

THE CHAMPIONS SPIRIT

“A Place to Belong”

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Got Hope?

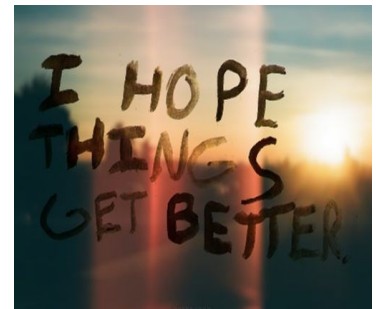
I never did really like the advertisement, even though it promoted a good product – milk. You know the ad—the one with a single question text “Got milk?” and the picture of a celebrity with a striking white “milk mustache.” Something about the picture just didn’t work for me. Perhaps it was the perfect white line of the milk over the subject’s upper lip...but I really think the picture even made the question lose its appeal for me.

However, let’s change the question a bit (and lose the picture), and I find it very interesting. Instead of asking, “Got milk?” Let me ask instead, “*Got Hope?*”

Milk might be important to a healthy *body*, but *hope* is essential for a healthy *life*.

The cares of this world, the problems of this life, the injustices we incur, the pain we must endure – all endeavor to steal away our hope. And it’s interesting, if you’re like me, it’s not always something of a colossal nature that steals our hope and makes us feel so forlorn, empty and full of despair. The cause might be something that in the grand scheme of things really isn’t important at all. Yet, it gets us down, it causes us to be most weary and forlorn. Why?

It’s because in those instances, we allow ourselves to forget where our hope really lies. The basis of true hope isn’t in ourselves, our abilities, our health or our strength—and that’s a good thing for then hope could leave us as fast as a puppy running out an open door. True hope that is so important to us is not baseless or unsupported. That hope—the kind that stays, endures, and sees us through all trials—is Christ Jesus. As the song says, “Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus Christ!” Jesus Christ, the son of God and the Savior of mankind – is our hope. (1 Tim. 1:1) When it is put that way, we understand that when those events of life get us down—we still have reason to hope...in Christ. Let’s remember that such hope is a sure anchor for our soul (Hebrews 6:19) when life’s troubles come.. As a Christian, you can always have the right answer when the question is asked of you, “*Got Hope?*”
—Larry Keele



Family Matters

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart, in the company of the upright and in the assembly. (Psa. 111:1) Doesn’t that summarize our purpose today? We will praise God and give Him thanks with His people! We feel blessed by those who are our guests and have come for the same purpose!

In tonight’s sermon, I will be answering more of the questions that you turned in recently. One of those questions deals with worship and worship style. I hope you will come and we can “reason together” from the Scriptures about this and other subjects.

The Leadership party for Elders, Deacons, Minis-

ters, Staff and spouses will be in the Family Center after services tonight. See me for details.

PARTING THOUGHT:
For peace of mind, resign from being the manager of the universe!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!
Larry

Bible Classes

Exodus, the Great Deliverance (continues), FC 118 - Glenn Asher/Mike McCall

1 & 2 Peter, A Shepherds Concern, FC 117 - Alan Reed/Troy Thompson

Family Class: I Samuel, King of My Heart: MB 212 - Coleman/Sammons/Smith
Proverbs Speaks to Me - MB Auditorium - David Arnold/Wes Arnold

Professionals: Gospel of Luke, FC 120 - Bryan Runions

College - Gospel of Luke, FC 119 - Chris Ball

Wednesday Evening: 7 p.m. Each Week

1,2,3 John (Continues) MB Auditorium - Larry Wilson

Singing Class (Continues) FC - David Morgan

FC: Family Center, MB: Main Church Building

Thank You From Missions Committee

The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Arms of Hope Christmas Gift Card campaign. This year, we raised a total of \$1,651 to help children who are less fortunate have a better Christmas. This is a testament to the congregations loving kindness, and exceeded our expectations. We want to express our heartfelt thanks for your generosity to help others this time of year. Thank you all very much!

- The Missions Committee"

Food Pantry Needs

Please help stock the Food Pantry as we extend a helping hand to the hungry and those in need in our church family and community.

As you do your shopping, please add a few items for the pantry. Please place your items in the container provided in the hallway outside the Food Pantry.

Thank you for your generosity.

Food Pantry needs:

Canned vegetables, fruit, beans, soup, meats (Vienna sausage, tuna, turkey, chicken)

Dry/boxed rice, pasta, beans, cereal, oatmeal

Condiments-ketchup, mayo, salad dressing, spaghetti sauce

Paper towels and toilet paper, plastic eating utensils

Laundry and kitchen/dish detergent

Powdered/boxed drinks-tea, lemonade, juice

Ground/dry coffee

Diapers (all sizes) and wipes

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EVENTS AND NEWS

Men's Night Out Thursday, December 21st 6:30 P.M.

Bailey's Restaurant

17032 Stuebner Airline

Spring, TX 77379

Sign-up list is in the Welcome Center.

Contact:
Wes Arnold

Church Calendar

December

- 17: Leadership Party
- 21: Men's Night Out
- 22: Office Closed
- 25: Office Closed
- 27: All Church Devo - No Classes

January

- 28: Mission Meeting

Sunday Morning Bible Hour

Ages 2 to Kindergarten

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

December 2017

- 17: Smiths
- 24: Sammons
- 31: No Bible Hour

January 2018

- 7: Killough
- 14: Thomas
- 21: Trent's
- 28: Sammons

February 2018

- 4: Thomas
- 11: Trent's
- 18: Stafford
- 25: Killough



Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to **Cheryl and Paul Chandler** and their family in the loss of Cheryl's dad, **H.A. Buster Dobbs**, well known gospel minister and Editor of the *Firm Foundation* for many years went home early Wednesday morning following a long illness.

