

This decision did not make gambling automatically legal in other states, but it did place the decision of legality to each state which means most states will likely be deciding for or against legalized sports gambling soon. One thing this means is the Federal government is not going to govern sports gambling at the federal level. The federal government has never governed gambling leaving it in the hands of the state legislature of Nevada. This means the federal government essentially took a hands-off approach to sports betting at all levels. Let's consider what this means: it is now a decision for each state to determine whether it will allow gambling on sports within its state, a huge business which in the past was more difficult and illegal to participate in for common folks. However, with the advent of online technology and fantasy sports leagues, some of which include gambling this is like an effort of the federal government under pressure from other states to compete with the state of Nevada. One interesting dynamic this will bring to the already corrupt arena of professional and collegiate sports is gambling will not be illegal and at least a state away or several but gambling will be available outside the stadium, just off a college campus or possibly in stadiums and on college campuses. Even more alarming is the possibility this will trickle down to lower level athletics like High School Athletics, Little League Baseball and Pee-ewe Football? Well, unofficially it occurs anyway in case you haven't been around those competitive parents in the stands who have put money on their kids' games, so I would say this is a likely possibility with disastrous consequences.

Let's consider it being legal to gamble on lower level athletics in our own communities. Most youth sports programs were designed with the intent to build character in our children and give them an outlet for exercise and healthy competition. A place to learn leadership and teamwork... who are we kidding, how many parents and coaches are totally focused on this? My own experience playing sports had this aspect but also involved the highly competitive aspect of winning often egged on by parents and coaches which often took control after the preliminary team meeting and first practice. In most sports programs there is a rule to ensure each child receives a certain amount playing time. Why is that? We all know why. There is a clear distinction in an everybody plays league to still win and often win at all costs. I understand the pros and cons and relationship of competition vs participation; this article is not about this issue except how it relates to the potential influence of gambling which could be catastrophic.

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How important would "beating the spread" become to people, to specific achievements of a team, how much more pressure would that be for parents, coaches and kids and would this affect their behavior? Kinda scary proposition? I was taught to play fair but also how to use the rules for my advantage, you might be scared to know some of the competitive things I know to do to win (I am not putting them in print, but you can ask me, this way I have plausible deniability :)

Until this year there was no professional sports team in Las Vegas, mostly due to the proximity of legalized sports gambling but that has changed and so has the restrictions on other states allowing sports gambling. What is clear based on reports is there are a lot of interested parties who want to "get in on the action". Media firms are already devising strategies to cash in on the marketing aspects as they expect more viewers and more products to sell because of the increase in viewers, technology firms will up the ante on platforms to facilitate the increase in usage, tribes who own land and up to this point are the exclusive places hosting Vegas style gambling, want to be involved, and of course professional sports leagues and players associations want in on the action and to ensure their brands and people are protected or more correctly used to make more money. How will this affect league decisions, salary caps, ethics, morality, doping, fans, fan safety, crime, personal and local economies? Far more questions than answers at this point. Americans are already betting 150 billion dollars (yep billion!) every year illegally on sports and I promise you everyone wants a piece of this very large pie which will now likely increase. States and representatives will want their share and will argue by cashing in on this we won't have to raise taxes; it will fund education and infrastructure and whatever else makes it sound good enough to sell. But make no mistake we all know what happens when you let a beast out of its cage? Gambling is identified by economists as regressive taxation, a tax on the poor, a way of getting money without acknowledging it is a tax at all but I assure this type of gambling like all others will be regulated by states who approve it and thus it will be taxed. They will take money from the poor few of whom will break even from this gamble. What was once illegal will be more available and at a greater rate of exchange. There will be someone, the beast of revenue collecting feeding the monster of ever-increasing government at the expense of people, children and our own future.



SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018

Morning Worship Service

42 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

202 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Come, Holy Spirit - Choir

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Control & How Great Is Our God



