

Upcoming Youth Events

Summer Happenings

Children's Ministry

Summer Schedule will be released soon!

Youth Group

Middle & High School

Stanley Square Youth Nights
May 13th, 20th, & 27th
6:30 - 8:00pm

Youth Baseball / Softball

June 13 - August 16, 2009
Ages 5 - 16, evenings

Summer Sports Camp

June 22 - June 26, 2009
Ages 6 - 12
9:00am - 12:15pm
Soccer, Basketball & Cheer

Vacation Bible School

July 26 - July 30, 2009
Ages 3 - 5th grade
Mark your calendars!

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

There are some amazing people in the Bible: Noah, Abraham, Moses, Gideon, Samson, and David (just to name a few). Kids will often say, "Wow, I want to be like David!" or "Wouldn't it be cool to be Moses!" God used these men to do incredible things, and their faith is commended to us.

Take for instance Noah (Gen 6-9; Hebrews 11:7)... when warned by God about the coming flood, "did everything just as God commanded him." Building the ark was an act of faith on Noah's part, because up to this point in Biblical history, it had not rained (the earth was watered by

internal streams and a water canopy). As Noah built the ark over several years, the people laughed at him and mocked him. Yet, Noah remained faithful to God.

Moses (Exodus & Deuteronomy) was called by God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. This was amazing because the Egyptians were the most powerful nation in the world and the Israelites were slaves. And yet God used Moses to accomplish the most significant deliverance in the Old Testament. Moses was a model of faithfulness and humility.

David (1 Samuel 16 - 2 Samuel) was probably a teenager when God used him to defeat Goliath. Although David had already killed a bear & lion while defending his sheep, Goliath was a trained gladiator who had never lost a fight. David is commended for his trust in God to deliver both him and God's people from Goliath & Goliath's country

(Philistia). David was also one of Israel's greatest kings.

But, as great as these men were, they were still men. Each had flaws, each sinned, each has a recorded history of moral failure. Why would I bring that up? Why would I bring up their "dirty laundry?" Because the Bible does. And why does the Bible record Noah's drunkenness, Abraham's faithlessness, Moses' angry outburst, Gideon's idolatry, and Samson & David's moral failures?

Because as great as these men were (and they were great!), God was encouraging his people to look for someone

greater than they were. Someone who had all their positive qualities - faith, love for God, moral integrity, etc, - but who never succumbed to temptation, never sinned, and never became idolatrous. God was training His people to look forward to the coming of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus is greater than Noah, greater than Abraham, greater than Moses, greater than Gideon, greater than Samson, greater than David. Jesus, according to the book of Hebrews, is greater than all men and angels, because He is God's Anointed Messiah as well as God's only Son.

So, when you read about the great men & women of faith in the Bible, rejoice in their godliness but also recognize that Jesus far surpasses them and can alone save His people from their sins.

Hoping you'll enjoy Jesus above all others!

Pastor Scott

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under Heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

Kids ask tough questions...

At a recent skills clinic, players were given an "Open Mike" opportunity to ask our pastors a question. Here's one answered by Pastor Dave.



Q. Can God leave this planet?

Not only can God leave this planet, He can be and *IS* everywhere in the universe **AT THE SAME TIME!!!** Wow! How can He do that? I don't know... But God said, "Am I only a God nearby, and not a God far away? Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him? Do not I fill heaven and earth?" (Jeremiah 23:23-24) And, King David wrote, "Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there." (Psalm 139:7-8)

I know this is hard to believe, but think about it - the same TV show can be seen all over the world at the same time. Remember last year's Olympic games from China?

Soccer News

Charlotte Eagles to Attend our Finale

Charlotte's Pro Soccer team, the Charlotte Eagles, confirmed their plans to have members of the team attend our season Finale on

Saturday, June 6th.



Charlotte Eagle Mascot

The Finale is the perfect way to end the season! We'll have the trophy presentation and hear the team Bible verses.

Finale Schedule

Division I (4.5 - 6 yr olds)
Sat., June 6th 9:30 - 11am

Division II (7 - 8 yr olds)
Sat., June 2nd 1:30 - 3pm

Division III (9 - 11 yr olds)
Sat., June 2nd 1:30 - 3pm

Soccer Goalie

The job as soccer goalie (goalkeeper) is to prevent opponents from scoring. Goalies also encourage teammates, steer the defensive line and organize attacks.

A goalkeeper should:

- Never try to dribble by your opponent, instead, play smart and kick the ball away
- Always try to find a free standing teammate who can receive the ball without pressure.



So, how to throw the ball?

There are several techniques you can use in order to throw the ball properly. You may for example:

- Throw the ball low
- Roll it along the ground
- Throw it like a tennis serve

GK - Goal Keeper
SW - Sweeper
CB - Center Fullback

CM - Center Midfielder
CF - Center Forward
LWB/RWB - Right/Left Wingback

John 20:31

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.



Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

Morning Service

8:30 Worship Service

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship Service

Evening Service

Beginning in June

6:30 Family Worship

On the first Sunday night each month, we'll have a family meal at 6pm & worship at 7pm

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Team Rosters

Game Schedule

Cool Dads

Long-term cool dads have six attributes:

- A cool dad understands his child's embarrassment.
- A cool dad listens first.
- A cool dad uses his weaknesses as strengths.
- A cool dad isn't embarrassed about his relationship with God.
- A cool dad admits his mistakes.
- A cool dad acts like an adult, but understands what it's like to be a kid.

The Christian Dad's Answer Book
1997, Zondervan Publishing



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