

Sports to the Glory of God : Be a Blessing

by jon eddings, senior

First Corinthians 10:31 says, "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." We all have heard this familiar verse, but do we realize the greatness of this command and what it means for our lives? Recently, many godly men have shown me through the gospel how everything in my life, including sports, should be done for the glory of God alone. In keeping with Dr. Jones' theme for our school year, I want to write a series of articles to help us see how the Scriptures bring the gospel to bear in all of life, including sports.

Unfortunately, many Christian high school students fail to consider the gospel and how it applies to their daily lives. By God's grace I am still learning how the gospel applies to the daily choices I make. I would submit to you based on the Bible that the gospel is and should be our foundation for everything. When our foundation for doing things is weak, what we build upon it is going to crumble. So here is our foundation; our problem is that we have all sinned and this sin separates us from God. In our natural state of sin we did not seek God or desire to glorify Him. The punishment for this is hell, but there is hope: salvation through Christ. He lived a perfect life in my stead, He died in my place, and He provided the great exchange: he exchanged his righteousness for my sin. Our response then is to repent, believe, and follow Him.

I am sharing this with you because I have wasted my sports until the eleventh grade. I don't want you to make the same mistake. Our playing sports for God's glory



should start with the knowledge of God. God has created us to bring Him worship and honor. Anything contrary to that is blasphemous to God. The Bible clearly tells us that all things are to be done to the glory of God. Every defeat and victory. Every pass and every shot. Every serve and every spike. Even if we start every game or if we sit on the bench, everything is to be done for God's glory. When we fail to bring God glory on the soccer field or volleyball court, remember that we must turn to the awesome news of the gospel and remember that our approval with God is based exclusively on what Jesus Christ has completed for us on the cross.

In conclusion, why should we play sports or do our school work to the best of our ability? Before the start of each practice and game, consider these thoughts: (1) Ask yourself, "How can I best serve the team?" (2) Acknowledge when I walk onto the field or court that I am the worst sinner I know. When we have the correct view of ourselves, then we can truly play to the glory of God. (3) Give glory to God by thanking Him for sports and the ability and talent He has given to you and me. Remember to thank Him, the source of life, each time you play sports.

by elizabeth folger, junior

Every fourth Tuesday, the Academy takes a trip to the Greenville Rescue Mission. While there, the students do a lot of activities, such as preaching, special music, testimonies, and regular congregational singing. But that isn't all they do. They will often stay afterwards and witness to the men who are there. Why do these students take time out of their busy schedules to go on this trip? They really aren't any different from any other Academy student. They go because they want to "be a blessing and sow the seed of God's Word in the hearts of the lost men there," says Mr. Weathers.

There are many opportunities for students to be a blessing at the Rescue Mission. Elena Taylor says that she accompanies people on the piano and does vocal specials,

and Daniel Perez will be preaching on the next trip. But what if you aren't musically inclined or don't enjoy speaking in front of a group? There are still many things you can do. You can go around and talk with the men, sharing what God has been doing in your life. And if you don't mind speaking but don't want to preach, you can give a testimony. No matter what your preferences or specialties happen to be, you can always find some area in which you can be a blessing.

So, why not sign up to go to the Rescue Mission? Many upperclassmen go, but not many freshmen or sophomores. Make this trip different. Ninth and tenth graders, make an effort to sign up and be prepared to be a blessing!

Guess Whose What?



Does this face look familiar? See if you can guess each section of the face by writing the teacher along with the corresponding number on a sheet of paper and turning it into the office by this afternoon for a drawing for a free milkshake.

Random Fun Fact

A crocodile is not able to stick out its tongue.

Welcoming Micah

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ericson on their new son, Micah William Ericson! Micah's middle name, William, is for Mr. Pinkston, his great uncle. Micah was born on August 29 at 2:12 p.m. weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz. and 21 inches long. He has dark hair and dark eyes for now. We look forward to hopefully meeting Micah in the Quadrangle at some point!



Love Amazing, Love Divine

by kayla fenstermaker

Love amazing, love divine.
I marvel at a love like Thine
That sought out cruel shame and scorn,
Loved though beaten, mocked, and torn.

Mercy boundless, mercy free
Flows endless from Calvary.
He went forth though well He knew,
Death for me He must go through.

Grace so priceless, grace for me
Gives my life great victory.
Christ has on the Cross begun
Work that makes me like God's Son.

Love personified in Thee.
Lord, Thou won the victory!
When I see thy face on high,
"Worthy is the Lamb!" I'll cry.

Soccer

Friday the 11th

Knights 4 - 2 Storm
Raptors 1 - 1 Sharks

Monday the 14th

Raptors 4 - 1 Storm
Knights 2 - 1 Sharks

Volleyball

Friday the 11th

Bobcats beat Jaguars (25-18,
25-22)
Pumas beat Panthers (25-15,
25-14)
Wildcats beat Tigers (28-26,
25-17)

Announcements

Monday, 9/21

3:45 p.m. — Girls' VB games, AGym, DFH
3:30 p.m. — Boys' All-Star soccer practice, Stadium Field
7-9 p.m. — OPEN HOUSE, all Acad bldgs., JH Cafeteria

Tuesday, 9/22

3:30-4:30 p.m. — Forensics, B-107, B-106
3:30 p.m. — Cheerleading, AGym
4:30-6 p.m. — Girls' All-Star VB practice, AGym
6:15 p.m. — Greenville Rescue Mission, MB

Wednesday, 9/23

3:30 p.m. — Boys' All-Star soccer practice, Stadium Field
3:30-4:30 p.m. — Girls' VB practice, AGym, DFH

Thursday, 9/24

SCACS
NO SCHOOL

Friday, 9/25

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NO SCHOOL

Saturday, 9/26

Nothing

Birthdays

9/21	Stephen Sidwell	9/30	Danny Han
9/22	Andrew Paquette		Miss Domblesky
	Amber Vincent	10/1	John Moon
9/24	Lois Mercer		Erin Nichols
	Juliet Eby		Kim Plessinger
	Ben McGowan	10/2	Jeremy Teruel
9/26	Nathan Gosuk	10/3	Laura Beth Swanson
9/28	Sean Fenstermaker	10/4	Claudia Gaspar Cuevas
	Amanda Ross		

Menu

Monday
Barbecue
Macaroni and Cheese
Frosted Brownie

Tuesday
Hamburgers
Pizza
Molasses Cookies

Wednesday
Fish
Ravioli
Orange Velvet Cake

Thursday
Chicken Alfredo
Hot Dogs
Peanut Strudel Pie

Friday
Baked Potatoes
Chicken Patties
Chocolate Cherry Cake

Saturday
Chicken Barley Chowder
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Pineapple Crowned Cake