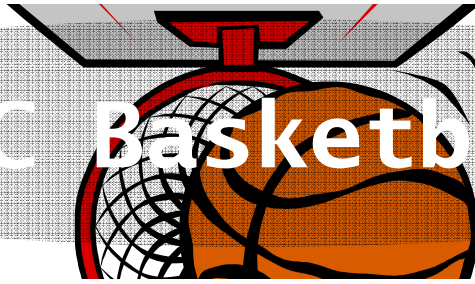


# Wintersburg Presbyterian Church

## WPC Basketball



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## 2006 WPC Girls Summer Basketball

By, Coach Mike Suwa

I would like to thank all the WPC girls teams who participated in this year's summer league. A total of 31 SEYO girls teams played at the South Coast Chinese Cultural Center (SCCCC) and University High School in Irvine . Many thanks to those parents and coaches that had to commute between sites. I know that some of you parents have daugh-

ters that played at both gyms and had to put up with the hot and humid weather. The Uni High gym, on one of the Sundays, seemed like a sauna. But despite the heat, most of the girls seemed to play with extreme physical intensity. On the other hand, for those lucky ones who had games at SCCC, it was refreshing to be inside a nice cool air-conditioned gym.

This year, the Junior Girls' teams (both lower and upper divisions) played one session where we mixed and combined individual girls from the various organizations (GEO, SOC, AFMC, OCO, VFW, OCBC, and WPC) to play on teams that encouraged an atmosphere to form new friendships among the girls. I received positive feedback from many of the girls and coaches. We will continue to emphasize this activity in

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## They Kept on Trying

By Pastor Ted Esaki

On April 16, 2003, a National Basketball Association player took a 12 foot jump shot. He missed. It was the 12,345<sup>th</sup> time in his professional career that he missed a shot. 12,345 is a lot of shots without making a basket.

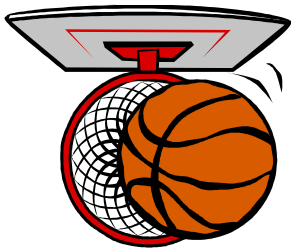
Was this player discouraged? No. Did he think he had failed himself or his team? No. You see

earlier in the game, he scored point number 32,292. That night he scored 15 points in the final game of his NBA career. Do you know who I am talking about? Yep, that player was Michael Jordan, one of the greatest basketball players of all time.

In his career, Michael Jordan missed more shots than he made, in fact, his career shooting

percentage was 49%.

Those results may not sound very encouraging, but if you were a Michael Jordan fan, you recognize that Michael Jordan's ability to succeed consistently, made him one of the greatest basketball players of all time. Michael Jordan recognized that to make a basket he was going to fail a lot and that he was going to miss a lot of shots.



## WPC Girls Summer Basketball ...

future league seasons.

In addition to the six games each team played, all the girls received lanyards and t-shirts. Much thanks go to Paul Okui for commissioning, Lori Hirano for ordering the shirts, and Sheri Okui for ordering the lanyards. Their contribution of time and effort made this year another success.



## They kept on trying ...

When you look at Michael Jordan's Career, you find that he also made 28 game winning shots, 6 times he was an NBA Champion, 10 times he was on the first team all NBA Team, 9 times he was on the first team all defensive team. 3 times he was the MVP of the all-star game, he was rookie of the year in 1985, and he was voted one of the 50 greatest NBA players of all time.

In his autobiography, Michael Jordan said, "I have missed more than 12,000 shots in my career. I have lost over 300 games. Over thirty times I have been trusted to make the game winning shot and missed. I have failed over and over again in my life, and that is why I succeed." You see, for Michael Jordan, failure was not final. Not even when he was cut as a sophomore from his High School Basketball team did Michael Jordan quit trying. He said, "I can accept failure, but I can't accept not trying." What

made Michael Jordan a great player was that he worked hard, practiced hard and he never quit. That is true in the Christian life as well. When you look at many of the people in the Bible, they too failed. But they didn't give up, they didn't quit. They kept on trying. A few of them for instance are:

Moses and King David both committed murder. Jonah ran from God. Peter denied our Lord 3 times. Paul persecuted the early Christian church. Yet God used these men to accomplish his plans and purposes.

