

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

...When a Plan Doesn't Come Together

I always liked the words spoken by Col. Hannibal Smith, the leader of the old "A-Team" television show, after a successful mission: "I love it when a plan comes together." Don't we all?

Yet, sometimes—plans, even the "best laid plans of mice and men," just don't come together.

We find ourselves in such a situation as we have had to postpone our Homecoming and Building Dedication that was scheduled for next weekend. Without giving such credit to Harvey, we could say that we ran into the "perfect storm" of events which made our planned weekend untenable and better suited for another day.

The television character, Hannibal, had his way of celebrating when his plan "came together." However, the question should be asked, "What do we do when a plan just doesn't come together?" Following are some things that I believe we can do:

1) *Realize that some good can come out of the bad.* (That almost sounds biblical, doesn't it? Check out Romans 8:28.) With the addition of time before our great event, we will have time to work the "bugs" out of our building and operations. The delay of the Homecoming and Dedication will not delay our moving back into the refurbished main building. We will have time to know the buildings and the layout and see how it flows. We will be better prepared to help visitors get to their classrooms and locations. We will be able to worship in the building and try out the audiovisual systems and, hopefully eliminate the glitches.

2) *Consider how we are given another opportunity!* The revised plans and their completion, Lord willing, can help the celebration that we will have even greater than one held next weekend. We will be able to invite even more people to share the event with us.

3) *Exhibit patience.* This great characteristic of love (did you remember that it is the very first characteristic of love listed in 1 Cor. 13:4?) will continue to be needed as we move through all the necessary transitions and into the new building. Patience will need to be exemplified as plans for our great event must be reshaped and reformulated.

While we have had many occasions to celebrate great plans coming together, we also have an opportunity to learn much...*When A Plan Doesn't Come Together!* —Larry Keele

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Family Matters

We welcome our guests today! What a blessing you are as you have decided to come and worship our God with us! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask or to write it on the visitor's information form that will be passed to you toward the end of services.

Today, *Barney Bowles, Gordon Casey, Mike McCall, Ryan Nelson, and David Morgan* will be given their charge as new deacons of this congregation immediately following Bible Class and prior to the second service. We are blessed by the willingness of these men to serve the Lord and this congregation! Didn't we have an amazing day of worship last Sunday. It was exciting to be all together in a united worship. That gives us a little taste of what things will be like in a matter of just a few weeks as we move into our main building.

The brotherhood paper has a free print subscription or it can be viewed online. Our hearts and prayers go out to so many of our families who, along with others, including Hidden Valley's church building, suffered major loss due to Harvey!

Parting Thought: Storm may come and storms may go, but the Stiller of the Storms is always in control!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Bobby Ross, editor of The Christian Chronicle came to Champions to learn of the flood relief work being done at this location. Interviews and pictures are in the latest edition.

LOCATIONS FOR SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

FAMILY CENTER:
Danny Mize & Don Sammons:
Jesus teaches Parables - Room 117 (FC west wing)
Wes Smith & Justin Sammons:
First Century Family: Room 118 (FC east wing)
Glenn Asher & Mike McCall:
Exodus, the great deliverance - FC auditorium
College Class:
Teacher: Chris Ball:
Location: Cutten Parkway House
PROFESSIONAL CLASS:
Teacher: Bryan Runions:
Location: Cutten Parkway House

John's Jogs: ARE GOOD PEOPLE SAVED—Lesson from Cornelius #4

PETER'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOW GIVEN – Peter opened his mouth and said: *"In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him."* There it is! There's no partiality to any one anywhere who believes and obeys... What a shock this must have been to the Jews. The only difference between the Christian and non-Christian is Jesus the Christ.

PETER THEN PREACHED JESUS: God sent Him into the world – He went about doing good & healing the oppressed. They crucified Him – the epitome of love and all that is good. God raised Him on the third day – and showed Him openly to witnesses. Peter says, *"We are witnesses"* –(i.e. the apostles) - we ate and drank with Him after he arose from the dead. **He commanded us to preach to the people:** Testifying

that he was ordained by God to judge the living and the dead. Through His name whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.

WHILE PETER WAS SPEAKING – THE HOLY SPIRIT FELL ON ALL THOSE WHO HEARD HIS WORD. The Jews were astonished - the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles. (Note: This is the only time recorded where anyone received the Holy Spirit before baptism.) This was to show the Jewish Christians that God was now accepting Gentiles into His kingdom. This becomes clear in the next verse.

Cornelius was a good man but he was lost. God said Peter would tell him what HE MUST DO. Peter preached Jesus crucified and resurrection to him. This is the crux of the matter-*Jesus!* He had to deal with Jesus. Lost "Good men" plus

Jesus equals salvation. Lost "good men" without Christ equals Lost. Christ is the difference. Paul says in Galatians 3:27 *"...have put on Christ."* Thus, a lost person needs to put on Christ and Paul says the way to put Him on is to be baptized into Him. Remember God told Cornelius that Peter would tell him what **HE MUST DO**. You can study this narrative over and over beginning to end – you can find only one thing Peter told him to do. In the last verse **HE COMMANDED THEM to be baptized in the name of the Lord.** To answer our original question, **NO ONE IS GOOD ENOUGH TO BE SAVED WITHOUT CHRIST.**

CHRIST IS THE ONLY ANSWER!

