

The Rec-Connection

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Physical exercise has some value, but spiritual exercise is much more important, for it promises a reward in both this life and the next. 1 Timothy 4:8

God Has a Plan... Even If I Dont Like It!

I want to share with you one of the most humbling experiences of my life. I have always been a natural athlete and been able to play most sports well enough to be considered a decent player. If I wasn't the one doing the picking, I was always one of the first people taken when "choosing up" sides. Even today I would consider myself a decent athlete, albeit not of collegiate or professional ability. My final semester of college I had the fortune of requiring only 3 classes to graduate, leaving me plenty of free time. As a result, a long-time friend of mine convinced me to take a PE basketball class. Having never played organized basketball before I thought this would be a good time to learn the finer points of the game and also a great chance for some exercise. The first day of class, it did not take long to realize that this was no ordinary class. It was taught by the assistant head coach of the men's team and was a proving ground for red shirt freshmen, players hoping to catch the coach's eye, and even starters who were rehabbing injuries. Safe to say, my friend and I were in over our heads. In a class of 60+, we were both regularly picked dead last for every scrimmage. During that class I learned not only what a three-man weave was, but how to do it! As the class went on, I learned more and more. Eventually, I did get better and moved up in the order a bit, but still dreaded the Friday scrimmages, as it would always be a blow to my ego.

But God in his infinite wisdom had a plan, even when I didn't realize it. When I was hired by Christ Church, the first tasks assigned to me were to start a men's basketball league and an Upward Basketball program. During the next few months I was called on to be a referee and a coach, both of which would have been impossible if not for the skills I learned in my one venture into organized basketball. While I could play the game, I could never have taught it, or refereed it.

The memories of my basketball class are bittersweet. I did not enjoy being picked last, or being dominated on the court, but I know it was a learning process. I was there for a reason and a purpose. The moral of the story is that God will never leave you nor forsake you. Even the most obscure events, or task can have a purpose. Never discount the fact that God is always grooming and preparing you for later tasks in life.

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Featured Programs

**Spaces still available
for Girls Basketball
Kindergarten - 6th
Grade**



Upward Basketball is the perfect league for the new or developing player, as well as the seasoned veteran. Girls Kindergarten - 6th grade will learn proper technique in a safe and encouraging environment. All players receive equal playing time and the opportunity for improvement. The extended deadline for all registrations is November 15th, so sign up before it's too late.

Boys registrations are filling up quickly and only limited spots are available in each division.

Upcoming Events



**Kidz Night Out
November
19th!**

Open to Boys and
Girls ages 9-12.

Check-in begins at 6:00 pm and the games begin at 6:30. Pick-up by 10:30 pm.

Arcade, Dodgeball, Indoor Soccer, Basketball, and much, much more!

Concession stand available

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