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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FEBRUARY KEEPERS!

Logan V- 2/2

Tyler R- 2/15

Wyatt S- 2/16

Tucker R- 2/17

♥ happy ♥
Valentine's
Day

THE GRAND KICKOFF TO 2026!

We are so excited to get back on the pitch for our first tournament in the new year. All of our teams will be competing in the MYSA Spring Shootout February 6-8, in Mebane, NC. Our teams have been braving the cold temperatures, practicing

and preparing for this tournament and we can't wait to watch them do their thing. We encourage everyone to please come out and support all of our amazing kids, and cheer them to the finals. A full schedule including times and locations for each team can be found on page 4 of this newsletter or on our [Facebook](#) page.





PARENT MEETING RECAP

On January 13, we hosted our inaugural club meeting of the year. We had a fantastic turnout, and we are grateful to everyone who joined us, whether in person or virtually. We covered a variety of topics during our discussion. Here's a brief summary of the key takeaways from the meeting.

Tournament Feedback & Logistics

- **Location:** Future tournaments aim to have fields closer together, such as the MYSA event (10 minutes apart) and the Fusion tournament, which will be held entirely at the Zoo City complex.
- **Family Considerations:** The club is addressing challenges for families with players on multiple teams and is seeking parent input on tournament selection.
- **Support:** The club will make announcements when other teams make the championship to encourage club-wide support and attendance.

Culture & Communication

- **Positive Attitude:** We urge parents and players to promote a positive attitude culture. We ask that we all refrain from excessive negativity toward referees and opponents.
- **Responsiveness:** Parents can expect a response to inquiries within 48 hours.
- **Tools:** The club heavily emphasizes using PlayMetrics for practice schedules, attendance marking, and receiving monthly newsletters.

Upcoming Events & Practices

- **Next Tournaments:**
 - Feb 6–8: Schedules are expected one week prior; local teams should prepare for potential Friday evening games.
 - May 2–3: A return to a well-received tournament at the Zoo City complex.
- **Practice Standards:** Players are expected to arrive on time and actively participate in practices. Marking attendance in PlayMetrics is required so coaches can plan sessions.
- **GKL1 (Spring Season):** Expected to begin in early March, with team registrations for external clubs starting in early February.



UPCOMING EVENTS

TUFC SUN & SOCCER SPRING BASH



Our next tournament will be the Triad Union FC Sun & Soccer Spring Bash. This tournament will take place May 2-3 in Asheboro, NC. The Zoo City Sports complex will host this event and is a location we are familiar with. All of our teams will compete within the same complex.

We expect schedules to be released around mid-April and we will share them with you via PlayMetrics.



PAINT FUNDRAISER



We are happy to announce that our paint night fundraiser has officially been rescheduled! Join us at 5pm on Saturday March 21st for a spring painting!

This event is open to anyone who would like to join us. If you previously registered for our original event, you are automatically registered for this event and will not need to do anything. A proceed from every sale goes back to GKSC for the purchase of new equipment, field rentals and financial aids among other club needs. Pre-registration is required and will close on 3/15.

Visit Paintthetown.com now to register. Space is limited.



GK LEAGUE 1: SPRING LEAGUE



We are gearing up now for the return of GKL1, spring edition. We received so many great reviews and feedback from our Fall league and we anticipate even more fun this Spring. We anticipate these games to start in early March. Those that are currently registered with a team will not need to do anything to participate. We will communicate all updates in PlayMetrics so stay tuned.



MYSA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



MYSA Spring Shootout February 6-8, 2026

	TEAM	TIME	LOCATION	FIELD
Friday, February 6	2014 KEEPERS	6:10pm	Mebane Community Park	2B
	2011 KEEPERS	6:10pm	Eastern Alamance High School	
	2008 KEEPERS	7:30pm	Eastern Alamance High School	
Saturday, February 7	2015 KEEPERS	8:30am/ 12:15pm	Springwood Park	01B
	2014 KEEPERS	9:45am	Springwood Park	01A
	2011 KEEPERS	9:50am	Springwood Park	03
	2008 KEEPERS	12:30pm	Eastern Alamance High School	
Sunday, February 8	2015 KEEPERS	8:30am/ 12:15pm (Finals)	Springwood Park	01B
	2014 KEEPERS	9:45am -Semi Finals 12:15pm- Consolation 1:30pm Finals	Springwood Park	01A/01B
	2011 KEEPERS	9:50am or 12:30pm -Semi- Finals 12:30pm - Consolation 1:30pm – Finals	Mebane Community Park	1
	2008 KEEPERS	12:30 pm -Semi- Finals 1:50pm- Consolation 4:30 Finals	Eastern Alamance HS or Hawfield MS	

