

**NOTE: PLEASE PRAY EACH DAY FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. PRAY FOR OTHER UPWARD CONCERNS AS GOD DIRECTS YOU. THANK YOU FOR PRAYING DAILY! IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS, LOOK AT THE UPWARD INFORMATION AT <http://www.northpbc.org/258>.**

## **SEPTEMBER**

- 10** A problem free and successful registration where each child that needs to be involved in the Upward Program will get registered.
- 11** For wisdom and strength for the Advertising Commissioner (**Kim Bennett**) as she conducts the advertising. Pray that she will be able to get all the volunteers she needs.
- 12** That each Prayer Captain will have the strength and dedication to fulfill their duties. (**Debbie Adams, Jane Johnson, Joyce Cross, Ardith Rader, Carolyn Hoelscher, Geraldine Matheny, Carol Ginanni, Sue Doering, Ryan Brooks ,and Becky Konz.**)
- 13** That the prayer team members will remember to pray each day for the upward daily prayer items.
- 14** God will give strength and guidance to the Cheerleading Coordinator (**Stacey Hart**) as she organizes and leads this upward ministry.
- 15** God will speak to the hearts of people that need to volunteer as upward coaches and referees.
- 16** God's guidance for the Coach Commissioner (**Randy Vierling**) as he seeks those people God is calling as coaches.
- 17** God's guidance for the Referee Commissioner (**Doug Swearingen**) as he seeks those people God is calling as referees.
- 18** That all upward leaders will stay healthy and will be energized by the Holy Spirit.
- 19** That the Upward registration information will reach the ears of each parent/guardian of each child hat needs to be part of upward.
- 20** That nothing will stand in the way of a child that wants to register for Upward.
- 21** That money will be made available for those children that do not have the

funds needed to register for Upward.

**22** That Satan's attempts to prevent children from participating in Upward will be blocked and the power of God's love will touch the hearts of all children/parents involved.

**23** That the NPBC members and staff will support and be excited about Upward and that they will tell friends and family who have eligible children about Upward Cheerleading and Basketball.

**24** Everything that is done during the coming season will be done in the name of Jesus and to reach the lost and hurting.

**25** That God will speak to the hearts and give courage to the people that need to volunteer for upward activities.

**26** That God's love will flow through all the upward volunteers.

**27** That each unchurched person that comes to an upward event will feel the Spirit of God and will be invited and felt welcomed to attend Sunday services.

**28** That God will give each upward volunteer wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to handle all situations they face.

**29** That God will give each upward volunteer humility calmness and love in the face of all storms.

**30** Praise God for His faithfulness (His answers to prayer and guidance).

## **OCTOBER**

**1** God will prepare the hearts and minds of all the people that need to make preparations for the upward events that will occur during October.

**2** God will give strength and guidance to the Practice Night Commissioners (**Scott** and **Kim Bennett**) and (**Fred** and **Joyce Cross**) they make plans for practice sessions.

**3** That all the upward leaders will work well together and will grow closer to God and to each other.

**4** God will give wisdom and knowledge to the Family Ministry Team (**Regina Zoller, Sandy Anderson, Ryan Brooks, and Beth Smith**) as They, make decisions regarding Upward.

**5** God will give strength and guidance to the Game Day Commissioners (**Aaron Brammer, Scott Bennett, Fred Cross, and Scott Elzey**) as they make plans for the upcoming season.

**6** That all upward volunteers will be receptive to God's direction.

**7** Pray **Isaiah 40:31** for upward volunteers. "...But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

**8** Administrative tasks will be executed with ease and efficiency.

**9** Accurate data entry in all written and computer records.

**10** God will guide and give insight to the Coach Commissioner (**Randy Vierling**) as he recruit, and assigns coaches for the teams.

**11** God will touch the hearts of the men and women that He is calling to be coaches.

**12** People will feel God's call on their heart and they will have the courage to step out in faith answer His call.

**13** God will give wisdom and knowledge to those preparing the training program for the volunteers that will do the player/cheerleader evaluations and orientation.