His services were held at Memorial Church of Christ, 900 Echo Lane, Houston, TX on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Please keep all their family in prayer during this time.

Directory Changes

Gilberto Jose Alexander Moreno
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Reminder

If you forgot to pay for your evening of entertainment and food for the Progressive Dinner, it's NOT TOO LATE! Please make checks payable to Champions.

**Remember to turn in
your Commitment Cards!**



Sunday, December 17 Family Center Following Evening Service

All elders, deacons, ministers, staff and all spouses are invited. Please bring a small gift for our exciting Chinese gift exchange and finger foods to share. Tea will be provided.

*Mr. and Mrs. William Hicks
and
Mr. and Mrs. David Bullock
invite you to share the joy of the
marriage uniting their children
Madison Elizabeth Hicks*

*&
Michael Evan Bullock
on Saturday, December 23, 2017
at 1:00 PM
Camp of The Hills
1552 CO RD 344
MARBLE FALLS, TX 78654*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL December 20

**Menu: Beef Stew, Cornbread,
Dessert**

Cost: Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.00
(Ages 3-6th Grade), Children 2 and under Free. Meal served from 6:00 - 6:40 p.m.



Don and Jeanne Dearen sent a *Thank You Note* a while back thanking everyone for their expressions of love and sympathy shown to them in the loss of Don's dad, Bill. Unfortunately the note didn't get shared with our Champions family. Don and Jeanne just wanted you to know they love and appreciate their Champions Family!



Dear Family,
Thank you so very much for your gift to *High Ground Ministries* in the honor of *Larry Killough*. We are touched by your kindness and generosity. May His blessings abound in each of your lives as you continue to serve and glorify Him.

In His grace and mercy,
Jeanne, Brent and Brian Killough
and families



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Elders:

- David Arnold
- Glenn Asher
- Jim Chitwood
- Bill Johnson
- Britt Jones
- Danny Mize
- Don Sammons
- Marvin Trice

Deacons:

- Chris Ball
- Kevin Barnett
- Barney Bowles
- Eltonio (Tony) Brown
- Gordon Casey
- Darrell Fariss
- Jay Fraley
- Tommy Hill
- Joe Jackson
- Charles Joachim
- Brent Killough
- Michael McCall
- David Morgan
- Ryan Nelson
- Blake Phillips
- Kent Phillips
- Bryan Runions
- Justin Sammons
- Joel Smith
- Wes Smith
- Paul Tews
- Troy Thompson
- James Wyatt

Ministers:

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

PRAYERS & NOTES

Juanita Berg fell and was taken to Willowbrook Methodist Hospital.

John Qualls is in Health-South at the Vintage to continue his recovery from his recent fall.

Sarah Kinsey and newborn baby Lorne.

Darlene Bounds has a cracked bone in her ankle and a tear in her ligament.

Linda Sandhop is recovering from knee surgery.

Sue Trice and Karen Watson as they have daily radiation treatments.

Sandra Murphy's home was damaged when a motorist drove into it.

Jessica Holt is recovering from surgery.

Nadine Riley is HOME recovering from a stroke.

Arlene Hale is recovering from surgery.

Pam Shaw continues to recover from recent surgery.

Sam Dickenson, John's brother, is in ICU following complications of his stroke.

Melton family in the loss of their loved one. Waylan, an elder at Magnolia, was killed in an auto accident.

The family of Don Smith, friends of Bill Taylor, passed

away. Services will be on Monday at Brookside Funeral Home on 1960 at 1:00.

Graveside services at Veterans Cemetery at 3:00 p.m.

Bob & Peggy Gray, Conner Kuehl's grandparents, as they both struggle with health issues.

Families Who Have Lost

Loved Ones: Brown, Sanders, D'Rozario, Wills, Melton

Members with Cancer Concerns: Sue Trice, Pam Shaw, John Burns, Donna Nance, Karen Watson, Caella Chappell, Gilbert Moreno

Members with Health & Other Concerns:

Paul Chandler, Don Garrett, Howard Mahle, Sharon DeCarlo, Richard Garza, Anita Walker, Julia Shaw, Lynn Antwine, Willie Birdow, John Hixon

Family and Friends with Cancer Concerns:

Jean Taylor, Bea Augustin, Rocky Harrell, Joyce Kidwell-Stearsman, Randy McKain, Glenda Robinson, Benowane Burrus, Clarence Phillips, Bob Gray

Friends and Family Members with Ongoing Concerns:

Conner Kuehl, Lynn McKee, Annie and Angela Birdow, Connie Martinez, Dorothy Kuehl, Tom Orbison

Missionaries:

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

Employment Concerns:

Ernest Harris, Jr, Ishmael Zarate

Assisted Living/Rehab/ Nursing Homes:

Terri Bennett, Margurite Pennington, Nell McDonald, Marie McCall, Jean Simpson, Mike Wright, Dorothy Kuehl

Prayers for our 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

December 17: Martha Fassino & Betty Toldan

December 24: Rosie Martinez & Ashley Trent

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
12/10/2017**

Sunday Morning	345
Sunday Bible Class	nc
Sunday Night	162
Wednesday Night.....	132
Contribution.....	16,634.00
Weekly Budget	20,057.69
YTD Contributions.	1,037,780.80
YTD Budget	1,002,884.50
Over/(Under).....	34,896.30

Service Times:

SUNDAY MORNING
9:00 a.m. Bible Classes
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Sunday Morning Bible Hour

SUNDAY NIGHT
6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Elder of the Month

December

David Arnold

Food Coordinator

Check with your Family Circle Leaders

Church Wi-Fi Password

churchguest

**Little Champs:
Mothers Day Out**

Contact: Lisa Killough
littlechamps@att.net
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