



"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." - 1 Timothy 4:8

## YEAR END TOURNEY!

The Annual Year End SQ/HCYA Tourney was once again a memorable occasion, with the Hurricanes coming together to form mixed teams of MS and HS players. With so much on the line (T-shirts for the winners!), the competition was fierce but fun – and the camaraderie and fellowship once again proved to be the “main event.” And so ends another winter season of training. Just like that – it came and went. That’s why the message is ALWAYS “Enjoy the journey” because in the blink of an eye, it’s over. Early morning drives to practice and late night treks home from games will soon be replaced with college studies, jobs, family etc. So to ALL Hurricane players: Make the most of this precious time of life. Remember, this is your recreation. You are NOT playing in the World Cup and the results (wins/losses) do not define who you are individually or as a team. And ultimately, we play for God’s glory, not our own. We look out for the interests of others, and we shine for Jesus amongst our peers and against our opponents. The past 8 weeks have been AWESOME. Here’s to making even more memories in the New Year!



## KNOWING GOD’S WILL

In the movie, “Chariots of Fire”, Scottish athlete Eric Liddell made the statement, “I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast. And when I run I feel His pleasure.” Wouldn’t we all like to echo the same sentiments: that God has a purpose for our lives and that we feel His pleasure whenever we’re in His will? There can be no greater joy than waking up each day, knowing that regardless of the obstacles and challenges that come our way, we are fulfilling His will, His purpose for our lives.

This week, we shared that while God has a SPECIFIC will for every believer, He also has a GENERAL will for every person born. In summary, these were the points of emphasis:

1. God’s general will is that everyone would come to know Him – that they would enter into a relationship with their Creator by grace, through faith: “This is good, and pleases our God and Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:3-4)
2. God’s general will is that His children grow in their faith: “It is God’s will that you should be sanctified” (1 Thessalonians 4:3)
3. God’s general will is that believers make an impact in this world. As Dr. Rick Rigsby says, “Leaving an impression is one thing, but leaving a lasting impact is another.” And as Jesus points out in Matthew 5:14-16, “You are the light of the world...Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”



So as we enter the Christmas season, the BIG question has to be: Do YOU know Jesus Christ PERSONALLY? Have you yielded your life and your will to Him? The issue is not how well you perform, how many rules you keep or how many “likes” you have on Facebook! Everyone needs a Savior because, “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Jesus offers hope, help, forgiveness, healing, rest...and so much more! Hence the HCYA Hurricanes slogan and **#MORETHANSOCCER**

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

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“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” - Philippians 4:13