**14** That the people participating in the upcoming training will be able to learn the skills needed.

### **15 LATE REGISTRATIONS BEGINS**

All the players and cheerleaders that need to participate in Upward will be able to get signed up during the late registration period.

**16** That all children participating in Upward will be able to attend Orientation / Evaluation Night and they will feel the love and peace of God.

**17** That the Holy Spirit will empower all those conducting the orientation and evaluation training.

### **18 VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR PLAYER / CHEERLEADER ORIENTATION & EVALUATIONS**

All those planning to participate in the training will be able to attend and that a spirit of service will be present.

**19** Parents and children coming to Orientation & Evaluations will feel welcomed and loved. Parents will be pleased with what they see.

**20** God will give wisdom and knowledge to the volunteers involved in the evaluations and they will go the extra mile to make parents and players feel loved and welcomed.

**21** That God will help all the children and volunteers attending the Orientation and Evaluations to be relaxed and that the children will feel loved and encouraged.

**22 ORIENTATION & EVALUATIONS FOR 1-2 GRADE PLAYERS /  
CHEERLEADERS**

Successful orientation and consistent / fair evaluations for 1-2 grade children.

**23 ORIENTATION & EVALUATIONS FOR 3-4 GRADE PLAYERS /  
CHEERLEADERS**

Successful orientation and consistent / fair evaluations for 3-4 grade children.

**24** That good, even teams will be drafted.

**25 ORIENTATION & EVALUATION FOR 5-6 GRADE PLAYERS /  
CHEERLEADERS**

Successful orientation and consistent / fair evaluations for 5-6 grade children.

**26** That those forming the teams will have knowledge and wisdom and that the teams are arranged according to God's will.

**27** Divine placements of players/cheerleaders with coaches.

**28** That all the coaches will trust in God to direct and assist them throughout the coming season.

**29** That God will calm the hearts and comfort the spirits of all the volunteers.

**30** The plans for the upcoming Coaches Training Session #1 will be completed on time.

**31** Pray that all children still needing to attend Orientation / Evaluations will be able to attend tomorrow's session.

**NOVEMBER**

**1 MAKE-UP EVALUATION & ORIENTATION**

Successful orientation and fair / consistent evaluations for all children attending.

**2** The people involved in doing the coaches training will be given the ability to communicate all the information and skills needed by the coaches.

**3** That the coaches will be excited about the upcoming training and season.

**4** All the coaches and trainers will be able to attend the Coaches Training.

**5** That the league order for the player kits is ready to send to Upward Headquarters.

### **6 FIRST COACH TRAINING**

Those volunteers wanting to be coaches will learn the skills needed to be successful.

**7** The cheer coaches and **Stacey Hart** as she prepares their training.

**8** Schedules for practices and games will work out.

**9** That all coaches and trainers will be able to attend the second coaches training

### **10 SECOND COACH TRAINING**

The people involved in doing the coaches training will be given the ability to communicate all the information and skills needed. The coaches will catch the vision and embrace the ministry.

**11** Commitments from all the people still trying to decide if they are going to volunteer for Upward.

**12** Coaches will feel excited and confident about the teams they will be coaching.

**13** Pray **Matthew 9:36-37** for the volunteers to prepare their hearts for ministry. "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a Sheppard. Then he said to his disciples, 'the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few'".

**14** God will lead people to volunteer to give testimonies at halftime devotions.

**15** Upward boys and girls, coaches, and assistants.

**16** Ministry connections between the player/cheerleader team, follow-up

team, practice night reports, and coaches.

