

## HOME TEAM SCOUTING REPORT Mississippi College Clinton, MS

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## New Year, New Plans

I am sure most of you can identify with us that breaks are great, but there is just something good about getting back into the swing of things! We are so excited about this new year and all that God has planned. Here is a preview of what we hope to see this semester:

Over the break, I read the book, "7 Practices of Effective Ministry," by Andy Stanley, Reggie Joiner and Lane Jones of North Point Church in Atlanta. This book has been a road map for our staff to structure our ministry in a more effective way. After several hours of work, we have a game plan for our leadership team and are expecting great things! We will organize our leaders into teams and give them ownership and responsibility for their area of service. We have the overall mission to develop disciples to be multipliers in the kingdom of God who continually grow in their walk with Christ. We also desire teams to be dramatically affected by Christ so that when others see athletics at MC they see teams playing for the glory of God. We see coaches coaching biblically. We see an environment that promotes community and relationships. This is what we are striving to create this year and can't wait to share stories of these things when they happen!

## **Basketball Ministry Continues**

Last week, we hosted the women's basketball team at our house to watch the movie, "7 Days in Utopia." The movie is about a golfer whose identity wrapped up in his sport. By the end of the movie, he discovers that his entire life has been about winning, not about glorifying God. One part of the movie talks about the importance of conviction. After the movie, I had a discussion with the girls about why conviction is so important. I asked everyone to tell me one thing they are convicted or convinced of and most answered, but some did not. Their assignment is to write out certain convictions by January 10. My hope is that they understand we all must have convictions because convictions form our beliefs. If we have no convictions, what are we believing?

Justin came to me the other day and was so excited about a conversation he had with one of the basketball players. He said their conversation led him to ask if the player wanted to meet weekly to talk about God's Word and he did! This is such a great opportunity for Justin to be an influence to this guy. Please be praying for the Lord to continue this work he started in this young man's life!

May the Lord bless you, keep you, make His face shone upon you and give you peace,

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