

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

Now, That’s Proof

“but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me.” John 14:31

Sometimes we must provide proof for our claims! If we need to return a product, we have to provide a sales receipt to show proof of purchase. If we happen to be in a traffic stop, we must provide a certificate as proof of insurance. If we want to cash a check, we must provide a driver’s license or other ID as proof of our identity.

So, how could Jesus go about proving that He loved God while He walked on this earth?

He had His options:

- 1) He could have proclaimed such love through His preaching of the multitudes.
- 2) He could have ordered His disciples to write about His love just before He had ascended back to heaven.
- 3) He could have miraculously written of His love in the white clouds of the azure blue sky if He so chose.

Yet, how did Jesus make plain to the world the fact that He loved the Father? He doesn’t leave it for us to speculate. Listen to His own words in John 14:31, “but so that the world may know that I love the father, I DO EXACTLY as the Father commanded Me.” (Other translations: “exactly,” NIV; “as,” ESV; “even so I do,” KJV)

What was the proof that Jesus offered to the world that He loved the Father? He said that He *did exactly* the will of the Father!

Can such proof be topped?

How do we prove our love for the Lord? Text it, tweet it, speak it, shout it? Put it on a bumper sticker, t-shirt, or on a chain around our neck? While all of these methods would be appropriate in a right context, none of these are “the way” to actually prove our love for the Lord. What is the proof required? Do as Jesus did—*exactly* as our Lord tells us! (Which, by the way, involves not only *what* is done, but *how* it is done as well!) *Now, That’s Proof!*

--Larry Keele

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Family Matters

Visiting today? If so, we want you to know that you are a most welcome guest! We are thankful you have come our way! If there is any way in which we can be of help in your spiritual walk with the Lord, please let us know. Thank you for coming!

Great News! Kinley Coleman was baptized by her dad, Ryan, last week at a Bible camp the family attended. We will have a welcome circle for her prior to second worship this morning.

Moving. Today is the last Sunday that Eric and Kylie Dodd

and their boys will be with us as they are moving to Shallowater, Texas. Kari Smith has retired and is moving soon to be closer to family in the Dallas area. We will certainly miss them all, but know that the congregations to which they go will be greatly blessed. God bless!

Congratulations! Natalie Stafford received her Physician’s Assistant’s White Coat from the Baylor School of Medicine! Chris George was selected as the Cy-Fair Region 4 Secondary Teacher of the Year! We are

proud of them both!

Tonight: We thank Troy Thompson for scheduling an evening of bowling following tonight’s service.

Look at the Book: 1, 2, 3 John

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

Parting Thought: Your name in heaven is not based on your fame on earth!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Amy

John's Jogs: Are Good People Saved?

We often hear, I'm as good as...or - I'm better than so and so who is a Christian –or I wouldn't do that!! I've heard statements like, I'm a good person – I don't harm anyone – I'll be alright." In talking to people about their soul, often they'll refer to their grandparents, parents, Aunt Tillie etc. saying, "They were the best people who ever lived. If they're not saved no one is."

I worked with a man for a number of years who was a good family man. He was honest to a fault, reliable, kind, generous, compassionate, and he was an Atheist. I have known a number of like minded people who claimed to be Atheist. The implication comes ringing through that many people believe they will be saved by their goodness.

I believe that was one of the problems the Jews had in dealing with Christ. They miss-applied their "Chosen People" status. They came to believe that they were God's favorite people instead of the fact they were chosen to bring Christ into the world. They were chosen for a purpose – for a mission if you will. You can see this attitude displayed by the Pharisee when he prayed, "**Father I thank thee that I'm not like this publican...**", or the mob who had taken the woman caught in adultery, until Christ brought to their realization that each of them had sinned. Did not Paul think he was a "good man" when he persecuted the Christians?

I believe there is a prevalent theory rampant in the world today, and I'm not sure it hasn't penetrated the church. This theory suggests that man is saved because he is morally good. So I want to lay the proposition before us that salvation is not predicated on our goodness, but rather on our response to, and our relationship with, Jesus the Christ.

In our study we will see a) the truthfulness of our proposition, b) Christians are not necessarily morally better than others, and c) that God does not respect one group of people above others as we look at various people in our study.

Tabitha (translated Dorcas) was a disciple who lived in Joppa. She was always doing good and helping the poor. She died. The disciples in Joppa learned that Peter was in nearby Lydda where he healed Aeneas. They sent two men to urge him to come to Joppa. When Peter arrived he was taken to the upper room where Dorcas was laid out. All the widows stood around him crying and showing him the robes and clothing she had made. Peter sent them all out of the room and got down on his knees and prayed. Turning to the woman he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand helping her to her feet and called the believers and widows and presented her to them, alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon. This set the stage for the conversion of Cornelius. To be continued next week.

