

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

I wanted to share this word with you that I received from Pastor Timothy Satryan...

“Once upon a time, there was a very strong woodcutter. He asked for a job from a timber merchant, and he got it. The pay was really good and so were the work conditions. For that reason the woodcutter was determined to do his best. His boss gave him an axe and showed him the area where he was supposed to work. The first day, the woodcutter brought down 18 trees.

The Boss was very impressed and said, "Congratulations! Keep it up!"

Very motivated by the words of the boss, the woodcutter tried harder the next day, but he could only bring down 15 trees. The third day he tried even harder, but he could only bring down 10 trees. Day after day he was bringing down less and less trees. "I must be losing my strength," the woodcutter thought to himself. He went to the boss and apologized, saying that he could not understand what was going on.

"When was the last time you sharpened your axe?" the boss asked. "Sharpen? I had no time to sharpen my axe. I have been very busy trying to cut trees."

The moral of the story:

Our lives are like that. We sometimes get so busy that we don't take time to sharpen the axe. In today's world, it seems that everyone is busier than ever, but less happy than ever. Why is that? Could it be that we have forgotten how to stay sharp?

There is nothing wrong with hard work. But we should not get so busy that we neglect the truly important things in life, like our personal life, taking time to care for others, taking time to read, etc. We all need time to relax, to think and meditate, to learn and grow. If we don't take time to sharpen the axe, we will become dull and lose our effectiveness.

What sharpens your axe? For some it is reading a book, while others it is going for a walk. Take time for yourself this year and do what sharpens your axe. The CLC has multiple opportunities for you to do so. Take one of our cooking classes, become involved in a sports league, or spend more time with the family during one of our Family Fellowship Nights. Don't let life make you "dull" - come by today and find out how we can help sharpen *your* life.

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Featured Programs

Family Fellowship Night

February 20th from 6pm - 9pm

For only \$5, you can bring your whole family to the CLC for fun, food and games. We will have basketball, volleyball, pool, ping pong, foosball, and air hockey. This is a chance to spend an evening playing games and spending quality time with loved ones. We all have busy lives and setting aside time with the family can be tough. If you are interested in this great event, please sign up today to help us order enough food.

UPWARD Awards Night

February 28th 7pm - 8pm

Open to everyone that has been involved with the UPWARD program. This is a special night recognizing the hard work done by all of the cheerleaders, players, and countless volunteers which have made this league a success. There will be awards, prizes, and a special presentation by master illusionist Toby Travis. All players, cheerleaders, and coaches please arrive at 6:30pm.

Upcoming Events

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See above for a complete description.

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Boot Camp I & II

5:00am - 6:00am

Monday - Friday: March 8th - 13th or

Monday - Friday: March 15th - 20th

Are you tough enough? Do you want to be?

This is an intense workout aimed at kicking off a work out regimen or getting off your current plateau. If you're struggling to reach the next level, or want a crash course in fitness, then sign up today in the CLC.

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