

Playing with Idolatry?

In my regular reading, I came across an article that incited my interest. The title was: “Do Christian parents flirt with the idol of sports?” So, I wanted to share some of the excerpts from that article, mainly because I think that the idolatry of sports has become an issue in Christian culture, although, unintentionally. The article began with the author’s recent experience: “As I walked into the middle school auditorium for a recent school event, another mom asked how I was doing. I told her our family was grateful to be able to breathe again after finally finishing soccer season. Our family never breathes, she said, and proceeded to describe how travel soccer overlaps with travel lacrosse all year long. They were going to try squeezing basketball into their son’s schedule as well. She listed each responsibility in her family’s schedule like a badge of honor. So, with that, let’s consider a few things:

Sports are not bad. Sports provide great opportunities for ministry. The Apostle Paul even uses sports to illustrate how we should live, and that physical training has value.

(1 Cor. 9:24-27; 1 Tim. 4:8)

We must set limits. It’s okay to say “NO” sometimes. You may have to miss a game, a fundraiser, or even a tournament. It’s not the end of the world. Nothing’s wrong with playing sports as long as sports don’t play you.

God has called the family to weekly worship. The devil will use anything he can to keep you away from worship. Ever notice how some games fall on a Wednesday or Sunday? If worship requires you to be late, or miss a game or practice, it’s okay. Remember, you are teaching your children about priorities. What comes first in your family? (Hebrews 10:25)

When breathing is not optional, it’s time to step back, and reevaluate. If the schedule is so insane that you can’t rest, something is wrong. If your calendars leave room for nothing but the kid’s activities, then maybe those activities have become what you value most. Remember, what are you communicating to your children if the only thing you have time for is sports? Jesus rested (Luke 5:16). God summons us to be still (Psalm 46:10). Truthfully, I think we have all been guilty of making sports more than they need or deserve to be. God’s grace gives us a new day and a new perspective! To God be the glory!

In Him, Pastor Godfrey

The School Scoop

by Wydette Ackerman



Where did the time go? Summer is almost gone and Fall will soon be upon us. I am sure we are all anticipating the cool mornings and days ahead.



NWCA students are settled in for the new school year and are thriving. Volleyball is in progress and we have 26 upcoming cheerleaders! Students are enjoying the playground improvements. The ark is definitely a winner. We have updated the volleyball net and added 2 tether balls. Plans are to move some of the existing basketball goals and other equipment as the weather cools. The new open shed is being enjoyed by both teachers and students. The shed is located so that the church and all its organizations can use it for other functions such as cook-outs that might require the use of water and electricity. The fence row beside the playground has been cleared and limbs trimmed and hauled off leaving a nice canopy of shade for children. Many thanks to Tommy Ackerman, Tristan Martin and David Wilson for their hard work. The former workday was a great time of hard work and fellowship. Thanks to all of you who helped with that including scattering the playground chips. What a job!

We have a new store operator, Mrs. Cheryl Ray, who is doing a great job and we welcome her to our academy. We presently have 138 students. God is blessing us with so many children and young adults in the high school. Thank you for your continued prayers as we forge ahead into the future of what God has in store for us. Jeremiah 29:11 is a blessing to us as the scripture says, “*I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*” What a blessing to know that He already knows what our future is and has everything already prepared for our future.

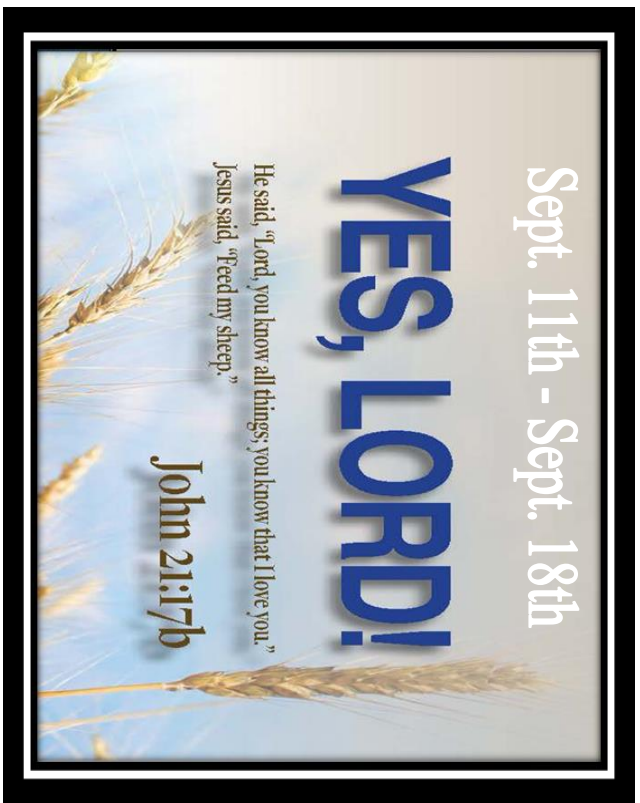
Let us pray for our part that we may be in His will as we focus on the future plans for NWBC and NWCA.

