



“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

PRESS ON!

It’s hard to imagine, but the HCYA Hurricanes year-end banquet is just over a month away! So much has been packed into the past few months. Hundreds of miles on the road, meals shared, games won, lost and tied, Secret Sisters at Christmas, Senior Recognition Night, and the ever-popular alumni game to bring in the New Year. All of these are just memories now, but with a couple of weeks left, let’s determine to finish strong both individually and collectively as a group. May our attitudes and actions put God on display with every practice and game remaining in the 2018/19 season.

DEVOTIONAL THEME: “IT’S A MIRACLE!”

The last recorded miracle of Jesus is appears in John 21. Here we see 7 “professional” fishermen getting zero rewards for their efforts and hard work after pulling an all-nighter on the Sea of Galilee. Time to haul in the nets and head home, tail between their legs. But wait! A voice calling out from the shore encouraged them to, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some (fish).” (21:6) Perhaps out of desperation, or maybe just to appease the “man” they did not yet recognize as Jesus, they duly obliged and wouldn’t you know it, “they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish” 153 large ones at that, and still, the net did not tear. This was not the original “fisherman’s tale.” This was God at work, miraculously providing for His own following their obedience to His call. Coincidence? Chance? Not at all. The One who made the waters and created the fish displayed His supernatural power by producing a miracle right in front of the eyes of the grateful fishermen he called “friends.” (21:5)



Miracles are all around us if we just care to look. Consider the birth of a child; the ingenuity of the mind; the working of the human body; the order of the universe; the consistency of the seasons, not to mention the “unseen” miracles of protection and provision. We serve a God of miracles – the greatest of which is our salvation. The miracle of being “born again” to become a new creation in Christ is one we should never tire of sharing. The miracle of a new, abundant life – guaranteeing a heavenly home and a face-to-face meeting with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ – must not become old, too familiar to tell or something that happened in the distant past that has somehow lost its original spark. Think about it. The God of the universe – the One who called the world into existence – takes up permanent residence in the heart of the believer the instant he/she believes in His name – the Name above all names. This incredible miracle is a one-time, everlasting gift bestowed upon anyone who would call upon the Name of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD!



Looking forward to seeing you next week!

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