

# Calvary Baptist Is Playing For Undefeated Season And Estill Church League Championship

The Estill County Church Basketball League will have its final week of games for the 2014 season with three contests slated. Teams will be playing for 1st, 3rd and 5th places in the league's post season tournament.

Games begin Saturday at 10:15 a.m. with Stacy Lane taking on Ravenna Church of God for 5th place.

Ravenna ended the season even, 3-3, but has dropped two games in post season and is 3-5.

Stacy Lane has managed just two wins all year, both over Rice Station Christian. Their record stands at 2-7.

The 11:30 game matches Green Pastures against Mount Carmel Christian.

Mount Carmel started off the season with five straight losses, including one for-

feit, but has since beat Stacy Lane and Ravenna Church of God.

Last week, Mount Carmel played well against league leader Calvary Baptist before falling 59-53. They take a 3-6 record against Green Pastures.

Green Pastures is 6-3 after dropping a 76-50 contest against Gum Springs that put Gum Springs (8-1) into the championship game against Calvary Baptist.

The league's lead team, Calvary Baptist finished the regular season undefeated against the league's seven other teams, and, following the win over Mount Carmel, they are 8-0 for the year.

Gum Springs has lost only once this year in the league, that being their opener to Calvary Baptist, 88-59.

<b>Calvary</b>	10	14	17	10	59
<b>Mt. Car</b>	11	18	11	13	53

**Calvary Baptist (59):**  
Chase 8, Cade 14, Jordon 14, Watkins 27.

**Mount Carmel (52):**  
Scott 2, Jake 14, Benton 3, Jared 21, Steven 8, Phillip 5.

<b>St. Lane</b>	14	21	16	25	76
<b>Rice St.</b>	15	23	14	19	71

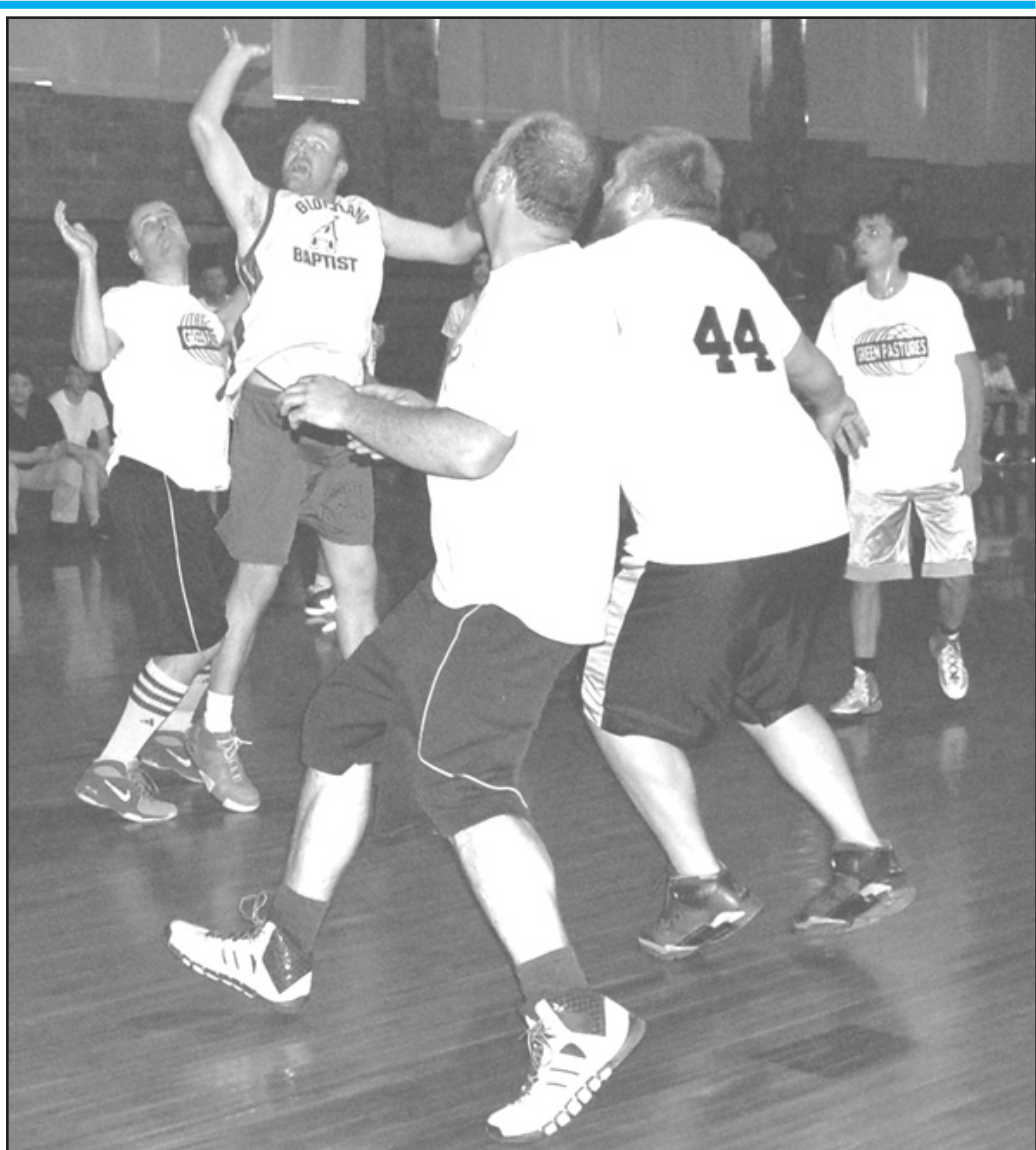
**Stacy Lane (76):**  
Gary 3, John 24, Dylan 15, James 17, Chris 18.