*light breezes, colorful leaves
bare trees; it must be Autumn...*



Sept. 1	6:30	Deacon Visitation
Sept. 4	8:45	Meeting of Deacons
Sept. 5		
Sept. 8	6:30	Deacon Visitation
Sept. 11	6:00	Bible Science 
Sept. 11	7:00	Church Council Meeting
Sept. 11 th - Sept.18 th	Week of Prayer for State Missions	
Sept. 12	6:00	WOM Meeting
Sept. 13	6:30	Deacon Visitation
Sept. 19	6:00	WMU Salad Supper (Pine Grove)
Sept. 19	7:00	Men’s Ministry Meeting
Sept. 20	6:30	Deacon Visitation
Sept. 21	5:00 6:00	Mission Supper State Mission Program
Sept. 21		NWCA ½ School (SCACS Conf.)
Sept. 22		NWCA – No School SCACS – Teacher Conference
Sept. 26	2:00	Veteran’s Victory House Singing

Church Council Meeting Sunday, September 11th at 7:00pm



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The Communicator

From the Associate Pastor...

Happy September everyone. I hope that this note finds you having a great day in the Lord. I can't begin to tell you how awesome and exciting it is for me to be a part of God's church here at NWBC. I genuinely love our ministry here. Things are certainly busy now and as the holidays are approaching, it is only going to get busier.

On Sunday, September 25th we will be beginning our Christmas musical rehearsals. The Christmas Shoes is our selection this year and this one involves a lot of people. We need singers, actors, set designers and prop builders. Please contact me soon to volunteer. WE NEED YOU!! I've had some interest in having a more consistent choir so your participation in this will help me decide which direction to go. Please be in prayer with me about this. We want to honor God in all that we do.

Driven Youth Ministries is moving right along. We have been having some wonderful Bible studies and youth outings. I was very pleased with our youth Sunday a few weeks ago. The youth did a magnificent job on their skit. There are lots of things coming up for them over the next couple of months, ending the year with another trip to the Big God Conference. Keep watching the calendar to keep up with what this group is doing.

Folks, if you have not tried out a Sunday school class, let me encourage you to do that. We have great Bible teaching for every age group. Our teachers and leaders are eager for you to come and enjoy the teaching and the fellowship. There is room for YOU. Don't miss out on a blessing at 10:00am every Sunday morning.

There are opportunities all over the place from K'Motion Kidz to senior adults. My prayer is that if you are not currently involved somewhere that you will give these ministries a try. There is nothing like serving the Lord and the sweet fellowship of His people. I hope to see you plugged in somewhere soon.

As always, if you need me, I am available. I would love to assist you in any way that I can.

I love serving the Lord, and I love serving Him with you.

Pastor Steve

Hi everyone!! We are just 2 short months away from one of the biggest events held at our church...and I need your help!! Our Trunk or Treat has a theme this year...Jesus Is My Superhero!! So that means superhero themed trunks...anything from your favorite Bible hero (including Jesus) to modern day superheroes (TMNT, Spider-Man, Avengers, Star Wars, Narnia...you name it!). And AS ALWAYS...we are highlighting the superhero...NOT the villain.

I'm hoping to have Jesus Is My Superhero t-shirts made for those who want them. Let me know if you are interested.

If you would be willing to host a trunk, or help with parking, please reply or send me a message!! We need a total of 25 trunks and 6-7 parking/hayride volunteers!!



Thanks so much!!
Bri Gallagher, K'Motion Kidz Ministry

WOW! WMU is BUSY!

On Monday, September 19th, the ladies will be going to Pine Grove Baptist Church for a WMU Salad Supper. Discussions will include State Missions that are focused on mission opportunities in our own state, such as summer camps, disaster relief, collegiate ministry, Heart 4 Schools, and church planting.

The theme for 2016 is "Yes, Lord!", drawn from John 21:17b, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

September 11th – September 18th is the Week of Prayer for State Missions and Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions. Our goal for Janie Chapman Offering is \$1,200.00. Our prayers are also vital for our missionaries to be able to meet goals and challenges, to combat any obstacles they may encounter and to reach the lost.

On Wednesday evening, September 21st, we will have State Missions Emphasis night. We will have a skillet supper at 5:00pm. (rice/meat dishes, pasta/meat dishes, salads) – something for everyone. Then we will meet in the sanctuary with State Missions Evangelist speaker, Mr. Ron Barker. Come and be informed about missions around our state and see how our offering dollars are used to enrich the kingdom of God.