

SOARing

Sports Outreach And Recreation
Bi-Weekly Newsletter

Monday, January 30, 2006

Upcoming Youth Events

- Every Wednesday — Youth Group meets in gym at 6:30 pm
- 3/31/06—4/2/06 High School Retreat to Doe River Gorge (ropes course, games, mountains)
- 4/7/06—4/9/06 Middle School Retreat to Doe River Gorge (ropes course, games, mountains)

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Scott's Thoughts by Scott Deneen, Pastor to Youth and Families

Dear Friends,

On behalf of all those who serve your children through the volleyball sports ministry (coaches, referees, league planners, etc.), let me say how delighted we are that you've entrusted your children to us for the 2006 volleyball season. We value your input and take seriously the privilege we've been given.

Why do we do it? That's always a good first question. Our utmost desire is that God is glorified in all things - even volleyball play. So great is our Creator that all things were brought into existence in order to enjoy Him. Think of it this way: God was fully happy before making anything. He created us so that we could enjoy His happiness with Him through a relationship with Jesus.

I can't imagine anything more amazing than God. When I think of the ocean, with its vastness and

depth, I know that it is merely a drop in the bucket compared to God. And when I see a sunrise after a rain, the beauty produced pales in comparison with the beauty God possesses in infinite measure.

God, in all His beauty, power, wisdom, and perfection invites people like you and I into a fellowship so deep and special that nothing this world offers can compare to it. Jesus likened it to a man who found a pearl of great price in a field. So great was that pearl that the man went away, sold all he had, and purchased the field in order to

have the pearl. God is that pearl - worth everything we possess and more.

We at First Presbyterian would like to introduce all our players and all their family members to this God. A God who does not "spare His own Son, but delivers Him up for us all" so that we could know and experience His love. So if you have any questions, or special needs, or just need a friend to talk to, please consider this your invitation. We are open to you, love you, and desire to minister to you for the glory of God.

God's rich blessings, *Scott*



Team Thessalonians Huddle for Devotion
www.fpcstanley.org

Understanding SOAR – a look at one of the ministry goals

Goal: To help our players improve in their volleyball skills.

How do we plan to do that? Our volunteers are very excited to be a part of this year's volleyball league. A pre-season training session was lead by a local high school volleyball coach. Rules and regulations were reviewed

with coaches and officials alike. Along with this, the latest, most popular drills and skills were demonstrated.

How can you help us? Your role as parent is critical to the experience your child will have this season. Help them become better volleyball players by practicing the skills they

learned from their coach. Encourage them to do their best. And, have them at each practice and game on time and prepared to play.

Our prayer: For your child to have a wonderful experience this season learning the game of volleyball and the value of teamwork.

Citizenship Through Sports Alliance (CTSA)

For the first time ever, CTSA convened a panel of youth sports experts from across the country to evaluate youth sports in the United States and articulate its successes and failures.

The panel evaluated only community-based youth sports programs, focusing on those that serve children ages 6 to 14. To do so, panel members relied on their own experiences as youth sports leaders, authors, sociologists, sports psychologists, coaches and parents, as well as on current research and academic literature.

Some concerns include that, on a whole, youth sports has:

- * Lost interest on the child's experience, more emphasis on adult-motives such as winning.
- * Suffered from the actions of over-invested parents
- * Failed to provide adequately equipped coaches
- * Focused on early sports specialization, leading to burnout, overuse injuries and a hyper-competitive atmosphere

- * Lost the voice of the child, whose goals (according to most experts) include fun, friends, fitness, and skill development.

The panel hopes that increasing awareness will stimulate dialogue about ways to improve youth sports. **



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A Word from... Dr. James Dobson

It's curious that some children seem to enjoy fighting with their parents. It's a function of the pugnacious temperament with which they are born.

Some of this has to do with a child's sense of security. For example, imagine you're driving a car on a suspension bridge over a deep canyon. Suppose there are no guard-rails on the bridge. Where will you steer the car? Right down the middle of the road. Even though you don't plan



to hit guard-rails, you feel more secure knowing they are there.

It's the same way with children. There is security in defined limits. They need to know pre-

cisely what the rules are and who's available to enforce them. Whenever a strong-willed child senses that the boundaries may have moved or that his parents may have lost their nerve, he will often precipitate a fight just to test the limits again. Kids may not admit that they want you to be the boss, but they breathe easier when you prove that you are. *

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22: 6

Log on Together...

Focus on Your Child ministry helps parents raise healthy, confident, and well-adjusted children. You can find out about topics such as parenting teenagers, being a single parent, and helping your child develop a relationship with God. *

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Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

- Morning Service
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship Service
- Evening Service
- 6:30 Worship Service