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In Paul's day the Olympics was not as stringent, elaborate, or as fiercely competitive as it is today. I have been to the birth place of the Olympics in Greece. It is a humble beginning, indeed. I wonder if anyone then ever imagined what was to transpire in Beijing, China, a few weeks ago.

Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9.24-27:

Don't you know that they which run in a race run all, but one receives the prize? So run, that you may obtain. And every one that strives for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beats the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

We're in a race, not to earn or merit eternal life, because eternal life is a free gift of God's grace merited by Jesus Christ who lived and died and rose again that those who heartily put their confidence, reliance, and belief in Him might receive Him. In receiving Christ, we receive eternal life; for Jesus lives by the power of an endless life.

We're in a race for the believer's crowns. We are to endure hardness and fight the good fight of faith. We are to overcome. We are to fulfill the destiny that is ours in Christ Jesus, living out the purpose for which God created us. We are to be witnesses unto Him that loved us and that brought us out of bondage, out of darkness into His light, redeeming us with His own precious Blood.

Look at an Olympian and you will see the focus, the perseverance, the ability to endure hardship and hardness. Their

eyes remain on the prize. They are disciplined, trained, single-minded, moving forward in spite of obstacles, giving it their all.

We have two imperatives in this life, as our son Stephen has noted:

Get right with God.
Get it right with God.

On a lighter note, everyone who came had a wonderful time this month at Craighouse. We've been seeing God break bondages with our Monday Night Thing. We're growing in the anointing as we study Spiritual Warfare on Wednesday nights. We're inside the Holy of Holies on Friday nights. On Sundays, Pastor Jim is teaching on overcoming obstacles, stumbling blocks. We also had fun, as you can see from some of the pictures:



Pastor Mary & Lauren, Steve & Lauren, Yvonne, Hosue, Chris, David, Gladys & Ana



Dave, Linda, Yvonne, Gladys; Pastor Jim, Gloria, Linda, Dale; Pastor Jim



Dale having fun at the prize table; Hosue & his mother, Yvonne; Chef Pastor Jim
(We apologize that we didn't get everyone in a picture; but we know you all had fun!)



Marie, Chris, & Dale really having a good time.

Chris came to Craighouse about a year ago. His first Bible study with us was on the Father's Love. He was in our studies in Hebrews, the Tabernacle, Inside the Holy of Holies, Growing in God's Garden, our study on Heaven, and social events. At first he wasn't too sure whether he would be accepted; but soon he learned that at Craighouse we minister in an atmosphere of grace that embraces people and enables them to break free of bondages and move forward. Chris was doing that in his life.

Tragedy struck Monday, August 25th, when Chris was killed instantly by an automobile while crossing a main thoroughfare on foot. Just prior to that, he had talked with me about events happening in his life. I remember telling him that "the hound of heaven was in pursuit of him." Chris was being touched by the power of God and knew God was reaching out to him, changing him, drawing him. What none of us knew was that God would take him as He did.

We will miss Chris. He was gentle and quiet and accepting of people. Marie, our grandmother to everyone at Craighouse, would sit next to him and pat his arm and pray for him. Dale was his close friend; and it is rare to have a good friend in one's life. Both Marie and Dale are in this picture that Joanna took at our last dinner.

We are all touched by every life with which we come in contact. God prepared Chris through the teaching He allowed in Chris' life this past year. God will help the rest of us process what has happened as He is Sovereign and Lord over all.

So teach us to number our days,
Cause our hearts to come unto Wisdom
That we might apply our hearts to it.
O satisfy us early with Your mercy;
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Psalm 90.11, 13

Believers have a mandate to preach the gospel to all creation, to make disciples of all nations. For those of us at Craighouse, the gospel is our passion. If it is also yours, join us in the race for the gold.



Sundays, celebrate grace with us, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. as we worship together under the leadership of Rev. Jim Craig. Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.



Mondays, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m. those seeking to overcome addictions and other obstacles in their relationship with God can learn how to break bondages and overcome through Christ at the very anointed **Monday Night Thing** with Dr. Mary Craig. The Holy Spirit is blessing this recovery group! Find out why.



Wednesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Dr. Mary Craig continues **“Training in Spiritual Warfare.”** Learn the ins and outs of humbling yourself before God and resisting the devil so that he flees from your life.



Fridays, 7:30 p.m., join Dr. Mary Craig as she continues teaching on **“Inside the Holy of Holies.”** Worship follows the Bible study, with Holy Spirit directed prayer in the presence of God. This is a highly anointed time for those seeking healing, deliverance, impartation, activation of gifts, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit.



Fall Kick-off Saturday September 20th 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Dinner & Bible Trivia Fun Bring food and friends and join us at Craighouse for a good time and just plain fun!

Pastors:
Rev. Jim Craig
Dr. Mary Craig