Moses lead the children of Israel out of Egypt, King David was called a man after God's own heart, Jonah brought about a spiritual revival in the city of Nineveh, Peter was a great apostle of the early church, and Paul was one of Christianity's greatest missionaries of the early church. For them, failure was not

final. They knew that they could do great things because they believed and trusted in a great God. The apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 3:14, "Forgetting the past, I press on towards the goal of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." "Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who give me strength." For Paul failure was not final.

Just over 2000 years ago, **there were many people that thought Jesus had failed.** There were his disciples and those who had followed Jesus for 3 years who thought, How could the one that they had placed their faith and hope in be killed on the cross? Many had given up everything to follow him. Now they were downcast and scared. They thought Jesus had failed. But the death of Jesus Christ on the cross was not a failure. Jesus came to earth to die on the cross to forgive us of

# Gallery



## They Kept on Trying ...

our sins and to abolish death. When Jesus died on the cross, that was not the end of his life. The Bible teaches us that Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead, and when he rose he took the sting of death away.

The hope that Christ offers is that all who place their faith and trust in Jesus will not die, but have everlasting life. And whatever failures we may have had in our past, that through Christ, we can have a new life and a new beginning. That is the hope and faith of the Christian life. I truly hope that that is your hope as well. If you have any questions about this, I invite you to come and talk with me at any time.

Blessings,  
Pastor Ted

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All action photos courtesy Pat Wong, Doug Kuriki and Michelle Quon  
Taken at the Nikkei Games held at CSULB, Aug. 19th & 20th

# Weekly Events at Wintersburg

## Sunday School

Sun 9 to 10AM All age groups

## Special K (Jr. High)

Fri 7:30—9:30 PM Age appropriate fellowship for 6-8th grade students

## Ike Pono (High School Group)

Fri 7:30 to 9:30 PM Age appropriate fellowship for 9-12th grade students

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# Calendar Events

- Sat. Oct. 14th Rummage Sale (Donations welcome from SEYO families, bring items to church on the Wed/Fri before sale)
- Tue, Oct 31 Harvest Festival 5:30 to 8 PM
- Sun. Nov. 5th musical, "King of the Jungle" at 1 PM.
- Sat. Dec. 16 Christmas program & dinner

Questions? Contact Sue Masamitsu,  
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## Wintersburg SEYO Committee

SEYO Elder (present)	Gordon Gee	Treasurer	Dennis Lee
SEYO Rep	Craig Uchizono	Registration	Sue Masamitsu
SEYO Rep/Gyms	Mark Nakakihara	Head Team Mom	Jeri Lee
SEYO Rep	Mike Suwa	Uniforms	Lori Hirano
SEYO Web	Tom Masamitsu	Golf	Don Wong
SEYO Web	Dave Takigawa	SEYO Elder (past)	Jim Tanizaki
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## I Need A Logo

I need a logo for this newsletter. The logo should contain the elements of youth basketball, and of the Wintersburg Presbyterian Church. There shall be no recognizable commercial, trademark or copyrighted material. The logo art work should be about 7 inches wide and between 1 and 1.5 inches tall. You can submit a computer generated jpeg or gif file or a copy of hand drawn artwork. Please send your computer art to my email address: wpcseyonews@yahoo.com or send to the church office attention: WPC Seyo Newsletter editor.



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Wintersburg Sports Ministry is an outreach program of the Wintersburg Presbyterian Church and is established to serve as an opportunity to share and demonstrate the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is an opportunity for families to participate in a program that will encourage spiritual, social and physical development.

We, the Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, believe that the successful participation in our program is defined by the building of character and self-confidence through encouragement of our young players in the Christian manner. Success is the understanding and appreciation of good teamwork and sportsmanship. Striving to do our best is always encouraged through fairness and concern for the welfare of each player.

The many teams, which are formed each year, represent our church and should, therefore, conduct themselves in a way that is reflective of our Christian values.