Location Addresses	
Mebane Community Park	550 West Center Street Mebane, NC 27302
Springwood Park	1450 Springwood Church Road Burlington, NC 27215
Eastern Alamance High School	4040 Mebane Rogers Road Mebane, NC 27302
Hawfields Middle School	1951 NC 119 Mebane, NC 27302

Divisions: 2015 KEEPERS= U11 Grey/ 2014 KEEPERS=U12 Grey

2011 KEEPERS=U15 Yellow/ 2008 Keepers= Open Boys Yellow





My Brother's Keeper

THE LOVE OF CHRIST

"THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. ¹³ GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS, THAT SOMEONE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS. – JOHN 15:12-13



In February we celebrate the holiday of love known as Valentine's Day. And the world may provide many different definitions of love, but when we look at the bible and see God's example of love, we see a sacrificial act of putting others and their needs before our own. And this is the type of love we should be showing others when we are following Jesus.

During a Week 7 game against his former team, the New York Giants, on October 20, 2024, Barkley had 176 yards rushing. He was only 14 yards away from a new career-high and 42 yards away from the Eagles' franchise single-game record. With the Eagles leading 28-3 in the fourth quarter, Coach Nick Sirianni offered to put Barkley back in to break the records. Barkley declined, telling his coach to "let the young guys eat". He gave up the opportunity to set a record and pad his stats so that other players could have the opportunity to play the game and get the ball. He laid aside his personal goals and needs, in pursuit of helping others. This example is shown across sports even in Soccer, where people like Messi will pass the ball to another player so that they can score even though he could have kept the ball for himself.

In the bible we see an even greater example of this type of love for one another when Jesus gave up his life for us. In the book of John, Jesus tells us ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater loves has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. Jesus sets the example for each of us when it comes to loving others. He put the needs of others in front of his own when he came to earth and offered his life as a sacrifice for us. He gave up his life on the cross to provide forgiveness of sins. So that anyone who would believe in him would have eternal life with God. (Continued on next page).



My Brother's Keeper (cont.)