**17** Volunteers will have the discipline to stay organized and to strive to be first-class at all times.

**18** God will lift the spirit and give strength to any volunteer that needs encouragement.

**19** Diligence by all volunteers to prepare for their areas of commitment.

**20** For people to feel led to volunteer for the Set Up and Clean up Crews.

**21** That Game Day Crews will be organized and sufficient volunteers will be available.

**22** Children that have a difficult situation at home and do not know Jesus.

**23** Upward families will be blessed as they fellowship and glory will be given to God.

**24** All volunteers to be ministry-minded and view all league participants as souls.

**25** That coaches may have the wisdom to provide the love and discipline needed by any at-risk or special needs children that are on their team.

**26** Pray **1 Corinthians 9:22-23** for each volunteer that will be ministering to the Upward Participants.

“To the weak, I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to All people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel that I may share in its blessings”

**27** League kits and equipment orders will arrive and be accurate and complete.

**28** That all volunteers will be able to remember the names of those they form relationships with.

**29** That God will cause everything to come together in a way that He will be glorified and the lost will be found.

**30** Players' and Cheerleaders' nervousness about the league start-up to be calmed.

## **DECEMBER**

**1** Parents will not be offended by spiritual aspects of Upward.

2 Players will be open to spiritual aspects of Upward.

3 Coaches will have confidence as they prepare for practice devotions.

4 That any obstacles that stand in the way of the players getting to practice will be removed.

5 That the gym and all required equipment will be ready and work properly.

### **6 CHEERLEADER CLINIC**

Pray that all the cheerleaders are able to attend the clinic. Pray that everything flows smoothly and that cheerleaders learn necessary skills and gain confidence.

7 That all the Practice Night Commissioners, children, and coaches will be prepared for the practices.

8 That Satan's attempts to cause problems and confusion will be bound and God's Spirit will be freed to protect and direct each practice.

9 Children will gain confidence, have/develop good attitudes, and have fun.

### **10 PRACTICE WEEK 1**

That the coaches will depend on the Holy Spirit for guidance and will feel His presence.

### **11 PRACTICE WEEK 1**

That the coaches will gain confidence and the team members will feel comfortable and loved.

12 That all parents that come to practice will feel the love of Jesus and feel a sense of confidence and trust in the coaches and the Upward Program.

### **13 PRACTICE WEEK 1**

That God will give knowledge, guidance, and patience to each coach as needed.

14 Bonding will occur between coaches and players/cheerleaders.

15 That Satan will be bound from attacking the marriages of those participating in Upward, and God's Spirit will be loosed to fill hearts with love.

16 Good relationships to be formed between parents and volunteers.

### **17 PRACTICE WEEK 2**

That team devotionals will reach the hearts of the players.

## **18 PRACTICE WEEK 2**

Wisdom for coaches and assistants as they teach the children.

**19** Players will learn the skills and rules of the game.

## **20 PRACTICE WEEK 2**

Players will feel comfortable enough to ask coaches spiritual questions and that the Holy Spirit Will give the coaches answers for these questions.

**21** The Upward volunteers and their families will experience the love, joy, and peace of Christmas.

**22** The attempts of Satan to create problems in the lives of the players and parents will be bound and the working of the Holy Spirit will occur in their lives

**23** That God will lift the spirits and bless the hearts of all the upward volunteers during this time  
**24** Children and parents that are not saved will discover the real meaning of Christmas, and Families that do not Attend church will feel drawn to attend church this Christmas season.

**25 CHRISTMAS DAY Praise the Lord! - Luke 2:11 “For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”** That the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ be revealed to each parent/child participating in Upward.

**26** God’s protection is placed upon all the upward volunteers and their families.

**27** The Upward volunteers and their families will experience a joyful Christmas season filled with, the love and peace of our risen Savior.

**28** God would bless and strengthen **Regina Zoller, Sandy Anderson** and their families during the Christmas season.

**29** That God will refresh and encourage the spirits and that He will heal and strengthen the bodies of All the Upward leadership / volunteers during the coming year.

**30** Thank and praise God for His faithfulness. Praise Him for what He is doing and is about to do Through **Upward at NPBC** and leagues around the

country.

