

Don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people.

2 Timothy 2:23-24



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### Football and Foolishness

David Maxson

Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels.

2 Timothy 2:23

### Upcoming Events

**Monday Nights 7PM**

**Prayer Meeting**

**May 11th 11AM**

**Seniors Luncheon**

**May 12th 11AM**

You could say that I have a love/hate relationship with football. I am a product of my upbringing in the South, and so my love of football comes honestly. (And it's college football down here, not NFL.) I love my school. I love the intense rivalries. I love fierce competition and the passion of the fanbases. I love it!

However, all of the things I love about football are also the things I hate about it. I hate the way rivalries become so nasty. It drives me nuts that a competition over a game (and it is just a game!) turns into hurtful insults and personal attacks. And what bothers me the most is that I see all of this among those who call themselves brothers and sisters in Christ!

So, the challenge I want to make to myself and to anyone who loves football like I do, is that you remember 2 Timothy 2:23 this season. Even though the apostle Paul was not thinking about football when he wrote this verse, it certainly applies. Any controversy which causes disciples of Christ to say hateful things to one another, avoid each other at church, and create resentments in their hearts toward one another is, by definition, a FOOLISH controversy! When you feel tempted to argue about football, recite this verse to yourself. Maybe say it to yourself over and over: "Have nothing to do with foolish controversies... Have nothing to do with foolish controversies..."

And there's another verse that could be helpful. When you hear someone say something really stupid about your team, think about this verse:

"Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you be like him yourself." Proverbs 26:4

Enough said.

Father, help us to have wisdom, perspective, and above all love that we might know when

**New Life Center Mother's Day Tea**

**May 13th**

**Youth Camp Registration Deadline**

**May 15th 7PM**

**WM Sectional "Fearless" Tour**

**May 17th 7PM**

**Harvest Homeschoolers Meet-N-Greet**

**May 20th After Each Service**

**Missions Pulled Pork Dinner Sale**

**May 27th 11AM**

**Summer Splash 2018**

**May 27th 6PM**

**Harvest Kids Fun Arts Night**

**June 8th and June 9th**

**Girls Ministry Living in Truth Conference**

## Prayer Meeting



**Mondays, 7-8 PM**

**Please join us on Mondays for a Prayer Meeting. The prayer time will be held in the conference room from 7-8 pm. This Prayer Meeting will take place every Monday night. Come on out and pray for our Church, Community and our Nation.**

## Seniors Luncheon



**Friday, May 11th at 11 AM**

something is important enough to argue about, and when we should simply remain silent.

### **Harvest Giving App**

**For IOS and Android Phones**

**We are happy to announce that we have a quick and secure tool that is available to us now for Giving. All you need to do is go to your App store on your phone and type in Harvest Assembly of God Lakeland, and download it for free right to your smart phone.**

**All of our Seniors are invited to attend this month's Seniors Luncheon. It will be held in the Youth Room at 11 AM. We ask that you please bring a covered dish to share and bring a friend to enjoy the fellowship with. For more information please contact Fred or Nora Connell.**

### **Womens Ministry Sectional Fearless Tour**



**Tuesday, May 15th 7 PM**

**All of our Ladies are invited to attend the Fearless Tour. It will be held at Harvest and the guest speaker will be Deanna Shrodes, our District Women's Director. Every woman in attendance will receive a free gift. They will also have the boutique set up for you to shop in. For more information please contact Judi Cotignola at [judicotignola@yahoo.com](mailto:judicotignola@yahoo.com)**

### **New Life Center Mother's Day Tea**



**Saturday, May 12th at 11 AM**

**Come and join us at this Mother's Day Tea and Support NLC at the same time. The cost is \$10 per person and includes a light lunch, door prizes and an inspirational message. For more information please contact Carolyn Espina at [nlclakeland@gmail.com](mailto:nlclakeland@gmail.com)**

### **Youth Camp Registration**

**Harvest Homeschoolers  
Meet-N-Greet**



# MEET *and* GREET

Thursday, May 17th 7 PM

Calling all homeschool families! We want to meet you, so please join us for this informal meeting as we introduce ourselves and cast vision for Harvest Homeschoolers. For more information contact Aimee Elias at [elijason@gmail.com](mailto:elijason@gmail.com) or Michelle Horst at [mrshorst1@aol.com](mailto:mrshorst1@aol.com).

## Service Times

Saturday  
7pm Adult Worship  
7 pm Embrace Children's Church

Sunday  
9 am Early Morning Worship  
9 am Christian Education  
11 am Mid Morning Worship  
11 am Harvest Kids Church  
11 am Special Needs Church  
6 pm Evening Worship  
6 pm Generation Youth

Wednesday  
7 pm Adult Worship  
7 pm Girls Ministries and Royal Rangers

We look forward to seeing you!

Harvest Assembly Of God



June 18th-22nd  
at Masterpiece Gardens

All Youth Camp Registration forms are at the Information Desk and must be filled out and turned in with the \$50 deposit by Sunday, May 13th. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Kaleb at [Kaleb@harvestassembly.org](mailto:Kaleb@harvestassembly.org)

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