THE LOVE OF CHRIST

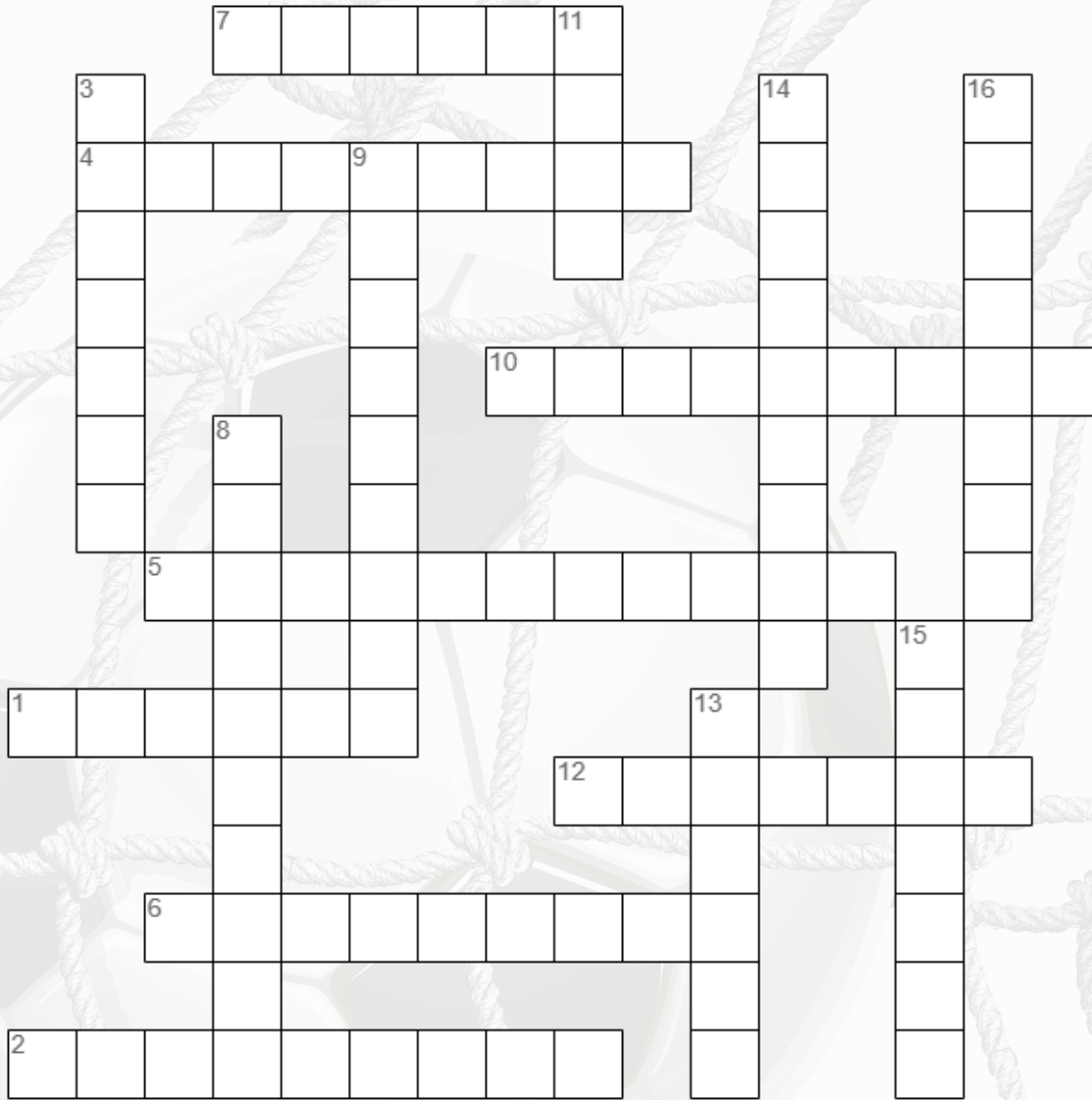
In life, we probably aren't going to face many situations in which we will have to give up our life for another person. However, there are plenty of times where we may need to put other people and their needs first. On the soccer field it might be doing a drill that you are already good at because someone else needs extra practice. Maybe it's passing to someone who has a better shot angle because that's what's best for the team, even though we want to take the shot. In life it might be holding the door for someone with their hands full. Or giving money or food to someone in need. Volunteering at a food mission or buying groceries for a neighbor going through a hard time. When we follow Christ, we choose to follow His commands and that means we are to love others as God has loved us. This month I want to challenge each of us to look at the love that God has given us and how we can show that same love to others. Look for ways you can help people in need and while doing so look at how you can share the love of Christ with them.

As always, if you have any questions about your faith or how to have a relationship with Jesus, I would love to talk with you about it!

-Nick



LET'S HAVE SOME FUN



ACROSS

- 1. To become extremely cold and solid
- 2. Word puzzle
- 4. A tender feeling towards another
- 5. A foolish or shallow love
- 6. Sincere and emotional
- 7. Associated with Valentine's Day
- 10. Celebrated on February 14th
- 12. Deeply in love

DOWN

- 3. A strong and barely controllable emotion
- 8. The quality of being gentle, caring, and affectionate
- 9. A popular gift for Valentine's Day
- 11. Frozen water that falls from the sky
- 13. The season between autumn and spring
- 14. An animal that predicts the weather on February 2nd
- 15. To love and care for deeply
- 16. A system for organizing days, weeks and months



SHOUT OUT TO OUR SPONSORS!





CROSSWORD ANSWER KEY

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