**Upward Basketball 2018**

Kindergarten Coed Division

1st-2nd Grade Girls Division

1st-2nd Grade Boys Division

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**General Season Calendar**

Present-Decent: Recruiting & training leader-
ship (Please be in prayer about your place of ser-
vice in the Upward ministry.)

Early Registration Begins: Monday, September 25, 2017

Early Registration Discount Ends: November 4

Player Evaluations:

Option 1: Thursday, October 26

Option 2: Saturday, October 28

First Practice:

1st-2nd Grades: week of January 8, 2018

Kindergarten: Saturday, January 13, 2018

First Game Day: Saturday, January 27

Final Game Day: Saturday, March 3

Awards Celebration: Saturday, March 10

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**Your Upward Leader Team is always seeking to improve our league. We rely on
parent, coach, and referee input as we evalu-
ate the previous season and prepare for the
next season. As a result of your input and
prayer, here are some of the changes
for this upcoming season:**

- Maximum of 8 teams in each division
- Minimum of 7 players per team
- Playing 4 on 4
- Allowing zone defense
- Increased player discount for parent coaches

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**New Members:**

Jacob Jeffhington

Zach Wood

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**Return Service Requested**
**Fitness & Recreation Ministry**

All sign up/resources are available at the Fitness/Recreation Ministry HQ.

**Sunday morning Meet & Greet Fellowships Sundays, 10:00 am in the gym**

We invite you to join us for relaxed fellowship and light snacks every Sunday in the gym between Worship Services/Connect Groups. This is one of the easiest places to get to know others. Look around, introduce yourself to someone you don’t know! Also, just a reminder that we have a rotating schedule of snack providers for the Sunday Fellowships. Please provide snacks according to the first initial of your last name as scheduled below:

- **Sep 24:** A, B
- **Oct 1:** C, D, E
- **Oct 8:** F, G, H
- **Oct 15:** I, J, K, L
- **Nov 5:** S, T, U
- **Nov 12:** V, W, X, Y, Z

 Until we all fall down, Wallace

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**Education / Outreach Ministry**

**Welcome Center**

We have moved our foyer Welcome Center counter out from its original position to further in the foyer. We hope this will be another easy place to get to know others. Look around, introduce yourself to someone you don’t know! Also, just a reminder that we have a rotating schedule of snack providers for the Welcome Center.

**Hand Written Notes**

We now have a team of people who write notes to first time attenders and again after one month. We hope this personal touch will be another easy place to get to know others. Look around, introduce yourself to someone you don’t know! Also, just a reminder that we have a rotating schedule of snack providers for the Welcome Center.

**It’s Not Too Late To Find A Discipleship Group...**

**Gospel at Work**

Learn skills to share Christ, Wednesdays at 7pm, Room 226, Led by Kyle Stevens

**C. S. Lewis - Screwtape Letters:**

An Anatomy of Evil. Come join in with this new group for an interesting study. Wednesdays at 6pm, In the Groom’s Room 305, Led by Tom Heckmann

**Wallace’s Men’s Group**

Men’s Fraternity: Authentic Manhood, A Man and His Design. Join us on Wednesdays at 5:45pm in Room 3025

**John McCallum’s Men’s Group**

Answering God, Tuesdays, 6:30am, room 223

**All Age Men’s Connect Group**

At 9:00am in room 126, Teachers: Rich Braley, Glen McClain, Jack Porter. Come join us!

Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven

Sundays 5:00-6:00pm, in room 131, Teacher – Jerry Franks, Studying through the books of the New Testament

Free! Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00pm in room 129, Led by Mike and Sharon Bridges

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**BUDGET REPORT**

If you prefer to give your tithes and offerings on-line, go to our website, firsthotsprings.com, and follow the giving prompts. Please make sure the office has your current email address.

**Ministry Fund**

- **Weekly Receipts:** $34,046
- **Online Giving:** $6,519
- **Total Given:** $39,565

**All In Fund**

- **Weekly Receipts:** ($9-17) $4,349
- **Balance of loan:** ($8-17) $2,158

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**GROUPS & CLASSES**

**Women on Mission**

Jo Ann Carter with Change Point Pregnancy Care and Parenting Resource Center will be our guest speaker at our meeting on September 28 at 10:00 am in room 219. Come and hear how Change Point saves babies and ministers to parents and families. You will also learn more about Women on Mission.

**Loving Threads**

If you like to knit, crochet, quilt or sew, the Loving Threads Ministry may be the place for you. The purpose of our group is to use our needlework talents to share the love and comfort of Jesus Christ with others by making prayer comfort shawls and baby blankets. We meet in RM 131 on the 1st floor, at 1:00 p.m. on the FOURTH Thursday of each month. If you cannot attend the meetings, but would like to participate, call Wanda Thorp, 623-5608.

**DEACON’S MEETING**

Sunday, August 13th at 4:30 pm in room 223. All deacons are welcome to attend.

**THANK YOU**

A thank you note has been received from The Sunder-land family. You may view Thank you notes on the bulletin board across from the 2nd floor elevator.

**SYMPATHY**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Heather Owens and Brian Bland in the death of their mother, Pam Bland; and Pete and Mary Davenport in the death of his sister. May God bless and comfort you.

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**KEENAGERS LUNCHEON**

September 21, 2017 @ 11:30 AM

Menu: Chicken rice green bean and wa-ter chestnut casserole, Rolls, Mandarin Salad, Dessert, Coffee / Tea

Speaker will be Walter Coleman, he has been an NFL referee for many years.

Church members who are widows and widowers get free, and everyone else is $5.00 per person.

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**Wednesday Night Supper Menu September**

20th: Spaghetti wi Meatballs, Corn Dog, Fries
27th: BBQ Ribs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Ham-burger, Fries