

2006 Pre-Season Managers Meeting – “Our Witness”

Our pre-season manager meetings seem to be getting better each and every year, and last night was no exception. You could feel the Holy Spirit moving in the midst of our discussions regarding the power of prayer, devotionals, and witness to those who don't know our Savior. As our meeting began, emphasis was placed on refocusing the purpose for our league, essentially why we play where we play. Our number one reason for existence, whether we play softball or not is to glorify God in all we do, and present ourselves as witnesses for Him.

We currently occupy six of ten fields at Twin Creeks on Monday nights, and I have often wondered wouldn't it be wonderful if we filled all the fields with Church teams? The more I think about it, the answer to that question is “No”. After Jesus resurrection from the dead, he gave us the Great Commission (Matthew 28) to reach the unsaved. This is our opportunity to reach the unsaved men that participate not only on our teams, but on those four other fields on Monday night. These people walk past our fields and see us pray on the pitchers mound prior to the game, and have devotionals and prayer after the game. This alone is a great impact and witness, but we need to mind our witness on the field too. Sometimes due to competitiveness, and human nature, we can lose sight of our witness and purpose on the field. We are blessed with great men of character and this isn't too prevalent in our league, but we need to reaffirm our witness (including those in our charge) before, during and after the games. Just ask yourself what is more important, softball or eternity?

Everyone wants more wins next to their team name on the website, but additional names in the Book of Life is really what we are all about.

God Bless you and your family,

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