John Qualls

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
8-9	1,2&3 John	Gary Smith
8-16	Revelation	David Duncan
8-23	Why We Believe	Troy Thompson

Wednesday Night College Class:

Cutten Parkway House

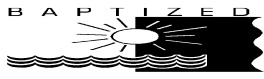
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EVENTS AND NEWS

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

ALL AGES ARE INVITED!

Contact: Don Sammons



Kinley Coleman

We rejoice with the angels in the baptism of Kinley Coleman, daughter of Ron and Jessica Coleman, last week while attending a Bible Camp in Kansas with her family.

Farewell Party for Our Interns **Sunday Night, August 13th**

All are invited to a Appreciation Party for *Caroline Hose* and *Austin Peace* next week following the evening worship service. Please bring finger foods to share! Cake and drinks will be provided.

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!

Bowling Fellowship TONIGHT! at 7:30 P.M.

Cost: \$14.00 per person
@ AMF Willow Lanes
19102 State Hwy 249 N
Contact: Troy Thompson

Elijah Brown to Start **AIM Program**

Elijah Brown will be leaving on Saturday, August 12th to participate in *AIM (The Adventures in Missions)* program. It is a two year program, part of Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, TX. God Bless you Elijah!

Mailing Address:
2735 Genoa Ave. Apt. 9C
Lubbock, TX 79407

Paulette said if you send a large package, please send to: 3723 34th St., Lubbock, TX 79410.

Dodd Family

Today is *Eric, Kylie, Nathan, Tate and Jace Dodd's* last Sunday at Champions. We wish them the best in their new home in Shallowater, Texas (near Lubbock). God Bless each of you!

New Address:
Eric & Kylie Dodd
12218 N FM 179
Shallowater, TX 79363

Wednesday Night Meal **August 9th**

Menu: *Hickory Smoked Pork Sandwiches with Slaw, Baked Beans, Salad, Peach Cobbler with ice cream.*
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.

Church Calendar

August

6: Bowling Night
6: Singing Night
9: S.S. Gary Smith
13: Summer Interns Farewell Party (P.M.)
16: S.S. David Duncan
17: Men's Night Out
23: S.S. Troy Thompson
27: Back to Bible School
30: S.S. David Yasko

Youth Calendar

August

August 7-9: Sheep Week.
August 10-11: Overnight trip to Austin

Sunday Morning Bible Hour **Ages 2 to Kindergarten**

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

August 6: Tiffiany Thomas
August 13: Aaron & Ashley Trent
August 20: Justin & Julia 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.

Men's Night Out **August 17th @ 6:30 P.M.**

Details to follow!

This Week's Bible Reading

WEEK of August 6—August 12

August 7: Monday—I John, Chapters 1-2
August 8: Tuesday—I John, Chapter 3
August 9: Wednesday—I John, Chapter 4
August 10: Thursday—I John, Chapter 5
August 11: Friday—2 John, Chapter 1
August 12: Saturday—3 John, Chapter 1



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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:

Freddie Bounds is in HealthSouth at the Vintage (across from St. Luke’s Hospital), following a fall and medication issues.

Ronnie Throneberry remains in Conroe Regional Hospital in rehab following his recent brain bleed.

Judy Throneberry continues her recovery at the home of her daughter. If you would like to help with food, please contact Martha Fassino.

Willie Birdow is home recovering from hip surgery.

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

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.

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

Baby Halle Spivey, Garland and Janis Bluhm’s granddaughter, is doing well and may soon come home!

Expectant Parents: Lance & Sarah Kinsey 12-2017

Hospice Care: Jan Kelley, Bernice Ponder, Barbara Brown

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, John Hixon, Marcia Chitwood, Carol Blankenship

Employment Concerns: Ernest Harris, Jr., David Kuehl

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, Bonnie Love

Family and Friends with Cancer Concerns:

Ever Johnson, 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, Rezk Assaf

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, 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

August 6: Ashley Trent & Holly Freeland

August 13: Jackie Cuccerre & Jackie Doherty

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
7/30/2017**

Sunday Services.....	360
Sunday Bible Class.....	227
Sunday Night	209
Wednesday Night.....	
Contribution.....	24,961.54
Weekly Budget	20,057.69
YTD Contributions.....	667,275.09
YTD Budget	621,788.39
Over/(Under).....	45,486.70

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