

A Word From The Director...

Welcome to Upward Basketball & Cheerleading at Calvary Baptist Church. We are delighted that you have chosen to be a part of this outstanding program. As the new Upward director, I am approaching this season with tremendous excitement and anticipation. We are putting together a team of committed leaders that will be working together to make this an awesome season!

For those of you returning, you will notice some changes as we continue to improve. If this is your first season, rest assured, this will be a very rewarding sports experience for participants and family.

During your Game-Day experience, we will have concessions available. All of the profits are used to support our Upward Sports program. Please plan to enjoy a snack or meal and help support Upward.

Important Dates:

Saturday, November 18: MANDATORY Evaluation 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wed/Thu, January 10/11: First practices (Practices will be either Wed. or Thurs.)

Saturday, January 27: First Game Day!

Volunteer – There are many people needed to complete an Upward season. While our church members fill many of our needs, Upward would not be successful without others getting involved. We have many areas of need, coaches, referees, scorers, and others. I would love to discuss using your talents in these and other areas.

Please feel free to contact us. For general questions or registration questions, please contact Codi in the church office at (618) 462-8816 or cwiltshire@calbap.org. To contact me with other questions, ideas and Volunteer opportunities, please email: director.upward.cbc@gmail.com.

It has been pretty awesome to see how GOD has been directing my life. Although I have been named as director, it is GOD who will be leading us.

Sincerely,

David (Dave) Zimmermann

Calvary Baptist Church Upward Sports, Director



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Dear 2017-2018 Upward Participant,

Thank you for registering your child for our 2017-2018 Upward Season. This packet is to inform you of the important dates and information that you will need to know throughout this basketball and cheerleading season.

Here are some things we want you to know!

- Picture Day, February 10 2017, is already scheduled with Gravemann Photography. *(The only potential schedule change would be a weather related event. We operate during the weekdays on the Alton School District Weather Policy. If classes are canceled that day, practices are canceled that evening. If we have a late afternoon weather event that doesn't impact the school but may impact practice, a notice will be posted on our website at www.calvarycares4u.org under the Upward Tab. Another way is our text/email messaging service. To receive a text message or e-mails concerning practices, games, and special information, please sign up by following the directions that are indicated on the last page of this packet. We are encouraging every family to sign up for this service. There is no charge except for your normal texting rates. We also have an Upward Hotline with recorded information about games and practices. The hotline number is 462-9723, ext. 286. You may also call the church office at 618-462-8816 until 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and until Noon on Friday.)*
- Evaluation day is listed on the attached schedule. This is an important day, allowing your child to be placed properly in the league. There will only be 1 evaluation day. It will be on **Saturday, November 18**. Every child that is participating MUST BE evaluated. Please note that you may bring your child in any time during that day. Each child's evaluation should only last about 30 minutes, and then they are free to leave. **EVERY CHILD MUST HAVE AN ADULT IN THE GYM DURING EVALUATION. CHILDREN WILL NOT BE EVALUATED IF AN ADULT IS NOT PRESENT.**
- Evaluation day will mark the close of registration. The league will be drafted based on number of registrants, assigned leadership, and will prepare for the second week of practice in January.

- **Game Day**
 - Upward Basketball and Cheerleading is a ministry of the church and as such, it is our goal to share the love of Christ with these children and plant principles in their lives that help to build character and their spiritual life.
 - Halftime of the games will introduce a high energy 5-7 minute interactive segment that teaches a life principle from Scripture. Practices will involve doing the same with children during their weekly practice session. Please be considerate to the person that is speaking as they have worked hard to prepare what they will be sharing with you.
- One thing you may not be aware of is once you enroll your child in the Upward Basketball Program, you will have prayer support. We will have many of our people praying for each child and their family throughout the Upward season.

There is a genuine sense of excitement about the year ahead of us. We want to make it a high quality, positive, meaningful, and encouraging experience for each child and their family. In an attempt to better stay in touch with you, here is the schedule of communication over the next months.

November 6-10

A postcard will be sent to all Upward registrants that have registered through November 5, reminding them of the Evaluation Day. Anyone who registers after November 5 will be informed of the Evaluation Day at the time of registration.

December 18-22

All registrants will receive a letter noting their team, their coaches, and a game schedule.

January 10,11,13 Practices

Information will be passed out by coaches at this meeting to all players and cheerleaders concerning what you need to know about Game Day, starting January 21. Please be sure to have your child there or stop by to pick up that information.

January 22-26

You will receive information and Picture Day Registration Forms in the mail telling you what you need to know about Upward Picture Day on February 10.

February 7&8

Information and Picture Day Registration Forms about the upcoming February 10 Picture Day and forms will be distributed at practice for those who have not yet received or misplaced theirs.

March 5-9

An invitation and information letter will be sent concerning Upward Victory Celebration Night on Friday, March 23.

March 22

A reminder text will be sent out about the Upward Victory Celebration Night.

Once again, we are looking forward to a great season. Please note the calendar on the attached sheet. We will also be posting the calendar on our website at www.calvarycares4u.org. Additionally, you may like us on our Facebook page and receive Calvary ministry information, as well as periodic Upward updates.

Looking forward to a great season!

Not registered yet? Here are two great ways:

- Online at www.calvarycares4u.org.
- Come by the church office 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.-12 Noon.

2017-2018 Upward Calendar

Evaluation Day: (You can bring your child any time between 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)
Saturday, November 18

Practice Schedule: (Practices begin the second week of January)

Wednesdays

January 10
January 17
January 24
January 31
February 7
February 14
February 21
February 28
March 7
March 14

Thursdays

January 11
January 18
January 25
February 1
February 8
February 15
February 22
March 1
March 8
March 15

Saturdays (Pre-K-K BBall)

January 13/9:00-10:00 a.m.
January 20/9:00-10:00 a.m.
January 27/9:00-9:30 a.m.
February 3/9:00-9:30 a.m.
February 10/9:00-9:30 a.m.
February 17/9:00-9:30 a.m.
February 24/9:00-9:30 a.m.
March 3/9:00-9:30 a.m.
March 10/9:00-9:30 a.m.
March 17/9:00-9:30 a.m.

Game Day: (Saturdays: First Game Day is January 27)

January 27

February 3

February 10 **Picture Day: (Players will need to arrive 1 hour before their game for pictures. Pre-K-Kindergarten Basketball Players need to arrive at 8:00 a.m.)**

February 17

February 24

March 3

March 10

March 17

Upward Victory Celebration Night:

Friday, March 23 @ 6:30 p.m.

(Hathaway Hall Located on the Lewis & Clark Community College Campus)

Please follow the directions below to receive text messages or emails about weather related practice/game cancellations and special Upward information.



Sign up for important updates from Codi Wiltshire.

Get information for **Upward 2017-2018 Season** right on your phone—not on handouts.

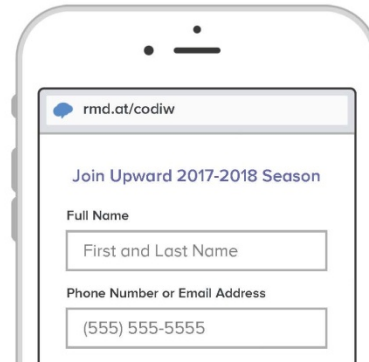
Pick a way to receive messages for **Upward 2017-2018 Season**:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/codiw

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @codiw to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @codiw to (618) 391-0258.

* Standard text message rates apply.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/codiw on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.