

Hello everyone! I hope you are enjoying the nice Spring weather - feels more like Summer though! As the college students are enjoying their summer break and the high school students finish up with exams, we wanted to share this **Spring Update** with you. We had an excellent time with all the Winter and Spring sports, the Team Devotions and Groups went very well. I don't know if it is the times and challenges that students and their families have, but we are having some of our best ministry years! The Lord continues to bless the Sports Outreach ministry, and we are very thankful for His goodness! As I have mentioned, we changed our computer database, which in turn changed the way we communicate, so we are now doing email updates. We had our May 19th Golf Tournament at Etowah Valley GC and 25 teams. We appreciate all our faithful golfers, and please join us in thanking the Lord for great weather! I hope you and your family enjoy your summer. Thanks so much for your faithful support of Sports Outreach and student athletes.

Jack

Spring Update: We are finishing up our 21st year of being a ministry "*Specializing in Team Devotions and Bible Studies*". We are in our **37th year** of Sports Ministry here in Asheville since 1988! During the Spring semester, I met with **200 or more student athletes** per month. The "weekly activities" included **Team Devotions** at local high schools. Also, I continued to lead a **weekly Group** at Asheville High on Thursdays from 8:10-8:25am. We were concerned about having to move to a new classroom space, but the Lord surprised us by growing the group and bringing many new faces! What a blessing those students are.

As basically a Team Chaplain for **UNC Asheville**, we did team devotions involving baseball and women's basketball. The baseball team had another good year with participation in our "Dugout Devotions" after practice, as they were well attended. It was great getting to know many of the families as well. We will miss Coach Scott Friedholm who resigned after 11 years. Please pray for the selection of the next Head Baseball Coach. The opportunities at UNC Asheville with college students continues to grow, including international students! Also pray for Coach Neal Dixon, resigning as Assistant Men's Basketball Coach. He was instrumental in coordinating a Bible Study with their guys this year. Also, I am looking forward to some new ministry with the Women's Tennis Team under new Head Coach Jeff Maren. Jeff spent 12 years at Liberty University coaching women's tennis.

We will again co-host a **Football Mini-Camp** with Asheville High, McDowell HS, and 2 teams to be determined. Please pray for that as well – a lot of work to do! We will share a Team Devotion with over 100 coaches and athletes, incorporating their faith and their sport through a relationship with Jesus Christ. We will also help needy city athletes at Asheville High attending a football camp at Lenoir Rhyne University. During July, I also plan to develop relationships at some camps around town. Please pray for the summer workouts and mini camps. Thanks!

Prayer Requests:

- Students finishing up exams this week. A safe summer of activities. Spiritual growth.
- UNC Asheville athletes, particularly baseball players competing in summer baseball.
- The 7on7 Minicamp at Asheville High School on July 17th. The 4 high schools begin competition at 9:00am, followed by a devotion and some hamburgers and Gatorade.
- UNC Asheville coaches transitioning out, and the new ones coming in.
- Thank you so much for your prayer and financial support!

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