

2025 Christmas Update



Merry Christmas, Friends!

This time of year is such a special time to reflect, refresh, and remember the greatest gift ever given, Jesus Christ. We celebrate with you and pray you find time to sense His joy and pleasure over you. In this letter, I want to encourage you about how God uses sports to allow us the opportunity to train and encourage university students as well. Currently, we have three new coaches for our volleyball outreach who attend Lipscomb University.



My name is Maddie Southerland, and I am a junior at Lipscomb University studying entrepreneurship. I grew up playing volleyball, and so excited to be coaching at UpTime OutReach. I love meeting new people, spending time with friends and family, and anything volleyball! I look forward to growing spiritually and pouring into these athletes throughout the season. I am passionate about building a strong, Christ-centered community and am excited to see what the Lord has in store. "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men." - Colossians 3:23



My name is Emma Bolz, and I am from Littleton, Colorado. I am a sophomore at Lipscomb University and am studying Molecular Biology. I have been playing volleyball since I was eight years old (back when the volleyballs were the size of my head!) and I have truly loved the sport ever since. I was a setter, which quickly became my favorite position. Above all, I have a deep love for Jesus and a passion for pouring into young female athletes. I am especially excited about the opportunity to coach girls in both their on-court technique and their identity in Christ! - Mark 12:28-31



My name is Olivia DeRocher, and I study communications at Lipscomb University. I have been a part of Uptime since my freshman year of high school through my senior year, and during that time, I built such strong, meaningful relationships with my teammates and coaches. They taught me not only how to grow as a volleyball player, but also what it truly means to play this sport for the Lord and to glorify Him. Uptime has poured God's love into every player in this ministry, and I have seen that impact firsthand. Because of everything this organization has given me, it is such a full-circle moment to come back and serve Uptime by coaching the next generation of players. - Matthew 16:24

As we continue to reach out with God's love to students all over the world, we want you to know the eternal impact we are making together. Please let us know how we can pray for you and keep you encouraged. You are a gift to us!

*May God fill you with joy
this Christmas and 2026!*

Much love,

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