

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 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 17: MANDATORY Evaluation 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wed/Thu, January 9/10: First practices (Practices will be either Wed. or Thurs.)

Saturday, January 26: 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. If you would like to contact me with other questions, ideas and Volunteer opportunities, please email: director.upward.cbc@gmail.com.

We thank GOD for giving us the opportunity to serve you and your family through Upward Sports and look forward to the blessings HE will provide this season.

Sincerely,

David (Dave) Zimmermann

Calvary Baptist Church Upward Sports, Director



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S P O R T S

Dear 2018-2019 Upward Participant,

Thank you for registering your child for our 2018-2019 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 9, 2019, 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 or let out early 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 messaging service. To receive a text message 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.)***
- **NEW THIS SEASON: WE HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE!!!! Be sure to Like/Follow us on Facebook "Upward Sports Calvary Baptist Church Alton IL". We will post cancelations, updates, pictures, videos, and any other important information on our page.**
- 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 17**. 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 14

A reminder text will be sent to all Upward registrants that have registered through November 14, reminding them of the Evaluation Day. Anyone who registers after November 14 will be informed of the Evaluation Day at the time of registration.

December 17-22

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

January 21-25

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 9.

February 6&7

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 4-8

An invitation and information letter will be sent concerning Upward Victory Celebration Night on Friday, March 22.

March 21

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.

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.

2018-2019 Upward Calendar

Evaluation Day: (You can bring your child any time between 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)
Saturday, November 17

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

Wednesdays

January 9
January 16
January 23
January 30
February 6
February 13
February 20
February 27
March 6
March 13

Thursdays

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

Saturdays (Pre-K-K BBall)

January 12/9:00-10:00 a.m.
January 19/9:00-10:00 a.m.
January 26/9:00-9:30 a.m.
February 2/9:00-9:30 a.m.
February 9/9:00-9:30 a.m.
February 16/9:00-9:30 a.m.
February 23/9:00-9:30 a.m.
March 2/9:00-9:30 a.m.
March 9/9:00-9:30 a.m.
March 16/9:00-9:30 a.m.

Game Day: (Saturdays: First Game Day is January 26)

January 26

February 2

February 9 ***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 16

February 23

March 2

March 9

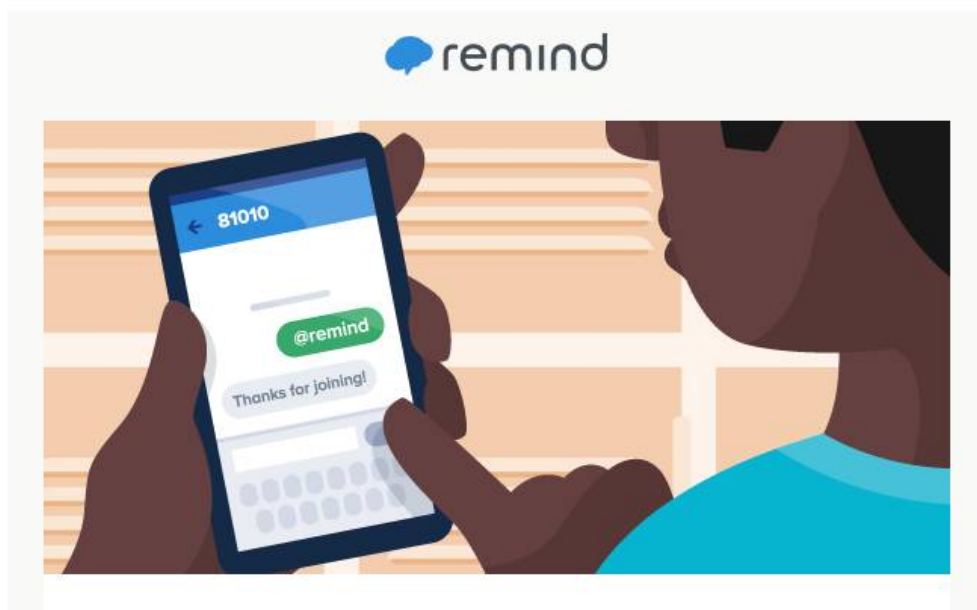
March 16

Upward Victory Celebration Night:

Friday, March 22 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

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



**To Register for the 2018-2019
Upward Season**

**Text: @d73adb
To
81010**