**31** Excitement and anticipation for all those involved in the upward activities which follow.

## **JANUARY**

**1** God will touch the hearts of people to volunteer as referees.

**2** Referee Commissioner (**Doug Swearingen**) as he prepares for training.

**3** Everyone that volunteers will feel the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives, and they will grow closer to God and to each other.

**4** That all the trainers and those being trained as referees trainees will be prepared and able to attend the training tomorrow evening.

### **5 REFEREES TRAINING**

God will bless the trainers and the referees with a productive and effective training.

**6** That the Upward volunteers will be strengthened and encouraged by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **7 PRACTICE WEEK 3**

Coaches will be prepared and excited about the coming practice.

### **8 PRACTICE WEEK 3**

Renewal and additional bonding between the coaches and players.

**9** Thank God for the gym and other facilities at NPBC and that they will be protected and maintained.

Pray there will be sufficient volunteers for game day activities.

### **10 PRACTICE WEEK 3**

Coaches are able to help those that are shy and having difficulty learning skills.

**11** The NPBC gymnasium will be an open door into our church and a place of love and life change.

**12** Strength for **Stacey Hart** and cheerleader coaches as they help the cheerleaders learn the Skills needed to do the cheers for the teams.

**13** God will guide and bless the photographer and the picture taking activities. All children will be present and able to have their pictures taken.

#### **14 PRACTICE WEEK 4 (First Picture Day)**

Picture taking runs smoothly children will make new friends and enjoy the fellowship.

#### **15 PRACTICE WEEK 4 (Second Picture Day)**

Picture taking runs smoothly those parents are excited and pleased with how their son/daughter is doing. Parents will bond with their child's coaches and feel free to volunteer help.

**16** Inclement weather won't affect games/practices and all children remain healthy and injury free.

#### **17 PRACTICE WEEK 4 (Third Picture Day)**

Picture taking runs smoothly wisdom for coaches and assistants as they teach the children.

**18** All volunteers, players, and cheerleaders will be ready for the first game. That the games,

Devotions, transitions between games and all other activities run smoothly.

#### **19 GAME #1**

That all activities will bring glory to God and be a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

**20** That morale will remain high and volunteers will be energized by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### **21 PRACTICE WEEK 5**

Self-esteem and confidence to grow in the children.

#### **22 PRACTICE WEEK 5**

All women and girls involved in cheerleading will learn about God's plan for them as His Daughters.

**23** Unchurched kids will become interested in going to church.

#### **24 PRACTICE WEEK 5**

Players will learn the skills and rules of the game.

**25** Parents will not get upset and will practice good sportsmanship.

#### **26 GAME #2**

All players and cheerleaders will have a safe enjoyable experience.

27 That God will use the devotions to change the hearts of the unsaved.

**28 PRACTICE WEEK 6**

Children will learn the scriptures they are given.

**29 PRACTICE WEEK 6**

Spiritual growth for all the players and cheerleaders.

30 Cheerleading and basketball coaches will be ready to deal with children's spiritual concerns.

**31 PRACTICE WEEK 6**

Unsaved players and cheerleaders will ask about becoming a Christian.

**FEBRUARY**

1 God's wisdom, and guidance for Follow-Up Commissioner (**Ken Hoelscher**) as he selects the Follow-up team.

**2 GAME #3**

That everything runs smoothly and in a timely fashion.

3 **The Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Adult Ministry** as they anticipate new families.

**4 PRACTICE WEEK 7**

Pray for coaches to be able to share spiritual lessons a way the children can understand.

**5 PRACTICE WEEK 7**

The Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of the children, and that they will be receptive.

6 That non-Christian parents will feel the call of the Holy Spirit on their heart.

**7 PRACTICE WEEK 7**

Coaches as they prepare to share the Gospel with the players.

