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"Leading edge news and views of the ministries of Live Oaks Community Church"

Leadership On The Court

Coach Turgeon, former men's basketball coach for Wichita State, explained in a newspaper interview the difference between last years team's ability to get to the "Sweet Sixteen" and this year's team struggle in the Missouri Valley conference and inability to get into the NCAA tournament.

Obviously, there was more than one contributing factor. However, one difference stood out in his mind – "the lack of leadership on the court." In the 2005-2006 season the Shockers had leadership on the court – in 2006-2007 they did not. One might think that "leadership on the court" came from the superstars who started and played the most minutes in most games. However, coach Turgeon corrected that notion... Leadership came from two seniors who mostly sat the bench with little playing time throughout the season.

How did these non-superstars provide "leadership on the court" when they were barely on the court in a game? First, these two young men set an example of excellence. They did not possess the greatest talents, skills or athletic ability, but they were at every practice, on time, and gave 100 percent every time they were on the court. Their commitment to excellence had credibility because it carried over to other parts of their life including relationships off the court and a dedication to academics. Second, these players maintained and promoted a positive attitude and respect for coaches and players even in adversity. In honestly embracing who they were, they were willing to play their role and cheer, the starting five, from the bench despite it was their younger teammates who got the limelight. Finally, these two senior leaders took ownership of the team and took responsibility to set the tone. The absence of the unity and chemistry created by their leadership was a major contributor to falling short this season.

This principle of "leadership on the court" is immensely important to the success of any team, family, ministry and church. As

members of Live Oaks Community Church, we can never underestimate the power of "leadership on the court" in reaching the goals Christ has called us to in our ministry together. I want you to join me in asking yourself some important questions that I hope will encourage your continued "leadership on the court" or inspire you to take action to "lead on the court" possibly for the first time.



Are you seeking to "set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity?" (1 Timothy 4:12) Are you giving 100 percent every time you are at church or in a ministry gathering? Would you want others to follow your example - and what would happen if they did?

Do you promote a positive attitude toward others, the ministry, and the church? Do you honor and respect your leaders even when they are struggling with their performance? Do you see yourself and your limitations honestly, and accept who/where you are, so that you can cheer others on in their giftedness, and when they succeed?

Have you taken ownership of the family of God; the Holy Spirit has placed you in? (Live Oaks Community Church) Are you taking responsibility to set the tone and standard in our body?

No pastor in the church or director in a ministry area can ever take the place of a "leader on the court." A few kids in a children's ministry class, a few students in Element 26, a few adults in the congregation or a small group can powerfully impact the success in those ministries as well as our church. Your Ministry Director team and I need you to "lead on the court," especially this summer to see our church family and ministries go forward. Will you be one of the few?

Love You Always,
P. Kelley

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS HERE!!!!!!!



This year's theme will be SonForce Kids: Special Agents. In this exciting adventure, kids will become special agents and they will gather to prepare for their five Daily Missions: Trust! Unite! Train! Follow! Lead! Throughout this year's Vacation Bible School, your child will have the opportunity to grow in their understanding of what it means to serve God with courage as they advance from Level 1 to Level 5 agents. So get ready to join us for an out-of-this-world adventure! SonForce Kids—courageous kids on a mission for God. Mark your calendars for **July 9-13 from 6:30pm to 8:45pm at Sunflower Shelter in Sedgwick County Park.**

Stunt man CPT. Tony Burt



As many of you know by now, Tony was injured while riding his bike while in Kuwait. Well, as more of the story "leaked" out, we find that Tony was actually having a little fun building ramps with his buddies, and as Tony says "things didn't go so well". Tony broke the upper part of his femur bone and was flown to Germany to have a metal rod put in his leg.

Jan can tell you many humorous stories about phone conversations in the beginning between her and Tony due to the pain medications that Tony was on. However, the one below took place on June 3rd, shortly after his first surgery, and it shows just how out of it Tony was:

Jan - "How exactly did you break it?"
 Tony - "I thought I already told you."
 Jan - "I heard the words 'bike' and 'ramp' but I don't know what happened."
 Tony - "Oh, I thought I already told you."
 Jan - "No, you didn't tell me yet."
 Tony - "Oh."
 Jan - "So how did you break it?"
 Tony - "Break what?"

Well, since Tony doesn't even know or remember what he broke, we could rely on 5 year old Caleb Dillon's theory. If you ask Caleb what happened to "Mr. Tony", he will tell you that "Mr. Tony broke his fever" (apparently he believes we adults are mispronouncing "fever" when we say "femur"). Makes sense!

Tony is now in Georgia and Jan and the kids have been able to be reunited with him during his recovery. He has since had another surgery since arriving in Georgia, and will have at least two more due to a staph infection in his leg. Let's all continue to pray for Tony as he recovers from this infection and that he will be able to have a complete healing and come home very soon! Please also continue praying for Jan and the kids as they spend time with Tony and help him recover.



4th Of July Word Scramble

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Have a Fun and Safe 4th of July



July Nursery Schedule

July 1 - William & Miriam Savage
 July 8 - Troy & Kimberly Donahey
 July 15 - Kathy Massey
 July 22 - Bryon & Kim Hetzel
 July 29 - Chris & Janette Dillon

Happy Fourth of July to all of our nursery volunteers!

The schedule is now
 on our website:
www.liveoaks.org



10 Questions with a Live Oaks Family

1. Q. *What are your names?*
 A. Tim and Nycole Inskeep
2. Q. *Do you have any children? If yes, what are their names and ages?*
 A. Jace will be 4 in July; Rachel just turned 3 in June.
3. Q. *How long have you been married?*
 A. Almost 6 years.
4. Q. *How long have you attended Live Oaks Community Church?*
 A. About 7 months.
5. Q. *How long have you lived in Wichita?*
 A. Nycole has lived in the Wichita area for 11 years; Tim has lived in Wichita for 8 years.
6. Q. *Where do each of you work?*
 A. Tim is in the process of opening his own food vending business; Nycole cares for the children and home full time.
7. Q. *What are each of your hobbies?*
 A. Tim collects rare comic books and enjoys sports; Nycole loves anything that has to do with arts and crafts.
8. Q. *Do you have any pets? If yes, what are they and what are their names?*
 A. We have a fish tank with a blue crawfish named Thor. The kids call the rest of the fish "Nemo". We also have 2 small finches named Kiwi and Max. We will soon have a baby Hahn's Macaw when he is old enough to come home.
9. Q. *What are each of your favorite sports?*
 A. Tim's favorite sport is football; Nycole likes basketball.
10. Q. *Tell us something about yourself (each of you) that no one else in the Church may know about you.*
 A. Tim loves playing basketball and used to play for several hours every day with his friends when he lived in New Jersey; Nycole comes from a large family with 1 sister, 3 brothers, 2 step-brothers, and 1 step-sister.



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