

OUR MISSION: TO IMPACT COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE CHRISTLIKE LEADERSHIP OF COACHES TRANSFORMED BY BIBLICAL TRUTH



Time to Share

According to *Ecclesiastes*, “For everything there is an appointed time, and an appropriate time for every activity on earth...a time to keep silent and a time to speak.” In re-reading this section it occurred to me that some “times” just happen to us, they are out of our control. But that is balanced by other “times” we must notice the situations and the opportunities before us and respond appropriately.

Years ago, I read a very helpful book by John Maxwell, called, *Developing the Leader Within You*. He tells the story of a little boy who attended his first symphonic concert. It was a dream come true for him. His favorite instrument was the cymbals. The first loud, dramatic crash of those brass disks won him over. He noticed, however, as the evening went on that the cymbal player stood motionless much of the time while the other musicians played. After the concert, his parents took him back stage to meet some of the players. The little fellow immediately sought out the cymbalist. “Say mister,” he said sincerely, “how much do you need to know to play the cymbals?” The musician laughed and answered, “You don’t have to know much at all, you only have to know when.”

After almost 18 months as interim president of CO, I can tell you the time is now. At every level of leadership

you can feel it. Everyone is leaning forward. We have been around long enough to see the true value of this ministry and we are enthusiastic about its potential to impact lives for Christ. But stepping into the future is not easy. Erwin McManus, author and pastor, writes: “The future is coming whether we like it or not. You can fight it or you can fight for it.” Often times he adds, “We walk backwards into the future.” We can’t take our eyes off the past. We hold on too long to nostalgia and old sentiments.

Fighting for the future means sacrificing today. The future is always paid for in advance. There are costs and risks involved, yes. But they are worth it. Our Lord and Savior taught us that. And because of what He has done for us, we are safe to put it all on the line. 2019 is about sharing our passion for this ministry with others, letting others in on one of the best kept secrets in High School sports. God is changing the lives of coaches through Bible studies and Marriage Retreats. If you put a coach on a mission, athletes of all kinds will have unexpected “near-life experiences.” Picturing that makes me want to get the word out.

In the same book mentioned above, Maxwell observes that during World War II, the demand for parachutes was high. Making them was mind numbing and strenuous—long hours

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PETE CHIOFALO
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Part of what it means to fight for the future in CO is seeing faces behind every X and O. God sees every kid that dons practice attire and joins the squad as someone special. Each one has a story. Many do not know that God can change their world. But then they meet a coach who knows and loves God and nothing remains the same.

The truth is every conversation that I have ever had with anyone associated with CO, gets it. They are “raving fans.” As fans, let’s invite others into the wonder of this ministry and rock the stadium a little.

Sincerely,
Pete

Culture Shock!

What has happened to our culture? Are you shocked and discouraged with how quickly our culture has degraded to a level out of control? Do you find yourself asking, “At this rate, what kind of culture will my children and grandchildren grow up in?” If you wonder how a Christian will cope in a culture that is not only ignorant of our faith, but increasingly hostile to it, you’re not alone and you’re not paranoid. Our culture *is* changing in front of our very eyes. We are being invaded. Not primarily by physical forces, or political forces, but by *spiritual* forces at war with biblical values.

For most of its nearly 250 years, America has provided a welcome home for those with a Christian worldview. Our government, laws, and institutions—including schools—have made it easy, even desirous, for Christians to thrive, live

out their faith, and share it with others. Especially in our schools, children learned right and wrong from teachers who shared Christian values and taught them daily. But no longer.

Increasingly, students and faculty alike—who live for the Lord—find themselves in the minority. Their faith and their morals have become objects of scorn and ridicule. Peer pressure threatens to coerce them into conformity with the world around them. Such a cultural shift may be new to *us*, but it is not new to history or to the Lord. In fact, Scripture gives people an insightful role model for any age—from pimples to wrinkles—on how to handle hostile territory. His name is Daniel.

This coming fall, we’ll be studying his life and the life of his three friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, better known as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Due to Ju-

dah’s persistent disobedience, the Babylonians invaded their land, took these four young teens as captives, and removed them from their families. King Nebuchadnezzar did everything possible to change their faith. He gave them each a new name, a new education, a new language—an entirely new culture. To anyone looking at these poor, young captives, everything seemed out of control.

Yet these four young men, knowing *God* was in control, not only survived, but *thrived*. In fact, they rose to the highest levels of influence without ever compromising their beliefs. How did they do it? Find out by joining us this fall as we study the life of Daniel.



