

The Rec-Connection

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“No one hates their own body, but lovingly cares for it, just as Christ cares for his. As we are his body.” Ephesians 5: 29 & 30

THE GLORY OF GOD

When I was in college I played in the intramural soccer leagues with some buddies of mine. We had a core group of about eight guys and supplemented the rest with people from class. After four seasons of outdoor and four seasons of indoor, we had collected two championships and two runner ups. Each year we would field a competitive team and have a blast in the process. Of the core eight, seven played in high school and spent some time on traveling club teams. I played in the city league for a couple of years but ended up focusing more on football, making me the weak player. While my footwork was not as refined as some of my teammates I did play a mean Goalkeeper. And let me tell you - I loved it. Honestly, I think I inherited the job because of my lack of other skills and that is just where they stuck me! But over time I grew into a decent Goalie, came to love the position, and took pride in my performance. In the final year with the team, three games went into an overtime shootout. During those final games I had become so confident in my abilities that I sat in the goal aching for time to expire, because I knew we would win in shootout. Why? Because I knew I was better than the opposing team. I would think, “Just get to a shootout, put the game on my shoulders, and let me win it.” I wanted to be the Go-to-Guy, Mr. Clutch. Many would say it is my competitive nature that fueled me, or maybe my desire for control. Maybe I’m a bad teammate or maybe I’m the ultimate teammate. But just between you and me...I wanted the spotlight and I wanted the glory.

Now I’ll tell you another story. The 15th chapter of Genesis tells of Abraham’s desire for a son. He waited several years for a child of his own but only after a few wrong turns and several years of waiting did God finally bless Abraham with a son. Isaac was the pride and joy of his father, and the long awaited heir to his fortune. But one fateful morning God asked the unthinkable - sacrifice Isaac. Abraham, showing more faith than I can imagine, rose early in the morning and took his son to the mountain top. Only at the last possible moment did God intervene and spare Isaac’s life. Now this story has multiple lessons but the one I want to focus on is the timing of God. Only when Abraham had fully committed to God’s will did the Lord step in. In Matthew Chapter 14, Peter saw Jesus walking on the water. Peter shouted “Lord, if it is you tell me to come to you on water!” Jesus did not provide detailed plans or a thorough explanation, just “Come.” Peter had to step out in faith and believe that Jesus would take care of him. In Exodus Chapter 7, Moses walks into Pharaoh’s chamber with no idea what to say. He had no plan to care for the 600,000 Israelites he had been entrusted with, and no plan for food or water. Just orders from God. Why does God ask us to follow him with no more instructions? One word. Glory. God wants the glory and wants us to know that it was him who came through. Not our own ability, talents, skills, or just plain ‘ol good fortune. God always comes through in the exact right moment. Sometimes for reasons we will never know, sometimes to test your faith, and sometimes just so you will know that God alone has delivered you. Many times that’s the only way we can take the focus off our attempts for glory, and know the real credit goes to God.

1 Corinthians 10:31-32

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

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Featured Programs

Dump your Plump: Lose it for Life

Where exercise & nutrition combine to form the healthier lifestyle you’ve always wanted.

Informational meeting Saturday,
January 15th at 3pm in the CLC.

Dance Classes

Ages 3-7

Ballet & Jazz

6 week program beginning January 15th.
Registration begins January 3rd.

Upcoming Events

Exercise Classes are still taking registrations

Yoga

Tuesdays 9am - 10am or
Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm

Pilates

Thursdays 9am - 10am or
Mondays 6pm - 7pm

Cardio Kickboxing

Tuesdays 9am - 10am or
Tuesdays 6pm - 7pm

1 class \$45
2 classes \$75
3 Classes \$100

Each class is 12 weeks long

**Special Hours for the holidays! See the
December Daily Calendar for details!**

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