

Welcome to Upward Basketball!

We're thrilled that your child is participating in Upward Basketball at Calvary Baptist Church. Please read through the information below regarding our Upward Basketball program. If you have any questions feel free to contact **Alan Marshall (8:00-5:00@882-6405, Home@443-5470, email: upwardcbc@gmail.com), or call the church office at 449-3144.** In this packet you will also find your child's game schedule (back of this sheet) and a team roster. Please look over the team roster for any information that is incorrect. If we don't have an accurate email address for you and you would like to be included on emails please let Alan know.

Uniform Additions or Changes

Please have your child try on their uniforms as soon as possible and notify Alan Marshall immediately if there are any problems. The deadline for making uniform changes is **8:00 am on Tuesday, January 11, 2011.** We'll be happy to make uniform changes after the deadline but it will require that the participant pay an additional shipping charge. If you did not order shorts and want to add them the cost is \$15 (plus shipping after the deadline listed above).

Referee Training Session

All referees in Upward are volunteers. If you are interested in being an Upward Basketball referee please plan to attend the Referee Training Session on **Saturday January 15**, hosted by Dave Schiefer. The training begins at 1:30 p.m. in Calvary's Activities Building. Thanks to Dave for leading this event!

Weather Cancellations

Upward practices and games may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Cancelled games cannot be made up so we will use discretion before doing so. If we decide to hold games or practices when the weather is less than optimal it is the parent's responsibility to determine whether they feel comfortable getting out under such conditions. Please use caution when making these decisions. We **WILL NOT** base basketball practice cancellations on whether or not the Columbia Public Schools cancel classes. Instead, we will discuss the situation with coaches and post a message by 4:00 pm on Calvary's web site, <http://www.lovecalvary.org> (under the Upward information). We also have a twitter account this season. If you want to receive Upward info "tweets" follow UpwardCBC at twitter.com

Please Help Upward be a Positive Environment

In Upward basketball we promote a positive environment for learning basketball. We expect each and every game to be very competitive. We also expect all participants and any one attending practices or games to display the appropriate attitude. Please make a conscious effort to keep your remarks constructive and positive. Doing so will make learning and competing fun for everyone and will promote the Christ-like attitude we are striving to teach in Upward.

Other Notes

1. Help needed: halftime speakers, concession stand workers, and referees. Halftime talks are 5-7 minute testimonials or thoughts that God has laid on your heart. Please contact Alan Marshall if you can help in any of these areas.
2. Team Parents needed: If you are interested in being a team parent please let your coaches know. Team parents can organize post-game snack schedule and manage Star Baggies for the team, as well as set up phone trees or organize email lists. If you have any questions contact Alan.
3. Please do not bring basketballs from home. We have plenty of balls for practice and this will keep your ball from getting misplaced or lost.

Key Dates

- January 3-9 - First week of practice
- January 29th (28th for some 1st-2nd & 3rd-4th, & 5th-6th grade teams) - First game day
- February 5- Picture day (be there 40 minutes prior to your scheduled game)
- March 21 - Awards Night #1 - team details to come soon
- March 23 - Awards Night #2 - team details to come soon

******* Game Schedules are on the back of this sheet *******