the gifts. I appreciate all the support.

Noah Reed



Thank you to my brothers and sisters at Champions for the prayers, cards, and food during and after my surgery. The support has been wonderful and so encouraging during the whole time. I could not have made it thru without all of you and God!

Love!

Gwen Crosby and family

This Week's Bible Reading

July 30th-August 4

31: Monday—John, Chapters 1-3
1: Tuesday—John, Chapters 4-7
2: Wednesday—John, Chapters 8-11
3: Thursday—John, Chapters 12-15
4: Friday—John, Chapters 16-18

Homecoming Wedding Photo Request

If you were married at Champions during the past 75 years, please send your picture with your names and date of marriage to:

spsammons@sbcglobal.net

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

Champions 75th Homecoming & Building Dedication!
September 16 & 17
Invite your family and friends!

Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

July 30: Brent & Lisa Killough

August 6: Tiffiany Thomas

August 13: Aaron & Ashley Trent

August 20: Justin & Julia Sammons

Friday Morning Fellowship August 11 @at 9:00 A.M.

All Ages Invited

Contact: Don Sammons

Casey Joy & Justin Michael

It is with great joy that Randy & Rhonda Neill

Invite you to share in their happiness as their daughter joins hands in marriage with the son of Jason and Natalie Freed Saturday, August 12th at 7:00 P.M.

Harding University Cone Chapel

915 East Market

Searcy, Arkansas

Reception with hors d'oeuvres to follow RSVP at weddingwire.com/JUSTNCASE

Or by phone/text to (907)252-2711

More wedding information on the website.



Dear Champions Church of Christ, Thanks to all the families that brought food to the house, especially Edie Tews, for her picking up groceries and medicine. Also, Ruby Sheppard and Susan Sammons for picking up groceries; and thanks to Julia Sammons, Donna Garrett, Devin Holum, Betty Toldan. Jennifer and I really appreciate it.

In Christ Love,

Linda and Jennifer Breithaupt

Wednesday Night Meal—August 2

Menu: *Fajitas*—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.



“A Place to Belong.”

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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:

Willie Birdow is home recovering from hip surgery.

Ronnie Throneberry remains in Conroe Regional Hospital recovering from a brain bleed. He will have a remaining blood clot removed tomorrow.

Judy Throneberry is recovering from her recent fall at her daughter Sheresa's home.

Judy suffered a crushed vertebrae. She will see a specialist in the coming weeks.

Carole Blankenship is home recovering from shoulder surgery.

Marcia Chitwood is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Ronda Morgan is recovering from cataract surgery.

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

Donna Nance as she struggles with multiple health concerns.

Gwen Crosby is home recovering from lung cancer surgery.

Karen Watson as she continues chemo treatments.

John Hixon in his struggles with health issues.

Lynley, Patti and Keith Martin, dear neighbors of Joyce Papillon, have taken their daughter to Germany for cancer treatments.

Nicholas Peoples, Charles and Lois Boyd's grandson, is in the hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal, with Typhoid Fever.

Rezk Assaf, Hala Waldrop's father, has been diagnosed with cancer.

Bonnie Love, mother of Richard and Dennis, for healing and God's counsel in making decisions for her treatment.

Randy Clark, Terri Bennett's brother has been diagnosed with ALS.

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

The Champions Family

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

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns:

Carson Hill, Julia Shaw, Sally Enders, Sharon DeCarlo, Richard Garza, Fay Stephens, Keith and Linda Underwood, B.B. & Dorothy Snell, Pam and Jenifer Woodley

Employment Concerns:

Ernest Harris, Jr., Patricia Pennington, Caroline Herrera

Expectant Parents: Lance & Sarah Kinsey 12-2017

Hospice: Jan Kelley, Barbara Brown, Bernice Ponder

Friends and Family Members with

Ongoing Concerns:

Tommy Dang, Erwina Moore, Adam & Malyn Murphy, Winona Bullard, Ruth Kyle, Larry & Judy Lee, Sally & Jim Griffin, Ryan Wendt, Ella and Abby Faniel

Family and Friends with Cancer

Concerns: Ever Johnson, Jean Taylor, Bea Augustin, Rocky Harrell, Lawrece Smith, Pat Morrison, Joyce Kidwell-Stearnsman, 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 30: Martha Hicks & Rhonda Miller

August 6: Ashley Trent & Holly Freeland

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
7/23/2017**

Sunday Services..... 384
Sunday Bible Class..... 220
Sunday Night 160
Wednesday Night..... 160
Contribution.....19,083.60
Weekly Budget20,057.69
YTD Contributions.642,313.55
YTD Budget601,730.70
Over/(Under).....40,582.85

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

August

Bill Johnson

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