



Pastor's Perspective — What Really Matters

By Ron D. Lindholm, Senior Pastor

In last week's speech marking his induction into Major League Baseball's Hall of Fame, Cal Ripken took issue with the popular notion that "[sports] imitates life." Though he was raised on the philosophy that "everything that happens in [sports] happens in life and everything that happens in life happens in [sports]," he called it "a limited view of life" and spoke of the need for "a bigger picture," one that will encompass the world and have a positive impact on "the next generation."

In listening to his speech, I wanted to stand up and applaud—and probably would have if it weren't for the fact that I was watching it alone via streaming video. We live in a sports-crazed society and so many of our young people are coming up short because they have bought into that bogus philosophy that life and sports are one—and that to be successful in sports is to be

successful in life.

I wish that Cal's "bigger picture" included a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, who is life and gives life to the full (John 14:6; 10:10), but there is no evidence or claim to that in Cal. If there were, then we who are concerned about the limited, God-obscured vision of our world would be able to point to Cal and say: "Here's a guy who gets it—who has everything, but understands he has nothing of real value unless he has Jesus." But alas, that model is not available. The task remains to us who know Christ, who see and savor Him for who He is and what only He can give, to speak and live the truth that life is about Christ and to be lived for Christ.

...I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord....
Philippians 3:8


Rescuing Those in Danger of Perishing

Vacation Bible School was held at Fellowship on July 23-27. There were 33 children enrolled, with an average attendance of 28. Each day in the "Rescue Zone" the kids learned about people in the Bible who were saved from danger by God's power, and how Jesus rescues us from sin.

Throughout the week the children also learned about the ministry of chaplains in various military and service organizations throughout

the world. An offering of over \$750 was given to support the Regular Baptist Chaplaincy Ministries that are helping hurting children and their families around the world.

We are especially thankful for the dedicated leaders, teachers and helpers who shared God's love through this year's VBS. Our prayer is God will use this experience to draw unsaved children to Himself and challenge believing children to serve Christ.



Great is our Lord, and of great power.
Psalm 147:5

Demonstrating Christ's Love for All Peoples



Joseph and Rachel Estrada, and Doug and Amy Mount will be traveling to Purdue University on August 9-12 to assist our missionaries, Paul and Geri Briggs, and their ministry team with the annual furniture giveaway to international students.

Through this tangible expression of the love of Christ new students are introduced to Salt & Light Christian Fellowship International and encouraged to participate in the weekly Bible studies and outreach activities of this campus ministry. Please pray for God to work in the lives of students as the volunteers distribute the furniture.

For those who missed it earlier in the summer, our youth (grades 7-12) will be returning to King's Dominion on August 21. Please let Pastor Odom know by August 19 if you will be joining us.

Responding to a World at Risk

Fellowship's annual Missions Conference will be held on September 7-9. This year's theme is: "A World at Risk".



The conference will focus on the many who are in grave danger apart from Christ, the few who are at work bringing in the Lord's harvest, and the obligation to pray for more laborers as we consider how the Lord would have us respond. Nathan and Dawn Patefield, *[name omitted for security]*, and Ted and Dawn Siemens will be our speakers. If you would be willing to provide housing or a meal for one of these missionary families, please see Joseph Estrada.

Getting to Know Our Church Family

Daniel & Esther Lee

Daniel was born in Seoul, South Korea. Though we know him as "Daniel" his given name is Bong Woo Lee. He was raised in a non-Christian home, and his dad worked as a carpenter. Growing up Daniel enjoyed playing sports, especially baseball.

After graduating from secondary school, Daniel served a compulsory term in the Korean Army. He then went on to university where he majored in international trade. While at university, Daniel began attending church and as a result came to put his faith in Jesus Christ. As a result of his subsequent witness, many of Daniel's family have come to know Jesus as Savior.

Daniel was introduced to his wife Esther by a mutual acquaintance who knew they both were seeking a believer as a spouse. They have been married for 19 years. Their son Matthew will enter the 7th grade this fall and plans to attend Washington Irving Middle School. Matthew enjoys music and computer games, and has a gift for playing the piano.

Daniel worked for a trading company in his homeland

for many years. His work involved exporting goods to America and Europe and importing goods from those same locations. While in Korea, Daniel served in the church as a Sunday school teacher for 25 years and a choir member for 17 years.

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another...
1 Peter 5:5

This past year Daniel made the decision to bring his family to America, having felt the Lord's leading to pursue vocational ministry in this country. Daniel has been accepted into the seminary program at Washington Baptist University in Annandale. After receiving his degree, Daniel would like to serve as a pastor or missionary in a multi-national community in the United States. Daniel is praising the Lord for the recent provision of his student visa which will enable him to begin class this fall, and also enables Matthew to enroll in the Fairfax County public school system.

While Daniel attends seminary, Esther is committed to helping support the family. She currently works at Lotte Plaza, one of the large Korean supermarkets in Northern Virginia.

Please pray for the Lee family in their adjustment to life in the States, for Daniel and Matthew as they begin school, and for Esther who needs to learn English.

Continuing to Serve Our Young Adults



The College & Career Sunday school class that began in June will conclude their initial study on August 12. We are thankful for those who participated this summer, and for Bob Jordan's service as teacher. The next study entitled "Fatal Distractions" will begin on August 19 and be led

by Doug Mount. Though some students are returning to college, we hope to see other young adults from our community joining this class in the fall.



Money Matters

July Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$4,857
Weekly Need	\$5,238
Year-to-Date Giving (General Fund)	\$157,886
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Year-to-Date 50@1 Giving	\$5,662

Calendar

Aug. 14	Nursing Home Ministry (2:00 PM) Pictorial Church Directory Photos
Aug. 26	Missions Cupboard Shower & Ice Cream Social (After PM Service)
Sept. 7-9	Missions Conference
Sept. 13	ESL Thursday Night Classes Resume
Sept. 14-15	Women's Retreat
Sept. 16	AWANA Resumes

Missions Cupboard Shower: Join us on Sunday evening, August 26 for a time of fellowship as well as an opportunity to restock our Missionary Cupboard in preparation for the Missions Conference in September. A list of needed items will be made available at the church.

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