

Scott's Thoughts

Dear Friends,

If you had three wishes, what would you wish for? [more wishes is not an option!] Bigger house? Money in the bank? A house on Lake Norman? A new truck or car? A better job? The list goes on and on. We desire many things in this consumeristic society and the availability of products is endless. My wife, Suzy, and I flew to New York City recently and laughed at all the products offered in the "Sky Mall" magazine - spiked shoes for aerating your lawn, a machine that spotted counterfeit bills, and bathing suits that let you tan through the material.

I began thinking that I didn't really want the products themselves but what the products promised - peace, beauty, security, prestige, value, safety, importance, etc. I decided that what I *really* want

in life is not 'material' at all but rather intangibles. In other words, I don't



want physical things, I want spiritual things.

How about you? What if you received everything on your wish list? Would a bigger house automatically mean less problems? No. The more house you have, the more maintenance is required. Would more money mean more security? No. People with lots of money live in gated communities with guards and dogs. A new car? Not really, because what we really want from a new car is either security (it won't die on the side of the road), prestige (people will finally know how awesome I am!), or

beauty (Wow! This car looks incredible!!).

All our longings/desires point to our need to be satisfied. Unfortunately, earthly things do not satisfy. But they were never meant too. We were made to be satisfied by God. We were created to have a deep, meaningful relationship with God Himself through Jesus Christ. He is to be our peace, security, joy, and delight. And His benefits never end. His power is always full throttle, His love always enduring, and His wisdom never challenged.

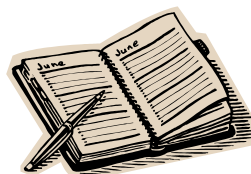
Today, as you dream about what would make your life better, remember that material things will never ultimately satisfy you like God can. He's a 'cut above' everything else. Maybe we should pray for more of Him instead of wishing our lives away!

Praying for Your Joy in Jesus,

Scott

Upcoming Youth Events

- **Youth Group**
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
(6th — 12th grade)
- **Family VBS**
June 12th—15th
6:30 to 8:30 pm



You're Invited
FPC Soccer Celebration
May 20, 2006
Immediately Following Your Game
Mark Your Calendars



www.internationalsport.com/csp/index.cfm

Launched in March of 2001, the Center for Sports Parenting (CSP) is a Web-based initiative that offers immediate and practical guidance to parents, coaches, educators, administrators, officials, and all other individuals involved in youth sports, equipping them with the information needed to handle the psy-

chological and physical challenges faced by young people participating in athletics.

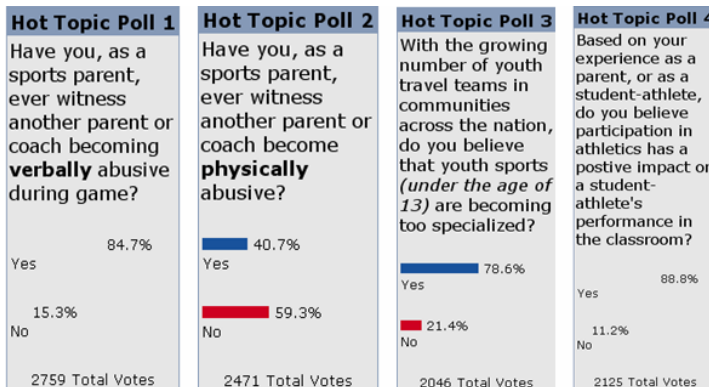
The CSP was founded to meet two pressing needs for parents of young athletes. First, to provide immediate, practical assistance for parents, coaches, educators, administrators, officials, referees,

umpires and all other individuals involved in youth sports; and second, CSP is committed to researching the latest practices in the area of sports parenting, with special emphasis on coaching, communication, motivation and athletic development.

Here are the results from their Hot Topic polls:



FUN is good!
Dr. Seuss



Parents' Answer Book

Q.118 I find I'm more likely to say no to my children than to say yes, even when I don't feel strongly about the permission they are seeking. I wonder why I automatically respond so negatively.

It's easy to fall into the habit of saying no to our kids.

- "No, you can't go outside."
- "No, you can't have a cookie."
- "No, you can't spend the night with a friend."

Dr. James Dobson

We could have answered affirmatively to all of these requests, but we chose almost automatically to respond in the negative. Why? Because we didn't take time to stop and think about the consequences; because the activity could cause us more work or strain; because there could be danger in the request; because our children ask for a thousand favors a day

and we find it convenient to refuse them all.

While every child needs to be acquainted with denial of some of his or her more extravagant wishes, there is also a need for parents to consider each request on its own merit. There are so many necessary "no's" in life that we should say yes whenever we can.

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Did You Know...

- The sports ministry at First Presbyterian is in its 16th year.
- Other than soccer, we offer youth volleyball, baseball/softball and basketball
- For adults, there is co-ed volleyball & softball as well as men's softball and basketball
- We average more than 350 total participants each year in our youth sports ministry
- The Child Development Center offers preschool, after-school and summer childcare
- In an given year, coaches, players, parents, friends, officials, and volunteers may consume 400 hotdogs and 50 gallons of ice cream!
- There are many other ministries in our church, including:
 - Women in the Church
 - Short-term mission trips
 - Youth groups
 - Care groups / Bible study
 - Best Years / Golden Heirs clubs
 - Drama Team



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
- Call us at 704.263.4275