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Dear Friends,

Last weekend, Nashville was hit hard by snow and ice, leaving many of us without power and facing unexpected challenges. In the midst of it all, I want to share a few quick highlights that remind us of God's presence and faithfulness, guiding us each and every day.

Two weeks ago, one of our Uptime teams faced a talent-filled opponent, and one of their players, Jentelle Lowe, truly stood out. After the match, I introduced myself and learned she is the daughter of Christian Lowe, who played volleyball at nearby TSU. About 20 years ago, I had the privilege of serving Christian's team as a chaplain when they went on to win the OVC Championship. Years later, God allowed me to encourage Christian's daughter, Jentelle, on the court, now one of the top players in the state. Moments like these remind me how much God loves to encourage our hearts, often through unexpected and meaningful connections.

Another special moment came through the opportunity to encourage a young player who recently moved away from Nashville. Carson Murray moved from Nashville to Birmingham after her father accepted an assistant coaching position with Samford University Men's Basketball. We were grateful for the chance to welcome Carson back to be with her former Uptime teammates and speak encouragement into her life. Her mom later sent us a message after the tournament that truly touched our hearts...



Christian Lowe (on right) w/ baby Jentelle (Thanksgiving 2007).



Jentelle has grown into a strong Div 1 prospect.



Carson Murray and her mom, Jessica.

Thank you guys SO much for all of your work & kindness in allowing Carson to join your team & Uptime this weekend. It was a huge gift, one that I really don't even have words for, a balm to our souls. All of our kids pray & ask to pray, daily, that the Lord would make a way for us to move back to Nashville. Camden has made homemade for sale signs multiple times & put them in our yard. Therefore we're actively praying for that & long to join you again. It's been a season of "suffering" & many tears with our children but in God's upside down gospel, it's been one that has given us all a closeness to our Father that I'd never change. Thank you for pointing the girls to their Savior throughout the day, for tenderly caring for their souls & for all of your work. The moms on the team are blown away by you & the program. One even asked, "Can this be real?"... of course, my response was an easy, "Yes, & you won't find it anywhere else!" Thank you guys again, for pointing MANY to the Father.

As we continue to reach out together with God's love, we are making a lasting impact! Thank you for partnering with our ministry and faithfully trusting God with us.

Happy 2026! We pray God reminds you of His abundant love
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