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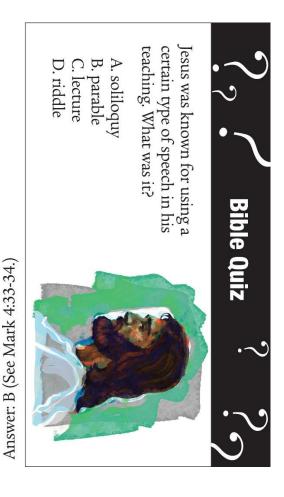
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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

For those of us who are older, one of the hardest adaptations we have had to make is the acceptance of "participation awards" or "participation trophies." Go to any children's end of the year (or season) awards program or celebration, and you will find that every child gets an award of some kind. Whether the child has worked hard or been lazy, whether the child is talented or not, whether the child practiced or not, he or she knows that they are going to get a trophy or special recognition of some kind.

The idea behind this is commendable. We want every child to feel special, and to experience the joy of being honored. We want all children to enjoy being on an athletic team without making winning the only goal.

But there are also some lessons to be learned in winning and losing. It is important for children to learn at an early age that working hard for a goal matters. And while "showing up" matters, those who merely show up never know the sense of accomplishment that comes from knowing that your hard work played a part in making the team successful. They also miss the important lesson of accountability. Each player on the team must do his or her best, or the rest of the team suffers. What is true for children on the ballfield is also true for members of the church. Paul talks about this in I Corinthians 12. In verses 26 - 27, Paul writes this: "And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually."

There are a lot of church members who want a "trophy" or special recognition for "just showing up." And while showing up is important, these members cheat themselves out of the blessing that comes with knowing that God is using them to make a difference in the church, in the community, and even in the Kingdom of God.

On Sunday mornings, I really enjoy listening to our choir. Because of their hard work, we are all blessed and encouraged. Because of the dedication of our Sunday School teachers, adults and children are being discipled to become more like Christ. By Sunday evening, our AWANA leaders are exhausted. But because they are willing to serve, our children are "hiding God's Word in their hearts." And of course, none of these things would be possible without those who are willing to sacrificially give to our offering each week.

Don't miss the blessing that comes by giving your all for Christ. Showing up is important. But don't settle for a "participation trophy."

May our Father bless you today. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you. **RCA**



DATE: Tuesday, April 16th TIME: 9:00 AM PLACE: Beth's Restaurant

2024 Christmas Blessing Bags

We will be collecting items each month for our 2024 Christmas Blessing Bags. In April we will be collecting: bar soap



of Christian Athletes DATE: April 8th TIME: 7:15 PM to set up and students eat at 7:45 PM We need volunteers to help serve supper and donations to purchase food. Thank you.



DATE: Thursday, April 4th **PLACE:** Napoli's Restaurant **TIME:** 6:30 PM

75 Plus Group - April News

Spring has sprung! It's an old saying but relevant for our group. We're out more due to warmer weather. Change of time never affects us. Ha!

We had 21 present for our meeting on Tuesday. John 3:16 was our devotion. I really feel good about our meetings. We talk, eat and talk. We're able to move around and talk with each one. We were glad to have our Pastor and Mr. Hammond back with us. The chicken dumplings, etc. were delicious.

Look forward to next month. Please join us on Tuesday, April 9th at 11:00 am in the Life Center if you're 75 Plus in age. We love you all. Bonnie Oster



Sunday, April 7th-Mission Night Saturday, April 27th-Sparks Camp-A-Rama Saturday, April 28th – Awana Leader Appreciation Luncheon

APRIL 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRI. | SAT. |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 7:00 PM : Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends in FLC, GA, RA, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice | 4 Men's Dinner at Napoli's Restaurant 6:30 p.m. | 5 | 6 |
| 7 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 4:30-6:30 PM AWANA – Missions Night | 8 PBC to serve the FCA at Wingate University 7:15 PM | 9 75 Plus Meet- ing at 11:00 AM in the FLC | 10 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA in FLC, RA, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship/ Church Conference 4:30-6:30 PM AWANA | 15 | 16 Ladies' Prayer Break- fast Beth's 9:00 AM | 17 7:00 PM : Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA, RA in FLC, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth 8:00 PM: Choir Practice | 18 | 19 | 20 |

April 2024, continued

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thurs | Friday | Saturday |
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| 21 | 22 | 23 Ladies' | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 4:30-6:30 PM AWANA | PBC Feeds at the Commu- nity Shelter 5:30- 7:00 PM | Prayer Break-fast at Beth's 9:00 AM; UBA Spring Session- Roanoke Baptist Church | 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA, RA, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth in FLC 8:00 PM: Choir Practice | | | Baby Shower for Devin & Shelby Phillips 2 – 4 PM; Sparks Camp-A- Rama |
| 28 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship AWANA Leader Appreciation Luncheon 4:30-6:30 PM AWANA | 29 | 30 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 PM | | | | |

PBC Serves at the

Community Shelter of Union County

Monday, April 22nd

5:30-7:00 PM

We need volunteers and cash donations. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Rorie.



MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

We are collecting grocery bags that will be made into mats for the homeless. Please drop off in the vestibule. Thank you.



Children's Church - April

April 7th-Sara Clay & Luisa Price
April 14th-Mary Katherine & Joshua Tarlton
April 21st-Jill Aldridge & Kathy Brock
April 28th-Lauren & Chris Davis
May 5th-Whitney Beard & Leigha Rollins



Jerri Pittman Raelyn Tucker Kasey Medlin Darren Guffey Daniel Guffey Ray Rickard Michael Thomas Kathy Newland Michelle Simpson Ciara Vaughn Christy Goble Lennox Guffey Bill McLaurin Casey McClain Kyle Pittman Michael Hagler Dustin McClain Randall Wilson Emma Ashcraft Karen Haigler Madison Bradley Kayden McGriff Bob Oster Tristin Patterson Woody Altman Karlie Strawn Ashlyn Porter Jackson Davis Cara Krest Kristen Robinson George Davis Chris Hargette Luisa Price Marvin Snead Emma Simpson John Romanello Todd Rorie Dean Jenkins Bonnie Oster Miley Ross

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First week in May

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| Esther Medlin | May 4 |
| Tiffany Romanello | May 4 |
| Rick Benton | May 5 |
| Kristy Hagler | May 6 |
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Please contact Sheri at 704-624-5121 or 704-292-5277 to update our birthday list. Thank you! Please join us for a baby shower

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HONORING

Devin & Shelby Phillips

Saturday, April 27th

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Family Life Center

Registered at: <u>https://www.babylist.com/list/p2024</u>

It's A Boy!