MARK CHALEMIN
Director of Education

Tailgating in Arkansas

On February 23, Coaches Outreach had its FIRST EVER “banquet” event outside of Texas. WOW, what an event it was! Family Farm, owned and operated by Stan and Donna May, hosted the awesome, energetic evening at their beautiful facility with approximately 120 in attendance. The Matt Crutchfield Band kicked off the evening, leading a praise and worship time. With high energy level, our coaching friends and their spouse, along with many of our Lay Leaders, appreciated the amazing

testimonies from fellow coaches and Lay Leaders that were very Spirit-filled and inspirational! We could not have done the event without the help of Donna May

and Holly Trentham who filled the room with their beautiful handy work! The food was “over the TOP”

good! Ouachita Baptist University Head Football Coach, Todd Knight, brought a very powerful talk on how being in God’s word has galvanized the staff at OBU and made them better coaches! What a great reminder that all of us are better and stronger for the Kingdom when we are grounded in biblical truth!



We’re so thankful for Don (and his wife, Lori) Phillips, our Arkansas Field Rep, who inspired the event but also did a lot of leg-work getting Arkansas’ finest coaches and Lay Leaders to attend! What a foundation laid for great ministry there in Arkansas. Currently we have 40 studies, but we have had as many

as 50. Thank you Coach Phillips for your efforts to serve coaches in Arkansas! We’re also thankful for Clay Trantham, who gave insight and direction that provided resources to guide our time.

We’re so thankful to God for giving us this opportunity to strengthen our work in Arkansas. We’d like to host an event like this in every state. If you would like to help us do that, please let us know.



MIKE BREEDEN
Director of Field Ministries





ROBERT IRION
Director of Operations

Celebrating Coaches Banquet 2019

Thank you to the coaching couples, Lay Leaders, Field Reps, and friends that gathered at Toyota Stadium for our 18th Annual “**Celebrating Coaches**” Banquet. Pete Chiofalo served as the Master of Ceremonies for this night to remember!

Mike Domandy (Wylie East Head Football Coach and Athletic Coordinator) led the night’s testimonies. He first learned of Coaches Outreach in 2006 while an assistant coach at Colleyville Heritage HS. “Coaches Outreach helped me see my career as a mission field rather than a job. It meets you where you are whether a young, new believer, or a seasoned veteran.” Mike currently has 10-12 coaches—men and women—from multiple sports in his Bible study. It helps them refocus once a week on why they coach and how to impact their students and athletes. His wife, Lisa, hosted the Reach group for coaches’ wives in Boerne, TX before leading one in Wylie. She shared how our Summer Marriage Retreats always refreshes their perspective in every season of life and how Coaches Outreach remains a constant in the midst of change.



Twenty-one years later, they are still actively involved in the ministry. In fact, their three sons became coaches and have attended Summer Marriage Retreats with their wives. Sam gave a special shout-out to Mike Harrison, his Bible study Lay Leader, who has faithfully served Ennis coaches since 2008.

Bob Breunig, former All-Pro and Super Bowl Champion with the Dallas Cowboys, gave the keynote speech as his humility and grace inspired everyone. He referenced Hebrews 13:7,

Remember your leaders, who spoke God’s message to you; reflect on the outcome of their lives and imitate their faith.

Remember... Imitate... Be Imitatable.

Several coaches impacted Bob’s life, but none greater than Tom Landry. “He preached, ‘Faith, Family, Football...in that order.’” Bob didn’t understand why he fell in the draft to the 3rd round and was drafted by the Cowboys. After his rookie season, he realized that, as a new believer (Bob accepted Christ his senior year at

Arizona State University), God put him at Landry’s feet to learn and grow. He wanted to imitate his coach and he challenged everyone to live a life worth imitating.

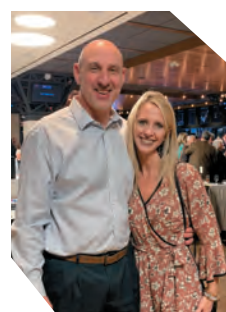
Pete concluded the evening, with a special challenge we want to pass on to you. Do you know a coach that needs to know about Coaches Outreach? Do you know a retired coach that needs to be involved with us? Do you know a lay person that needs to lead a CO Bible study? Do you know a coach’s wife that needs to connect with other coaches’ wives? Do you know anyone that needs to help Coaches Outreach financially?

Sam Harrell, current Head Football Coach at Ennis HS, took us further back. He and his wife, Kathy, attended a Summer Marriage Retreat in 1997. Due to the \$25 cost, Sam was convinced it was a timeshare scheme! He started a Coaches Outreach Bible study with his staff as they won 3 state championships. Everything

was going well when Sam was diagnosed with MS in 2008 and had to retire in 2010. Through the good Lord’s healing power and stem cell therapy in Panama, Sam returned to the field and is now back in Ennis.



WE NEED YOU TO SHARE YOUR MINISTRY WITH OTHERS!



Pictures from the banquet are available for viewing on the Coaches Outreach App.

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June 28-30 Tanglewood Resort, Pottsboro, TX
July 12-14 DeGray Lake Resort, Bismarck, AR

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"My driving force in this business is to create and build great men. The most rewarding experiences of coaching have come when former players tell me you've made a positive impact on their life."

– Dabo Sweeney
Head Football Coach
Clemson University

Honorariums & Memorials Spring 2019

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