



On The Green

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“For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ.”(1Corinthians 12:12)



...around the world!

As Christian Golfers, as CGA members, we are one body! Though we are thousands in number; though we are individually located to the far corners of the world; we are a team; we are one body - in Christ Jesus!

Sometimes in tournaments we tend to get pretty serious and set tough rules. We set limits on handicaps so that you must look at each player carefully to determine each person's strength and weakness in order to put together a team that works as a unit. A group that functions as a team. A good team works together; one's weakness is covered by another's strength. If you miss a shot, you can count on your partner making up the difference. That's when the team effort pays off by walking away with the trophy.

Whether you are in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, Finland, Zimbabwe, Korea, Argentina, Brazil, India, or any of the other countries where there

are CGA members; we are one body in Christ Jesus! We are a team. We have a unique purpose and goal - to share the message of Jesus with golfers all around the world. To evangelize, both on and off the golf course.

God created each one of us in His own image. He gave each of us special gifts and talents. Just like the golf team, where each golfer contributes his special strengths and talents toward the goal of winning the tournament, each of us must contribute our talents toward the mission assigned to us by Jesus in Matthew 28:19: “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

I am in the unique and honored position of getting to hear from many of you periodically, from different

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YOU make a difference, continued

parts of the world, telling of progress that you are making in your chapter and the activities that you are engaged in. We love to hear of your outings, the tournaments, and especially bible studies where you are reaching out to the communities around you and telling them of Jesus.

The fact is, every one of us is different, yet we are alike - in purpose. Because we are different, God uses that difference - our talents and strengths - to bring special meaning to our witnessing. As we share expe-

riences with each other, the body of Christ is fed and thoughts begin, we encourage each other and find the body helping each other through prayer and support. That's the body at work!

To repeat our opening scripture: *"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ."*(1Corinthians 12:12). We can see the wonderful plan of togetherness God has created for those who support one another in His kingdom.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17.

God @ Work

"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." Philemon 6

Remember:

Prayer is a "contact" sport!
Focus on who you are praying for.

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Buckhannon WV Chapter

President Mike Hinkle and Buckhannon Chapter members have had an active "season" so far and still have 5 more outings scheduled this year. The chapter is looking for additional opportunities to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. "We're in the process of setting goals for next year."

Keep the good works going in West Virginia and sharing the message of Christ with others.

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Dear "TOM WINSTEAD"

By the grace God we win a new person like giving baptism. Praise God for it. I am sending that photo through attachment. His name is Srenu. We prayed lot about him and your prayers also helped me to win them for kingdom of God By healing and hearing word of God they came to our Church Through word of God they got salvation, really praises God for it. Through your prayers it's helping lot here our Church.

Your brother in Christ
Pastor DANIYELU HYDERABAD INDIA.

**CGA - CHANGING LIVES
WORLDWIDE!**

God @ Work, On the golf course. . .

MANDEVILLE (LA) CGA CHAPTER

President Hal Stricklin and members of the Mandeville Chapter are all excited about the upcoming 12th Annual Christian Golfers' Association Charity Golf Tournament for The Children's Advocacy Center / Hope House in their area. Teeing off on Monday, November 1, 2010, at Money Hill Golf and Country Club in Abita Springs, LA, they will be playing a 4-Person Scramble with proceeds going to the charity.

The field is limited to 124 players and there will be the usual long-drive, closest-to-pin prizes, etc. The folks in the Mandeville Chapter are making a difference in the lives of children in their communities. Keep up the good work and God bless.



11th Annual Churches Challenge Golf Tournament & Praise Rally

The Sumter (SC) CGA Chapter listen to final briefing from the club pro as they get ready to roll at the 11th Annual Churches Challenge Golf Tournament. This annual event provides cash prizes to the churches whose teams win. A special feature is a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize for anyone making such a shot on the designated hole. So far no one has made it! The "Challenge" has become so popular that it now takes two flights, morning and afternoon, to get all players in.

During the past few years, over \$20,000 has been presented to various churches in the area for use in their youth programs. Traditionally, on the night before the tournament, players, sponsors and their families are invited to a praise rally, usually held in a local church. The praise rally consists of music, food (bar-b-que) and great fellowship.

The Churches Challenge event is used by the churches as an outreach tool, with church members inviting non-believers and unchurched people to play on their church's team. Great tool, keep it going!

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Get on the team -- **TEAM JESUS!**

Lessons from Geese

(Excerpt from **Pulling Together...10 Rules for High Performance Teams** by John Murphy)

Consistent application of the 10 rules of high performance teamwork ultimately generates trust, respect, unity and power within any team. Conversely, consistent violation of any one rule destroys this bond. While the author of "Lessons From the Geese" is unknown, it is a powerful illustration from nature of the rules of high performance teamwork. As you read about the natural unity that exists among this species remember -- this same unity can exist in the Christian Golfers' Association (CGA).

As geese flap their wings, they create an uplift for the bird following. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if any bird were to fly alone.

If we, as Christian Golfers, share a common direction and a sense of community, we can get where we are going more quickly and easily because we are travelling on the thrust of one another!

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

If we, as Christian Golfers, have as much sense as geese, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where



we want to go, and we will be willing to accept their help as well as give ours to others. Share CGA with others.

When a goose gets sick or wounded or is shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again or dies. They then launch out on their own, with another formation or catch up with the flock.

If we, as Christian Golfers, have as much sense as geese, we too will stand by each other in difficult times, as well as when we are strong. Let us all try to fly in formation and remember to drop back to help those who might need it! Move to the front of the "flock" and take a leadership role!!

BEHOLD THE POWER OF TEAMWORK

The greatest accomplishments in life are not achieved by individuals alone, but by proactive people pulling together for a common good.

Look behind every winner and you will find a great coach. Look out in front of every superstar and you will see a positive role model. Look alongside every great achiever and you will find caring people offering encouragement, support and able assistance.

Rising to this level of interdependent thinking can be challenging and difficult.

Looking beyond oneself, asking for help or accepting help can feel risky. **But people are not given life to simply take from one another. We are here to give.** Our mission in life is to offer our gifts to benefit one another, to create mutual gain in the world. This is called teamwork, a win/win mindset stemming from a genuine commitment to the rules that allow it to happen.

**SHARE CGA WITH OTHERS -
FOR WE ARE ONE BODY, ONE FORMATION,
IN CHRIST!**

The Christian Golfers' Association (CGA) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) ministry devoted entirely to evangelizing, encouraging and enhancing Christian fellowship among golfers around the world. CGA has become an *International ministry* and receives no funding other than contributions from CGA members and friends around the world.

As you can imagine, the expense of maintaining a ministry of thousands of members spread around the world, recruiting new members, and organizing new CGA chapters is great. *Private contributions have been the only means since CGA's inception of meeting these demands.* We are strictly a *FAITH* based ministry! To make your tax-deductible donation please send your check, made payable to Christian Golfers' Association to:

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