**Rice Station (71):**  
Micah 10, Tyler 7, Joe 3, Peyton 14, Patrick 6, Dustin 15 (five 3's), John 16.

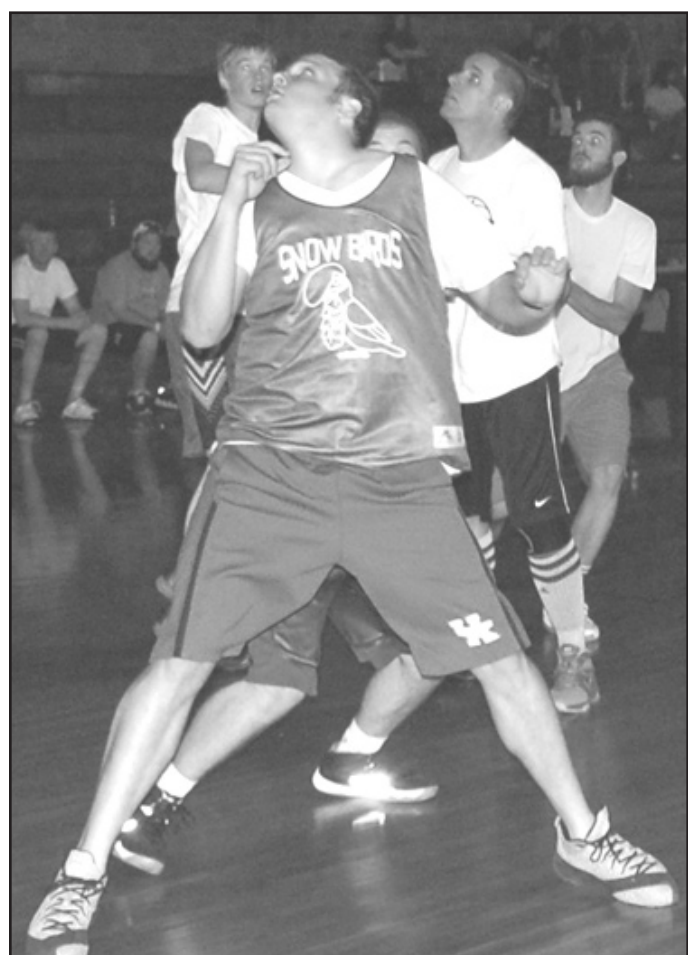
<b>Gum Sp.</b>	21	21	21	12	76
<b>Gr. Past.</b>	13	09	18	10	50

