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**MARCH 17**

**SEDGEWOOD GOLF CLUB**

**Garners Ferry Hopkins**

**9:30 am DEVOTION -10:00 am TEE TIME \$15.**

**REMINDER - If it's 50 degrees or less, and/or raining (even snowing) the outing is cancelled;**

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GOLFERS' BIBLE STUDY  
EVERY TUESDAY MORNING  
8:00 am  
CGA OFFICE @ CRYSTAL LAKES GC  
JOIN US FOR COFFEE - DONUTS - GOLF & FELLOWSHIP



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**The Tebowing CGA Leader**

*(Note: This article was adapted from the February issue of "Links of Faith" newsletter by Randy Wolff.)*

A new verb has hit the American culture: "tebowing." The phenomenal leader of the Denver Broncos, has taught the world that "tebowing" is hitting one knee to give thanks to God for giving him the chance to play football on a big stage and use the platform to share Jesus with the world.

The photo here is not Tim Tebow. It is Tom White, a passionate golf player and CGA member and Sumter Chapter director. We all have our sports or other things



we are passionate about.  
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**NOW SHOWING**

March 12th - 6:00pm CGA Building

**Seven Days In Utopia**

The story of Luke Chisolm, a talented young golfer set on making the pro tour. When his first big shot turns out to be a very public disaster, Luke escapes the pressures of the game and finds himself stranded in Utopia, Texas, home to eccentric rancher Johnny Crawford. But Johnny's more than meets the eye, and his profound ways of looking at life, love, and faith force Luke to question not only his past choices, but his direction for the future.

*"An inspirational movie about God's mysterious ways. . .and how significance will always trump success!"* Light snacks served. Bring a friend. Call 803-773-2171 (leave message) and let us know you're coming.



## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### A Forgiving Course

Have you ever hit a ball so poorly off the tee that you were sure you would not have a second shot, only to find out when you got to your ball that you had a clear shot to the green? Poor shots off the tee often characterize my game. Most of the time, I'll leave the tee box hoping that I'll be alright. I guess it's because of this that I really need to play a forgiving course. Needing forgiveness, as well as, needing to forgive goes so much farther than golf. As we play the game of life, we all need to be forgiven. Because of this, God sent His Son to die so that we might not perish, but have everlasting life. And, by the way, we have been commanded to forgive as we have been forgiven. Christ modeled this for us time and again. If there ever was a person who would seem to have the right not to forgive, it would have been Jesus. He had been rejected by those he loved, while innocent he was sentenced to die, he was beaten unmercifully, and forced to experience the most excruciating execution. And what did Jesus do? The first words out of His mouth after being nailed to the cross were "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing". During this Lenten season, we need to stay focused on the cross, repent, seek forgiveness, and pray that God will give us the strength and wisdom to do as Jesus did. We have been instructed to play our lives on a forgiving course. See you on His tee.

*Rodgers Greenawalt*

### Tebowing CGA Leader, continued

Now, my question of the day is this: "What is our platform and opportunity in this golf ministry?" You know we have been given one. We don't pray for more CGA members or chapters or even funding. We pray for more opportunities at golf clubs across the U.S. and around the world, to use the platform of golf to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to a world in search of the abundant life.

We have often used the metaphor of a vineyard, which is the recipient of the seeds we plant in this soil called golf ministry. God has provided the common ground of golf to allow us entry into country clubs, golf courses, and churches to bring men and women together with the common goal of knowing and loving God more. Over the years I have seen various members as seed planters in this vineyard. Seeds of encouragement. Seeds of caring and loving for our brothers and sisters. Seeds of learning together as we do life together. So simple, yet so profound!

Note, we have touched on seed planting, not fruit bearing. All we do is plant seeds and pray to God of the harvest for the fruit that He allows. Maybe the best way to start is hitting one knee and asking God for the wisdom to take our next step. There is always a next step. Join us in this journey and plant seed with us in this golf ministry. All you need is a desire to make a difference, just as Tim Tebow desires in his world of football.

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## From Here to Eternity

By T. Wayne Hunter  
Chapter Spiritual Director



One of the hardest things we have to teach our children is how to handle disappointment. It follows us through life and we must contend with it daily. We are disappointed in our grades, then our children's grades. Our best girl goes to the birthday party with someone else or we fail our first shot at our driver's license.

As we go into adulthood, it's the same story. On our first job we think how lucky the company is to have us, but then we find out we must start at the bottom of the corporate ladder. Our paycheck is so low that we are ashamed to admit it and then we are not promoted fast enough. Our first car looks like one our grandfather traded in.

We might be disappointed that we did not make the big touchdown pass in the Super Bowl or hit a home run in the World Series. Finally, we might never have preached or taught in a mega church or made that unbelievable putt in the Master's Tournament. We tend to judge ourselves by worldly standards.

We disappoint ourselves, but does God disappoint us? Our God has never disappointed or failed us, but have we failed Him? If we try to learn all we can about God's character and really imitate it, we should not be a disappointment to Him or ourselves again, despite what the world thinks of us. See you on the Course,

*Wayne*

*Your membership in CGA is an Outreach tool for God. Use it daily!*

### Tebowing, continued

Just to be clear about this, Tim Tebow does not pray for a victory for the Denver Broncos so he and his team can be exalted. Tim thanks God for the incredible platform He has given him to share His message through the game of football.

*Our platform is golf. The message is John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (NASB)*

TREASURER'S REPORT	
As of February 29,, 2012	
Beginning Balance	\$ 2,218.30
Income	\$ - 0 -
Expenses	\$ 268.89
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,949.41</b>
Petty Cash	\$ 9.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,958.41</b>