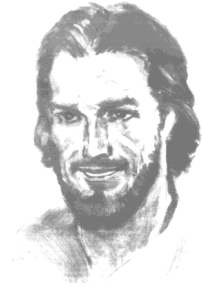


# St. Matthew's/Hope VBS/Soccer Camp

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

BIBLE STORY TODAY: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-29

Christians are like our bodies, all parts are necessary to be a functioning system.



Passing and playing the game is what we are learning today in our soccer skills. Passing the ball to our team mates is very important. We are not one person teams, we need each other to help get the ball down the field and into the goal. If we were all by ourselves we would not be happy. There are very few people who can live by themselves. The encouragement of fans at any type of ball game, is helpful and helps the team members stay in the game. In short, the way to a winning team takes many people on the team and supporting it to make it successful.

Our spiritual lives are different and the same in many ways. When it comes to our spiritual lives, having parents, friends, pastors, teachers, Sunday Bible School teachers, and others that support the teaching and preaching ministry, is similar to working with the soccer team. All are necessary to help us in our spiritual growth. **“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Last Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25”**. Our Spiritual belief does not come by our efforts or of anyone else, but are a gift from the Holy Spirit. It is God who has called us to faith, by the Holy Spirit, and strengthens us daily. God uses these called workers, members of our families and friends and neighbors to do His work on earth, calling, strengthening and encouraging each other.

It is the fellowship of fellow Christians that give support and comfort in trying times and in good. That is what makes God's children so special, they care for each other and help each other to live a Christian life.

Just like your team mates help you to score goals and prevent the opposing team from scoring against you, so do other Christians and God's workers in conjunction with the work of the Holy Spirit, keep us in the one true faith.

“Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?”

Galatians 3:3



*Seek the Lord in Study & Worship*



USA Women's Soccer Team