

# Go



# Team!

Baseball is in full swing here at The Christian Center. God has blessed us with another summer of long fly balls, base hits, runs scored, and even strike-outs - depending on which team you are cheering for. And let's not forget those cheerleaders. Parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends alike, all sitting on the sidelines yelling encouragement to players and cheering on their favorite team. Go Team!

Cheerleaders. Everyone needs one. Each of us should be one. Just as players in a baseball game face opposition, so do we. Life throws us a curve. Sometimes we wind up with more than three outs – out of money, out of time, out of patience, or out of a job. Our strength and energy fail, or we get injured. The opposition is fierce. The pressure is on. We make an error or strike out. It is during situations like these that we need a teammate, a coach, a spouse, a friend, or a brother or sister in Christ to cheer us on. Someone to encourage us to stay in the game. We need a reminder to keep swinging, to hang in there; don't quit. We need to hear encouraging words. A pat on the back or a high five helps too. Galatians 6:2 reminds us to bear one another's burdens. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 tells us to encourage one another and build each other up.

Baseball and life have similarities. Both are fun and exciting with victories - and both can be a challenging with disappointment and losses. Both benefit when cheerleaders are present, sitting on the sidelines yelling encouragement to the players. Go Team!

Baseball here at The Christian Center is in its 54<sup>th</sup> season. This year, we have over 600 athletes in our baseball program. Through the years, literally thousands of kids have played baseball here at The Christian Center. Thank you for encouraging us by supporting The Center. Thank you for being part of the team. Go Team!!

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