



COACHES HONOR

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NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT: MAC MACKIEWITZ, HEAD BASEBALL COACH @ PROVIDENCE

As I sat down to write this letter, I was stuck on where to start. I am just overwhelmed with

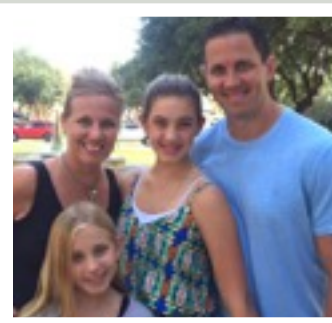
gratitude this Christmas season. Deep, heartfelt gratitude. Gratitude that God is a Trinity. Grateful that the Father sent the Son and the Son willingly and joyfully accepted. Grateful that the Spirit empowered the whole mission and now the Spirit takes what is Christ's and gives it to His people as an inheritance. I am grateful that God is a Trinity, if not there would be no gospel. There would be no Son to send. There would be no Good News. But as we know, there is Good News... the gospel, which is pure promise, the story of Jesus Christ with all of His saving benefits. The gospel is not something to do. It is something to believe and trust. It is the power of God for salvation (Romans 1:16). The individual hears the gospel and it's overwhelming implications (Romans 5:1, 8:1, 8:32, Ephesians 2:5-8), and the hearing of the declaration of our pardon changes us. We don't have to run and hide in fear from God, rather, we can run to him as sons and daughters.

I am so thankful for this gospel and grateful for one of the first men who shared it with me, Wink Cherry. Where do I start? I will let Romans 10:15 describe Wink for me: "How beautiful are the feet of the messengers who announce the Good News." Wink always had Good News for me and brought it with humility. In 2003, my first year in COACHES HONOR, I did not have a planning period, so Wink would be teaching me in the gym while being pelted with basketballs and volleyballs. I was the only person at that time at Providence that he was meeting with, so Wink did all of that just for me. Who was I? A prideful 27 year-old who knew nothing about who Jesus Christ truly was, even though I thought I did. Wink's patience and meekness was the real-life fruit of the very gospel he was

teaching to me. I got to see and taste the fruit, and it was good. I was all-ears. The triune God had given me ears to hear and eyes to see, and Wink was the instrument to bring it. I am so thankful for COACHES HONOR and for the saving knowledge I now have that my self-worth does not come from the scoreboard or my productivity. My worth comes from the price it took to purchase me: the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. That is what I am worth, and that value doesn't go up and down season to season. I now trust in the sufficiency of the work of Christ, not my own work.

I love you, Wink, and will support COACHES HONOR all the days of my life. I encourage all who have been served by COACHES HONOR to give to this fruitful organization. This Christmas season, we thank you, God (Father), for not only thinking of this mission of redemption, but for accomplishing it perfectly (Son) and for granting us the faith to believe it (Spirit)!

Mac with Wink Cherry



Mac with his wife, Angie, and daughters, Macy and Faith



SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING EVENTS

February 12-14 - Women's Retreat
March 8 - Sporting Clays Tournament
June - Golf Tournament

WILD & WONDERFUL WOMEN'S WEEKEND

Our Annual Wild & Wonderful Women's Weekend is coming up! This year, we're welcoming special guest speaker, Elyse Fitzpatrick.

The weekend will be February 12-14 in Atlantic Beach. The cost is \$150 (until January 10), and we recommend that you sign up as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

To sign up, visit coacheshonor.org/women-s-retreat.

"IMPACT" ANNUAL DINNER - WHAT A NIGHT!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the COACHES HONOR Annual Dinner such a success!

Thank you to those who sponsored tables, gave donations, pledged support, attended the dinner, and invited friends & family to join us!

We are so thankful for those of you who have partnered with us over the years and also for those of you who are new to the COACHES HONOR family. We are overwhelmed by the continued support that you so generously give!



PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING A SPECIAL YEAR END GIFT TO COACHES HONOR!

Dear COACHES HONOR Family,
Our COACHES HONOR Board would like to thank you for your love, support, and belief in this unique ministry. As we approach the new year, we ask that you please consider giving a special Year End Gift to help us meet our end-of-the-year budget. We hope you have an amazing Christmas!

If you would like to send in a Year End Gift, you can do so online at www.coacheshonor.org or by sending donations to P.O. Box 51139, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32240.