



THE BEACON

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ *Sunday evening worship **tonight** at 6pm!*
- ⇒ *Bring a Friend Day will be coming up soon, April 25. Postcards are on the way, but that is just one of the ways you can invite...start telling your friends in person, on the phone, by email, or any way you can. This was a BIG day last year, let's do it again!*
- ⇒ *We will no longer be supporting the work at Oak Level. They continue to ask for our prayers for the work there, but feel that they have grown to the point that they can sustain themselves with their own contributions. We are proud of our sister congregation and pray their continued success in the future.*

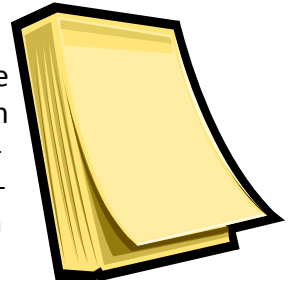


FOR YOUTH

- ⇒ *Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for July 14-16. If you have not already agreed to help in some way and would like to see Trice Dunn or Tim Reynolds.*

TAKE NOTE

The leadership is making an effort to further involve every member of the congregation! If you have been wondering how you can serve, ideas are coming your way...next week! Every member will be asked to fill out a *membership involvement survey*. This is to serve in several ways: it will help the elders and deacons know whom is willing to serve in certain ways when work needs done, it will help identify where growth is needed, it will give you ideas on where you can serve in the future, and more. Watch for it next week!



PRAYERS REQUESTED

*Neil Vick • Evalyn Jordan • Deanna Friend • Maria Muniz • Marsha Harper
Gaye Johnston • W.C. English • Kenneth Starks • Katy Walker • Mildred Harmon
Doug Johnson • Hollis Wilkins • Nancy Britton • Tommy Vied
PLEASE LET DANIEL KNOW WHEN SOMEONE
NEEDS ADDED OR MAY BE REMOVED*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*April 4—Ricky York
April 10—Danny Higgins
April 17—Terry Henderson
April 22—Wes Lindsey*

*April 5—Nancy Black
April 12—Olivia Reynolds
April 18—Sawyer Collins
April 23—Ricky & Lydia York*

THIS WEEK'S BUS DRIVER IS BILL D., CALL 704-0029

RECORD

	Act.	Goal	1Yr. Ago
Sun. School	125	125	93
Worship AM	134	150	134
Worship PM	78	125	82
Midweek	89	125	98
Offering	\$2502	\$3200	\$2851
Weekly Budget:		\$3000	

THOSE TO SERVE

Announcements
Sun. AM Song Leader
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper Devo.
Greeters
Sun. PM Song Leader
Wed. PM Song Leader
Wed. PM Devotional
Bus Driver

THIS WEEK (4/4)

Trice Dunn
 Jeff Edwards
 Logan Oakley
 Ricky Collins
 Bill & Mary Dale
 Jeff Edwards
 Jeff Edwards
 Mason Thompson
 Bill Dale (704-0029)

NEXT WEEK (4/11)

Trice Dunn
 Mike Wyatt
 Jordan Holland
 Steve Higgins
 Trish & Erick Mackie
 Mike Wyatt
 Mike Wyatt
 Terry Henderson
 Greg Nelson (527-5870)

THREE WEEKS (4/18)

Trice Dunn
 Mason Thomson
 Thomas Marshall
 Dwayne Oakley
 Moon & Patsy Redden
 SINGING
 Mark Reynolds
 Danny Higgins
 Mason T. (437-4265)

MISSION WORKS	
CHINA	\$300/month
AFRICA	\$300/month
T.R. WEBB (MSOP)	\$200/month
NEW PATHWAYS	\$150/month
GBN-TV	\$100/month

LAST WEEK YOU BROUGHT

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Britthaven: Nadine Peck (126B) Pauline Shepherd (100)
Spring Creek: Deloris Pritchard (113) Perry Cornwell (326) Margaret Grogan (314)
Stilley House: Emma Powell (201)
At Home: Sharon Brewer Terrell & Barbara Darnell Mary Alice Johnston

VISITORS TO SERVICES WITH YOU!
THANK YOU! BY INVITING AND BRINGING VISITORS YOU ARE MAKING THIS CHURCH GROW!

AND THE WINNER IS...

"March Madness" is almost over. By the time some of you read this, the "field" will be down to two teams. For those who follow college basketball closely, this is an exciting time of the year. After a long season, and an exciting tournament, one team will hold the trophy high for all to see, cut down the nets, and bask in the glow of being the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball National Champions.

At that (to borrow a phrase) "one shining moment" in their young lives *nothing* could be better than that experience. Nothing could be more important than the title they worked so long and so hard to earn.

Or --- could there be something more important --- even to a talented, dedicated, and very good college basketball player?

I would like to suggest that the real champion in men's college basketball is not a team, but one individual player. Does that sound strange? What may change this suggestion from strange to ludicrous to some is that this young man's team will not be playing for the national championship.

However, according to some information I read recently in *The Christian Chronicle*, this young man is a champion in what really matters. Scottie Reynolds appears to have his priorities figured out. Although he is a star player for a major college team and will likely be playing in the NBA, it seems as though all of that is further down on his list of priorities than his relationship with God and his commitment to the church.

I hope that you find the following quotes from his preacher as interesting as I did:

"Even after late-night, out-of-town games that might tempt less dedicated church members to stay in bed, Reynolds shows up to worship first thing Sunday."

"He's very faithful and has even taught our teen class. He attends worship service while the team practices on Sunday mornings. He goes to practice after services...He's definitely a Christian role model."

Consider, too this quote from the author of the article:

According to a *Washington Post* story, Herndon (Scottie's high school team, where, by the way, he was a McDonald's All-American) was playing Maryland's Potomac High School and losing badly in the first half **while Reynolds was at a Wednesday night Bible study.** (emphasis mine, J.F.)

But then Reynolds showed up at halftime: He scored 30 points in 16 minutes and brought his team to within 10 points, even though Herndon still lost. Herndon coach Gary Hall told a reporter that Reynolds had done the same thing many times.

'The doors would open, and it would be like Superman coming into the gym,' Hall said. 'He would be pulling of his tie and shirt and sprinting on the court to save us.'

I'd like to ask the parents who read this to do your children (and yourselves) a real favor. Would you please turn your attention away from your child's achievements on the field or court long enough to make a serious assessment of his or her relationship with the Lord?

Could it be possible that, one day, you'll be recalling with both pride and regret the athletic accomplishments of your child? The pride may be on display (trophies, pictures, videos, medals, etc.). The regret may be hidden somewhere behind your smile as you wonder why your child, who is now grown, never shows any interest in the Lord, His church, His work, or His people.

Those who are close to you and who really know you will also know of the regret. They will probably be too kind to tell you of their suspicions about at least one of the reasons for the way things turned out. Deep inside, you'll know --- and you'll know that if you had it to do all over again, you would have done it much differently.

According to *The Christian Chronicle* article, "(t)he roots of Reynold's faith can be traced to his adoptive parents, Rick and Pam Reynolds." The roots of whatever our children deem to be important can be traced to their parents as well.

Let's do all we can to make our children *real* champions!

~Jim Faughn