450 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Evening Worship Service

334 *Blessed Assurance,*

Jesus Is Mine

Invocation & Welcome

203 *His Name Is Wonderful*

352 *Faith of Our Fathers*

Worship Through Testimonies & Prayer

412 *My Faith Has Found*

a Resting Place

FAITH TO GO - Hebrews 11:8-18

294 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

There is much to cover every week in our ever changing and increasingly post Christian culture; complicated political policies, disgusting morality, increasing violence, questionable ethics.... sometimes it makes me want to ignore it all and just "live my own life" so to speak. As Christians we do not under Jesus' mandate have the option to disengage from life, the main method in the spread of the gospel is Christians engaging with people, specifically lost people and this necessitates us being "wise as serpents" and to do this we must be knowledgeable of culture and how to respond from a Christian worldview. Secondly no one can completely disengage from culture. One man a pig farmer in southern Ohio recently attempted to do this, after Trump was elected president, a former top-level executive at Disney, Walmart and most recently at Nike as senior director of global marketing moved to Ohio and unplugged from all from of news media. This would mean he knows nothing of any news story from the last 18 months (in a way that sounds nice). Yet one must wonder how you function in any level of society without any interaction with any events especially since he still drives into town, eats at local restaurants and runs a pig farm. Several things arise here, first can one disengage from media and if so why did a story about this man appear in the NY Times. Secondly, would we be hearing about him if he had not been an executive at such high-level companies? (indeed, if this were you or me it wouldn't make the Times!) Additionally, isn't removing yourself from the awareness of politics and world events a political statement designed to engage you? No one doesn't know they just pretend not to want to know or worse not to care. Regardless the fact of the matter is this man who wants to know too little cannot represent who we are as believers as challenging as it is to engage in our culture and the lives of others we must take up the gauntlet of the gospel as it intersects with our culture and all areas and be prepared to give a reason for the hope we possess. The New York times may not knock on your door and ask to write an article about you but your community down the street needs to hear what you have say about the gospel. In recent weeks there have been numerous issues to cover all of which seem important from a Christian worldview, not the least of which is the issue of gambling which should not escape our notice. Gambling, specifically sports gambling, is no longer restricted to the state of Nevada.

Happy Anniversary!

June 5th

Edward & Joan Terrell

June 6th

David & Beth Radford

June 9th

Hugh & Libby Bradley

Happy Birthday!

Today

Kole Robertson

June 6

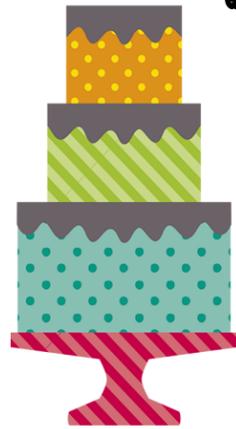
Ricky Dick

June 7

Melanie Henderson

June 9

Melissa Crider



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 Legacy Builders Appreciation Luncheon	4 7pm Deacon's Meeting	5 House & Grounds Meeting 7PM	6	7	8	9
10 Passion Camp Fundraiser	11 6pm Stewardship Meeting	←	 Business Meeting 6:30p	→		16
	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Rehearsal for Youth - Led Service	28	29	30
1 JULY	2 7pm Deacon's Meeting	3 House & Grounds Meeting 7PM	4 	5	6	7 Youth - Led Service Rehearsal Dinner @ 5pm Rehearsal @ 6pm

TUPOS
STUDENT MINISTRIES

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES...

June 10th

Taco Salad Lunch & Cake Auction



All proceeds go to pay for meals for those attending Passion Camp.



Sunday Services

Wednesday Services.

- Nursery.....19
- Children's Church.....
- Morning Worship.....98
- Evening Worship.....28
- Adult Bible Study.....
- Students.....
- GA/RA (elementary).....
- Mission Friends (pre-s).....
- Nursery.....
- Women's Study.....
- Leaders.....
- Total.....

Giving Record

- Budget Needs/Week\$7,056.00
- Tithes & Offering\$3,168.00
- Difference.....(-\$3,888.00)
- Designated..... \$650.00

COUNTING COMMITTEE - JUNE 2018
Johnny Trammell, Alma Durrance, Debbie wheeler

WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Sundays

- 9:30 A.M. Media Center Open
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School - Education Building
- 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service - Sanctuary
- Kids' Church K-5
- 6:30 P.M. Evening Worship - Sanctuary

Wednesday

- 5:00 P.M. Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Live (TUPOS)
- G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Mission Friends - Kids Bldg.
- Women's Bible Study
- Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study - Ed. Bldg.

USHERS OF THE WEEK
Bud Wilson
Johnny Trammell
Jonathan Benbow
Bobby Calves

DEACON OF THE WEEK
June 3-9
Marlon Pendergrass 781-9232
June 10-16
Daniel Moore 781-1565



If you're visiting us for the first time, we invite you to fill out a visitor packet in the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.
We're so glad you're here!

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These things I have spoken to you,
THAT

MY JOY
MAY BE IN YOU,
AND THAT
YOUR JOY
MAY BE FULL.

John 15:11