**Gum Springs (76):**  
Clay 20, Brian 8, Mo 5, Frank 20, Stanley 14, Rob 7, Jonathan 11.

**Green Pastures (50):**  
Fike 28, Adams 16, Wiseman 3, Plowman 1, Salyer 2.



A Gum Springs player puts up an off-balance shot against Green Pastures during Estill church league action on Saturday.



Green Pastures and Gum Springs players watch the path of the ball during tournament action, Saturday.

## Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky Princess Lacey brought to mind Tuesdays With Morrie, and Alex



**Bob Watkins**

What was your take-away highlight from this year's NCAAAs?, a friend asked the other day.

These photos, I said, before the NCAA started.

Lacey Holsworth (Little Princess) with pal Adreian Payne on Senior Night at Michigan State.

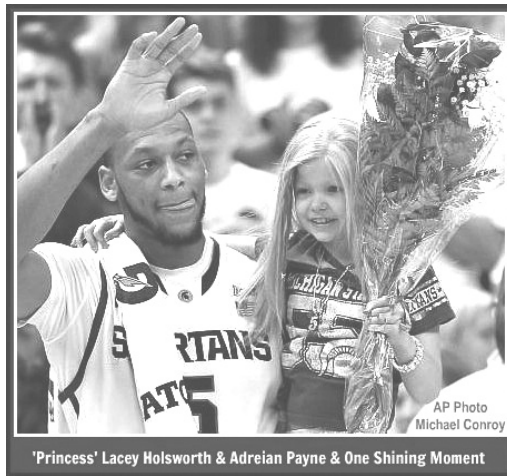
One Shining Moment. Pause please, and look into these photos.

Every time they come up on my computer screen, misty sets in, my eyes fill with tears. Eight year old Lacey Holsworth died two days after the NCAA tournament ended.

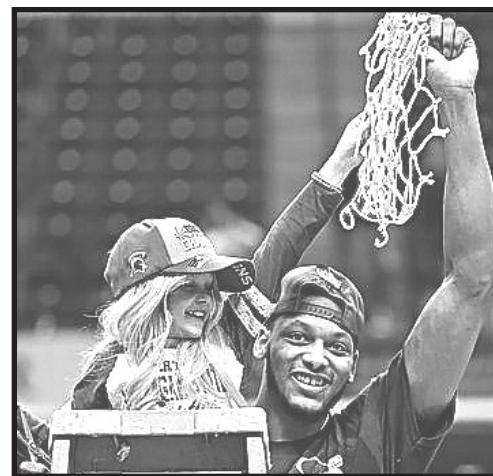
Images of a beautiful, incredibly brave little girl whose innocence transported us beyond NCAA money-grubbers, players included, and in particular ball coaches (alleged teachers) who advance their careers by recruiting (almost exclusively) black kids with the ideal that piles of money is more important than being a kid in college.

For fast talking college ball coaches, One Shining Moment happens in the Green Room on NBA draft night in June.

Adreian Payne IS rich. He will earn lots of dollars playing professionally. When the ball stops bouncing as it inevitably does, he will have a college degree and golden memories of time at Michigan State, first among



'Princess' Lacey Holsworth & Adreian Payne & One Shining Moment



**ALEX**

them time with Lacey and the impact it had on all who witnessed it. This life-so-far experience at college will rate higher than all the cash Payne has or ever will have.

For some of us, the Princess's expression in these photos is the One Shining Moment for 2014, and a life time for Adreian Payne.

The photos also brought to mind a column I penned in 1995.

