

## Upcoming Youth Events

### Youth Group

Middle & High School

#### Sunday Nights

Bible Study  
6:00 - 7:30pm

#### Wednesday Nights

Open Gym, Dining Out, etc.  
6:30 - 8:00pm

#### Middle School Retreat

Ridgehaven, Brevard N.C.  
May 16th - 18th

### Children's Ministry

#### Imagebearers

1st - 5th grade  
Sundays 6:00 - 7:30pm

### Summer Sports Camp

Daily, June 9th - 13th

9:00am - 12:15pm

Ages 6 - 12

Soccer  
Basketball  
Cheerleading

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

Jesus surprises me all the time. Just when I think he can't do anything more amazing, he does! Take for instance what he does in John 20:19-20...

*On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.*

According to these verses, it was the first day of the week – Sunday – and if we were to read the entire passage, we would know that this was the day Jesus rose from the dead. He had told his disciples that on the third day he would rise from the dead... and he did! Question: Where were his disciples? Were they standing by the tomb waiting for Jesus to come out? Did they rise early in the morning and head down to the cemetery to watch the Son of God conquer death through his powerful resurrection? No. They were behind closed doors *for fear of the Jews* (i.e., the Jewish authorities). The disciples didn't believe Jesus would rise from the dead, and therefore, they weren't at the tomb. They *did* believe that they may be arrested, so they locked the door.

*"Peace be with you!"*

Jesus then appears in their midst. How a man can pass through a wall is beyond me, but he does. He knows where the disciples are hiding and he comes to them. Why? Why would Jesus seek out the men who had 1) abandoned him; 2) denied him; and 3) disbelieved his resurrection claims? Did Jesus come to chide them, give them a good 'tongue lashing,' or to tell them how ashamed he was of them? No.

Here's the amazing thing that astounds me: Jesus said, "Peace be with you." How can he do this?! How can he bless those who denied him? How can he forgive those who have forsaken him? How can he love those who don't deserve to be loved? Well, Jesus gives us a clue when he "shows his hands and side." When Jesus showed the scars left by the Cross, he in effect reminds us of why he came to earth – to forgive & save his people. It was at this point that Jesus gave the disciples the peace he came to secure. Since he had taken away their sin by his death, he could convey the Life he worked so hard to achieve!

"PEACE be with you!" Jesus gave them peace with God, peace with himself, peace with each other, peace with themselves. So, when he saw the disciples for the first time after the resurrection, rather than berating them for their lack of faith, he demonstrated his compassionate nature by blessing them!

Are you as astounded at his mercy? I hope so because you won't find mercy/love like this from any other person. Why not enjoy his peace? He offers it to all who would receive it!

**Parents' Answer Book** Dr. James Dobson

2002, Tyndale House Publishers

**Q43.** My children are still young, and they are doing fine now, but I worry a lot about the adolescent years that lie ahead. I've seen other parents go through some pretty terrible things when their teenagers began to rebel. How can I help my child avoid that turmoil ten years from now?

The apprehension that you describe is well founded, and many parents feel something similar today. The most important suggestion I can make is for you to redouble your efforts to build good relationships with your kids while they are young. That is the key to surviving the adolescent years. If they emerge from childhood with doubts about whether you really love and care for them, anything is possible during the turbulent teens. Boundaries, restrictions, and threats will be no match for adolescent anger, frustration, and resentment. As author Josh McDowell said, "Rules without relationship lead to rebellion." He is right. That's why parents can't afford to get preoccupied with business and other pursuits that interfere with the task of raising children. Kids are young for such a brief period. During that window of opportunity, they must be given priority.

Once you've done what you can to lay the proper foundation, I urge you to approach your parenting duties with confidence. God has placed you in a position of authority over your young children. Lead them with confidence - and then stay on your knees [in prayer] for help from above.

*James C. Dobson, Ph.D., has devoted his career to helping children and families. He is a well-established author, the founder and chairman of the board for Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization.*



Psalm 118:8

*IT is better  
to trust in  
the Lord than  
to put  
confidence in  
man.*

**Soccer News****It's starting to get hot... don't forget**

- Sunscreen for your soccer star! Look for sunscreen that is waterproof and sweat-proof.
- Replenishment drink for during the game. Ideally, on hot days, this would be a sports drink to replenish your child with lost electrolytes and nutrients.

**The Goal Kick**

A Goal Kick is a method of restarting play. A goal may be scored directly from a goal kick, only against the opposing team.

A Goal Kick is awarded when the whole ball, having last touched a player of the attacking team, passes over the goal line, and a goal is not scored.

**Procedure:**

- the ball is kicked from any point within the goal area by a player of the defending team
- Opponents remain outside the penalty area until the ball is in play
- the ball is in play when it is kicked directly beyond the penalty area.
- the kicker does not play the ball a second time until it has touched another player

Adapted from [The Official Soccer Site](#)**NAYS survey reveals parents' goals for their young athletes.**

More than 2,000 parents were surveyed by NAYS on various topics related to youth sports. Among the questions asked were, "What's the main reason you want your child to play sports?". The findings suggest that many parents have the right idea when it comes to their expectations of their child's sports experience. Here's the results:

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| 56% | To play a sport they like       |
| 24% | To get exercise                 |
| 11% | To make friends                 |
| 5%  | So they can play in High School |
| 4%  | To earn a college scholarship   |



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Stanley, North Carolina

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**Morning Service**

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

**Evening Service**

- 6:00 Care Groups
- Image Bearers
- 6:00 Youth Group

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Team Rosters

Game Schedule