8 The lessons learned on and off the court will continue to impact the children.

**9 GAME #4**

Everything will flow smoothly and the unchurched will hear the halftime devotions.

**10** Spiritual growths for any upward volunteer that needs' a closer walk with God.

**11 PRACTICE WEEK 8**

Cheerleaders and basketball players will become more interested in spiritual lessons.

**12 PRACTICE WEEK 8**

All parents assisting coaches will form good relationships with the coaches.

**13** Unchurched kids/parents will become interested in coming to church.

**14 PRACTICE WEEK 8**

All players' basketball skills will improve and they will feel more confident.

**15** Diligence and endurance as the final days of the ministry approach for all leadership and Volunteers

**16 GAME #5**

The children and parents will have a good time and things will run smoothly.

**17** Praise God for the way He is changing lives and for His blessings on the volunteers' testimonies.

**18 PRACTICE WEEK 9**

The children will develop good friendships and will enjoy the practices.

**19 PRACTICE WEEK 9**

That God will help coaches develop practice time devotions that will touch hearts.

**20** Opportunities for volunteers, and children that attend church to invite, others to attend.

**21 PRACTICE WEEK 9**

That enthusiasm will remain high for remaining games and practices.

**22** God will use the testimonies of those doing devotions tomorrow to reach the lost.

**23 GAME #6**

Devotion leaders and the parents that need to make a decision for Christ.

**24** Follow-up for any players, cheerleaders, or parents that have spiritual interests.

**25 PRACTICE WEEK 10**

Spiritual guidance for the coaches to handle spiritual questions.

**26 PRACTICE WEEK 10**

Players will continue to improve their skills and learn the rules of basketball.

**27** God's guidance for Follow-Up Commissioner (**Ken Hoelscher**) and the  
Follow-Up Team as they

Prepare to share the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with the  
lost.

**28 PRACTICE WEEK 10**

Wisdom for coaches and assistants as they teach the children.

**29** End of season awards shipment to be on time and complete.

**MARCH**

**1 GAME #7**

Parents and children attending the game will sense the love and peace of the  
living God from Watching the Christians in the gym

**2** For God to guide coaches as they talk to the children about spiritual  
matters.

**3 PRACTICE WEEK 11 – Plan of Salvation**

Coaches as they share the gospel and children to be receptive.

**4 PRACTICE WEEK 11 – Plan of Salvation**

Freedom for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of the players.

Decisions for Christ!

**5** Spiritual guidance for Prayer Commissioner (**John Adams**) and the prayer  
captains as they make

Preparations for the Prayer Room on Awards Night.

**6 PRACTICE WEEK 11 – Plan of Salvation**

For God to guide coaches as they talk to the children about spiritual matters,

**7** That the children who made spiritual commitments will continue to grow.

**8 GAME #8**

That all teams (players and cheerleaders) will feel a sense of accomplishment  
that pride, hate and anger be bound and the meekness, love, and peace of

Jesus fill the gym.

**9** Details for Awards Night come together. Awards Night speaker will arrive safely and the Holy Spirit will guide his thoughts and presentation.

**10 AWARDS NIGHT**

That Satan's attempts to interrupt and distract the unsaved from hearing the  
gospel message

Will be bound and the power of the Holy Spirit will fill the worship center and  
convict the unsaved.

**THAT PEOPLE WILL ACCEPT JESUS AS THEIR SAVIOR!**

**11** That the Follow-Up team will be able to obtain divine appointments with  
each person that

Accepted Christ and with those interested in becoming a Christian.

**12** That our church will be ready to welcome new families and come  
alongside them.

**13** The relationships that have been formed during the league will continue.

**14 VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION LUNCH**

Praise God for His many blessings, answers to prayer, and the lost that that  
were found.

**Dear prayer partners,**

**Please continue to remember Ken Hoelscher and the follow-up team  
daily and until all visits have been made. PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE  
SOULS THAT HAVE BEEN (WILL BE) SAVED!!!**