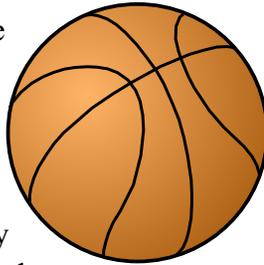


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During this time of year, collegiate basketball teams are vying for the title of National Champion. The national tournament sixty-four teams with hopes of becoming the national champion. After a few days, sixty teams shall have been eliminated, and the final four will remain. By the time the first Monday in April is finished, one team will remain to claim the title. Only one can win the title, and with each game played, one more team has its hopes dashed. Although being eliminated from the tournament can be quite disappointing, the school will have another opportunity for the title the following year.



If we are “eliminated” from Heaven by delaying our obedience until it’s too late, there will be no “next year.” There will be nothing to anticipate but an eternity of suffering, separation from saved loved ones, and never seeing the face of God.

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I was privileged to witness an extraordinary event two nights ago. My 8-year-old son plays basketball on a YMCA team. He's not very good, but he has so much fun playing. While some of the children playing are very competitive, that's just not how I would describe my son. As a matter of fact, the main reason he is playing is because each team member receives a trophy at the end of the season, and he likes the idea of having received more trophies than his dad did when he was a boy.

As his final game of the season was coming to an end, Matthew hadn't scored a single basket the entire season. In fact, he was the only child on the team that hadn't scored a point all season long. That's when something extraordinary took place. The children on Matthew's team began throwing him the ball and telling him to shoot. None of his teammates would take a shot, but would work to get Matthew the ball. Matthew took about four or five shots, but they all rolled off the rim. Time was running out. There was less than five seconds left to play on the clock.

That's when the referee positioned himself directly in front of the clock so no one could see the time, and he stopped the clock from ticking. The kids played on. For the next four or five minutes, they went up and down the court, each time Matthew took a shot, but it wouldn't fall for him. Finally, Matthew took a shot and it went in. The buzzer immediately sounded, the game ended, and the gym erupted with applause! He was so proud of himself.

Though Matthew's team lost the game, the applause and cheering indicated that there was a greater interest in the minds those present than simply the outcome of the game. The players, referees, and parents weren't interested in the final score, but in the success of a little boy who is a below-average basketball player.

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News

—Hallie Davidson is in the Hart County Health Care Center in Horse Cave. Continue to remember **Mandy Hankins, Jean Coffee, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry.**

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Matthew received his trophy that night, and yes, he reminded me that he has more trophies than I had when I was his age. He also scored two points on a "buzzer beater." Those will be his memories. But what I will always remember about that game is the way that everyone rallied around a little boy with few basketball skills and cheered more for his success, than for all the other baskets made during the entire season by much better players.

There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance. (Luke 15:7).

—Steven Higginbotham
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Unlike a crown given in a sporting event, the crown of righteousness is offered to all who properly obey the Lord. Paul wrote in II Timothy 4:8, "*Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*" Whether you are awarded this crown or not is your choice.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, March 8, 2009		
Classes	14	Revelation 17
Preaching	23	Nehemiah 8:8
Contribution	\$338.00	
Evening	17	Ecclesiastes 6:1-12
Wednesday, March 11, 2009		
Classes	19	Exodus 7:1-30

Visitors— Mar 8 (AM) Shari Rimmer (Lexington, TN)

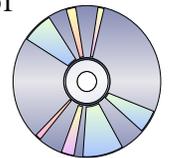
Bible Quiz

Moses was made a what to Pharaoh and Aaron what?

Last Week's Answer— Uncircumcised (Exodus 6:30)



—We are recording the audio of each service. If anyone is interested in a recording of any service, they are available on cassette or compact disk.



—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)