



# November Coaches Corner



Dear Friends,

November 1, 2023

It is one of the greatest joys of my life to sit down and take time to write you and let you that God is still on the move in the hearts of people around the world. The last couple months have been so full of outreach and Mandy and I are so grateful for how God continues to guide our mission and outreach. Recently, our outreach has centered on coaching and using sports as a way to encourage young athletes and coaches to follow God with all their hearts. This allows many opportunities to share about God's love and how to apply their faith on and off the court. The goal is to help each athlete and family learn how to work through challenges and learn to trust God through the process. As a coach, I heavily rely on the Spirit to help me each step of the journey. Recently, our varsity team won their conference and state championship and it is a great joy to see the hard work pay off after four months and hours of training and sacrifice.



The championship is a reflection of hours of training and hard work from these amazing players. We start and finish every practice and every game with prayer!!



It's a gift to coach my daughter, Shelby, who set for the team and was elected a team captain her senior year.

Coach Dave!

Thank you for another great season and for all you put into making this season happen. You coach this team and instill in us God word. Thank You!

COACH DAVE,

you are the most patient person i know & your heart for God is truly inspiring - you always push us to do our best & have had a huge impact on who i am as a player and as a person - thank you

Here's some very kind notes on how coaching makes an impact.

Dear Coach Dave,

You've been such a great coach and I'm so grateful that you gave me the opportunity on this team. Don't stop trusting God no matter what comes, He is all in control 😊

Coach Dave,

Thank you so much for being so encouraging! Thank you for putting in so much effort into this team.





“Pink Out” Night to support the Walton Family

Holly Walton (a player’s mother) was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and we dedicated a “Pink Out” night to her, praying for her and letting her know how much she is loved by all of us. It was so beautiful to see people come together in unity and have the entire gym join in corporate prayer! Please continue to pray for Holly in prayer as she and her family fights through this great challenge.

As a minister and coach, the Lord gives a unique window into many people’s lives and faith. Therefore, I ask Him daily for wisdom on how to sharpen my outreach skills and continue to effectively reach out. This May, I plan to complete my masters in life coaching and counseling, which will enable me to address recent challenges that many people face today. Studies continue to pour out that show that many youth are struggling deeply with anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation, and identity issues. In my experience in ministry for 30 years, I still believe the answer is found through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the One who taught us all to give Him our lives and our challenges because He cares deeply for us all (Matthew 11:29-30).



Coach Nichole and I at the Middle School Banquet

**More Highlights:**

1. A new Uptime volleyball outreach team of 15 athletes and four coaches just began a new season that will train for the next 6 months traveling and compete around the tri-state area.
2. Began a bi-weekly young man’s discipleship group with 7 Middle School students .
3. Preparing new opportunities to do summer “Shut Up and Serve” volleyball camps where we preach Christ and teach valuable volleyball skills (**Receive** Christ, **Set** yourself with other believers, **Attack** the Sin, **Block** your opponent and **Serve** others).

Much love,

*You are an answer to prayer.  
Teamwork makes dreamwork!!*

*Dave and Mandy*