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EVENTS AND NEWS

HOMECOMING & BUILDING DEDICATION POSTPONED

The Homecoming and Building Dedication Ceremony has been postponed until a date to be determined. While this postponement is necessary, it will not hinder the opening of our building in any way. Until the building is opened, we will continue to have services as they have been scheduled in the past: Sunday worship at 8:15 & 10:30 Bible class at 9:30 with evening worship at 6 PM. Wednesdays will be at 7 o'clock preceded by a meal at 5:45. Thanks to all for your patience and understanding as we continue to work through this transition! To God be the glory!



Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to *Myrtle Malone* in the loss of her sister, *Katherine Hicks* who lived in Birmingham, Alabama. Myrtle is in Alabama at this time.

NEW DEACON INSTALLATION TODAY

Barney Bowles
Gordon Casey
Mike McCall
David Morgan
Ryan Nelson

Directory Changes

Ron & Carole Blankenship
15125 West Road, Apt. 1217
Houston, TX 77095
Phone is 281-793-2910

Elijah Brown's New Address

2735 Genoa Ave
Apt. 9C
Lubbock, TX 79407

**Sunny Glen Children's
Home Truck is Not Coming
in
September.**

Ladies Class Wednesdays

@ 9:45am
AHA by Kyle Idleman
Books are available!
Contact: Cindy Asher

Wednesday Night Meal September 13th

Menu: Beef Tips, Rice & Gravy,
Veggie, 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.

Church Calendar

September

10: All Men Meeting Today
10: New Deacons Installed
29: Friday Morning Fellowship

October

15: Mission Sunday
15: Baby Shower Sarah Kinsey

Sunday Morning Bible Hour Ages 2 to Kindergarten

Parents and children are dismissed to check in following the Lord's Supper.
September 10: Reid & Natalie Stafford

Families Who Suffered Damage:

Blankenship, Ron & Carole
Bounds, David & Darlene
Chappell, Gregg Sr.
Denton, Robbie
Garrison, Ron & Andrea
Haigh, Andrew & Denise
Henderson, Gary
Jarrell, Walter & Ann
Kelly, Jan
Kuehl, Conner (Mom's Home)
Mahle, Howard
McDonald, Nell
Reed, Thomas & Dwan
Smith, Wes & Christy
Stephens, Fay (where she is staying)
Wyatt, James & Stacy
Multiple Extended Family Members



To Our Christian Family,
Thank you for all of the love showed on us during our recent illnesses. The cards were beautiful, the food was delicious, and the prayers were especially appreciated. And God heard your prayers and answered. Our lives are definitely enhanced by you, our Christian friends.

Ronnie & Judy Throneberry



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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
- James Wyatt

Ministers:

- Larry Keele (Pulpit)
- John Qualls (Associate)
- Reid Stafford (Youth)

PRAYERS & NOTES

Prayer Requests:

Taiwan Mission Trip Team (Peggy Jean, Diann Thurston and Alan Reed) **Pam Shaw** had new X-rays and CT Scans on Friday. A blood clot was discovered in her lung, and lesions were found on her lungs and one on her liver. A lung biopsy is scheduled.

Keith Underwood is home doing well following his heart procedure.

Myrtle Malone has traveled to Birmingham, AL to attend the funeral service of her sister, Katherine Hicks.

Lynn Antwine is home recovering following his recent fall. He suffered fractures in his back. Visitors and calls welcome. Please call before you visit.

Safety and Peace for all affected by Hurricane Irma. Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts.

McKinley Phillips is recovering from an injured leg.

Ronnie and Judy Throneberry in their continued recoveries.

Willie Birdow is home recovering from hip surgery.

Randy Clark, Terri Bennett's brother, in his struggle with ALS.

Families who have lost loved ones: Malone, Killough

The Champions Family Members with Cancer: John Burns, Caella Chappell, Donna Nance and Karen Watson

Champions Members Ongoing Concerns: Julia Shaw, Sally Enders, Sharon DeCarlo, Richard Garza, Fay Stephens, Keith and Linda Underwood, B.B. & Dorothy Snell, Pam Woodley, John Hixon, Marcia Chitwood, Carol Blankenship

Expectant Parents: Lance & Sarah Kinsey 12-2017

Hospice Care: Jan Kelley, Bernice Ponder, Barbara Brown

Employment Concerns: Ernest Harris, Jr, David Kuehl, Ishmael Zarate

Family and Friends with Cancer Concerns: Jean Taylor, Bea Augustin, Rocky Harrell, Pat Morrison, Joyce Kidwell-Stearnsman, Randy McKain, Lynley Martin

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, Keith and Pattie Martin

Missionaries:

Dale DuVerney, Peter Chin, Eddie Cloer, Roman Halamicek, Roland Mohsen, Biblical Institute of Central America, Eastern European Mission, Jordan Arnold, Will Hanstein, Mario Saldana and Aaron Solis, Elijah Brown

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., Darien DuVerney

Nursery Attendants

September 10: Kimberly Bickham & Janice Norman

September 17: Laura Mize & Chandra Reunions

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
8/20/2017**

Sunday Services..... 362
Sunday Bible Class.. NO Class
Sunday NightNo Service
Wednesday Night..... 145
Contribution..... 16,952.18
Weekly Budget20,057.69
YTD Contributions.743,200.59
YTD Budget702,019.15
Over/(Under).....41,181.44

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

September
Danny Mize

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