From the archives ... Tuesdays With Morrie, and Alex.

July 22, 1995. (re-edited) I wrote ...

"This is about dying. This is about living. This is about special human beings. And, it's about you and me.

Morrie Schwartz was a feisty little man of sharp-edge humor alternatively sweet and gruff. He took full advantage of being a curmudgeon, having his way.

Brave too. Near the end, Morrie let a writer into his private life, and then ABC's Ted Koppel peered into the last twinklings of his life. Morrie was a retired professor of Sociology at Brandies University who was 79 and battling ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Mitch Albom had been his student who had gone on to sports writing at the Detroit Free Press. When Albom was told about his old professor's demise he went to see him, rekindled

a friendship that included Schwartz taking his friend down a few pegs from the pedestal of his own importance.

At first Albom flew back to Boston to spend time with his old teacher, then he moved back east and began to visit every Tuesday until the end of Morrie's life in November, 1995.

They had agreed Albom would chronicle Morrie's experience with dying. The old professor was candid, philosophical and appreciated Albom's devotion.

In turn, the author-to-be got a good taste of grumpy, cantankerous and get-out-of-my-face. Albom got to look into the face of another human whose life was melting away. Morrie spoke poignantly about how fear felt and tasted, about pain, loss of independence, about despair and dying.

The old man was tough too showing his biographer good wit, enormous dignity and courage and an uncompromising spirit right to the last good-bye.

Tuesdays With Morrie the book was 192 pages. Albom painted his central character in vivid, sensitive and kindly detail. Was a best seller with a good epilogue too. First earnings, Albom used to pay Morrie's medical expenses, funeral, establish a scholarship at Brandies in his name.

Morrie Schwartz ((1916-1995)

Much as Lacey Holsworth's short time has done to us freshly, Alex: The Life of a Child, flooded the tear ducts too. Writer extraordinaire and PBS commentator Frank Deford penned a book about his daughter Alexandra who was dying of Cystic Fibrosis.

As expected, Deford did the work so artfully the story in Hallelujahs, made us weep. It illuminated amazingly the power and strength summoned up by a strikingly lovely child who called her father "my Little Daddy."

Alexandra Deford (1971-1980)

Back to Lacey Holsworth. I like to believe part of her legacy is a nudge, a reminder about two other extraordinary people of whom two exquisite books came our way in excruciating detail. I imagine, by now Lacey has read them both.

Tuesdays With Morrie and Alex (both inspired motion pictures).

Morrie Schwartz left in November, 1995. He was 79.

Alexandra Deford died January 19, 1980. She was nine.

Lacey Holsworth died April 9, 2014. A Tuesday. She was eight.

Each was One Shining Moment.

And so it goes.

### Estill Co. Church League 2014 Basketball Action

**Saturday, April 19th**

Ravenna Church of God did not play

Stacy Lane (76) -- Rice Station (71)

Calvary (59) -- Mount Carmel (53)

Gum Springs (76) -- Green Pastures (50)

**Total Season Records -- April 19, 2014**

Calvary Baptist 8-0 Mount Carmel 3-6

Gum Springs 8-1 Stacy Lane 2-7

Green Pastures 6-3 Rice Station 0-9

Ravenna CG 3-5

**Saturday, April 26th**

**ECCBL Final Tournament Pairings**

**For 5th Place**

10:15a Stacy Lane vs. Ravenna Ch. of God

**For 3rd Place**

11:30a Green Pastures vs. Mount Carmel

**Championship**

12:45p Calvary Baptist vs. Gum Springs

**All Games At Central Office Gym**

### Estill County Church League Volleyball Starts Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5<sup>pm</sup>

Deadline for sign up is Friday, May 9th.

Must be 13 or older to play. Girl teams play at 7:00 p.m. each week. No entry fees. Call 606-723-6682 to sign up or ask questions.

### Stickeler's Answer

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1-e, 2-b, 3-d, 4-a, 5-c

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