

A Word From The Director...

Welcome to Upward Basketball & Cheerleading at Calvary Baptist Church. We are so happy that you have chosen to be a part of this outstanding program. As the Upward director, I am approaching this season with tremendous excitement and anticipation. We are putting together a team of committed leaders that will be working together to make this an awesome season!

For those of you returning, you will notice some changes as we continue to improve. If this is your first season, rest assured, this will be an amazing experience for participants and families.

During your Game-Day experience, we will have concessions available. All the profits are used to support our Upward Sports program. Please plan to enjoy a snack or meal and help support Upward Sports.

Important Dates:

Saturday, November 6: MANDATORY Evaluation 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Week of January 10: First practices

Saturday, January 29: First Game Day!

Volunteer – There are many people needed to complete an Upward season. While our church members fill many of our needs, Upward would not be successful without others getting involved. We have many areas of need, coaches, referees, scorers, and others. I would love to discuss using your talents in these and other areas.

Please feel free to contact us. For general questions or registration questions, please contact Codi in the church office at (618) 462-8816 or cwiltshire@calbap.org.

If you would like to contact me with other questions, ideas, or Volunteer opportunities, please email: director.upward.cbc@gmail.com.

We thank GOD for giving us the opportunity to serve you and your family through Upward Sports and look forward to the blessings HE will provide this season.

Sincerely,

David (Dave) Zimmermann

Calvary Baptist Church Upward Sports, Director





Dear 2021-2022 Upward Participant,

Thank you for registering your child for our 2021-2022 Upward Season. This packet is to inform you of the important dates and information that you will need to know throughout this basketball and cheerleading season.

Here are some things we want you to know!

- Picture Day, February 12, 2022, is already scheduled with Gravemann Photography. *(The only potential schedule change would be a weather-related event. We operate during the weekdays on the Alton School District Weather Policy. If classes are canceled or let out early that day, practices are canceled that evening. If we have a late afternoon weather event that doesn't impact the school but may impact practice, a notice will be posted on our website at www.calvarycares4u.org under the Upward Tab. Another way is our text messaging service. To receive a text message concerning practices, games, and special information, please sign up by following the directions that are indicated on the last page of this packet. We are encouraging every family to sign up for this service. There is no charge except for your normal texting rates. You may also call the church office at 618-462-8816 from 7:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and on Friday from 8:00 a.m.- Noon.)*
- **WE HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE!!! Be sure to Like/Follow us on Facebook "Upward Sports Calvary Baptist Church Alton IL". We will post cancellations, updates, pictures, videos, and any other important information on our page.**
- Evaluation day is listed on the attached schedule. This is an important day, allowing your child to be placed properly in the league. There will only be 1 evaluation day. It will be on **Saturday, November 6.** Every child that is participating MUST BE evaluated. Please note that you may bring your child in any time during that day. Each child's evaluation should only last about 30 minutes, and then they are free to leave. **EVERY CHILD MUST HAVE AN ADULT IN THE GYM DURING EVALUATION. CHILDREN WILL NOT BE EVALUATED IF AN ADULT IS NOT PRESENT.**
- Evaluation day will mark the close of registration. The league will be drafted based on number of registrants, assigned leadership, and will prepare for the second week of practice in January.

- **Game Day**
 - Upward Basketball and Cheerleading is a ministry of the church and as such, it is our goal to share the love of Christ with your children and plant principles in their lives that help to build character and their spiritual life.
 - Halftime of the games will introduce a high energy 5–7 minute interactive segment that teaches a life principle from Scripture. Practices will involve doing the same with children during their weekly practice session. Please be considerate to the person that is speaking as they have worked hard to prepare what they will be sharing with you.
- One thing you may not be aware of is once you enroll your child in the Upward Basketball Program, you will have prayer support. We will have many of our people praying for each child and their family throughout the Upward season.

There is a genuine sense of excitement about the year ahead of us. We want to make it a high quality, positive, meaningful, and encouraging experience for each child and their family. In an attempt to better stay in touch with you, here is the schedule of communication over the next months.

November 5

A reminder text will be sent to all Upward registrants that have registered through November 4, reminding them of the Evaluation Day.

December 13-17

All registrants will receive a letter noting their team, their coaches, and a game schedule.

January 31-February 4

You will receive information and Picture Day Registration Forms in the mail telling you what you need to know about Upward Picture Day on February 12.

February 8/10

Information and Picture Day Registration Forms about the upcoming February 12 Picture Day and forms will be distributed at practice for those who have not yet received or misplaced theirs.

Once again, we are looking forward to a great season. Please note the calendar on the attached sheet. We will also be posting the calendar on our website at www.calvarycares4u.org.

Looking forward to a great season!

Not registered yet? Here are two great ways:

- Online at www.calvarycares4u.org.
- Come by the church office 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.-12 Noon.

2021-2022 Upward Calendar

Evaluation Day: (You can bring your child any time between 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)
Saturday, November 6

Practice Schedule: (Practices begin the second week of January)

Tuesdays

January 11
January 18
January 25
February 1
February 8
February 15
February 22
March 1
March 8
March 15

Thursdays

January 13
January 20
January 27
February 3
February 10
February 17
February 24
March 3
March 10
March 17

Saturdays (Pre-K-KBBall)

January 15/9:00-10:00 a.m.
January 22/9:00-10:00 a.m.
January 29/9:00-9:30 a.m.
February 5/9:00-9:30 a.m.
February 12/9:00-9:30 a.m.
February 19/9:00-9:30 a.m.
February 26/9:00-9:30 a.m.
March 5/9:00-9:30 a.m.
March 12/9:00-9:30 a.m.
March 19/9:00-9:30 a.m.

Game Day: (Saturdays: First Game Day is January 29)

January 29

February 5

February 12 **Picture Day:** (*Players will need to arrive 1 hour before their game for pictures. Pre-K-Kindergarten Basketball Players need to arrive at 8:00 a.m.*)

February 19

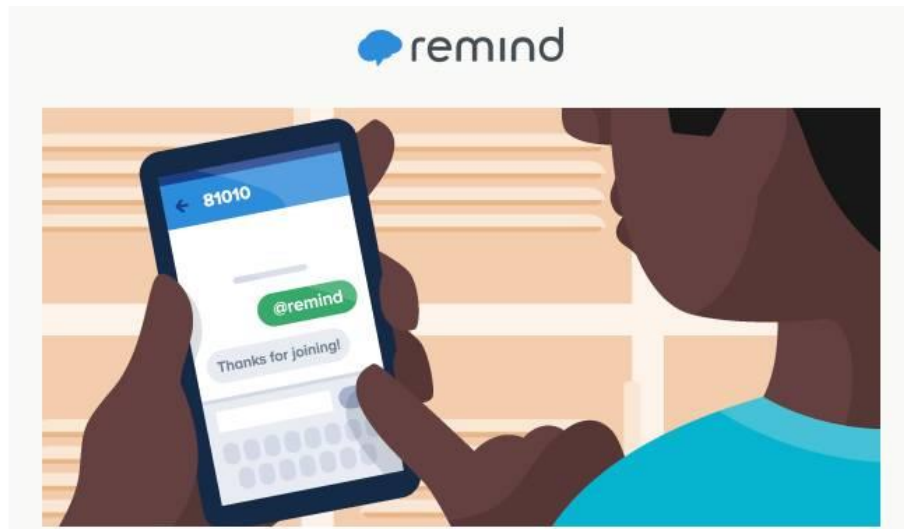
February 26

March 5

March 12

March 19

Please follow the directions below to receive text messages or emails about weather related practice/game cancellations and special Upward information.



To Register for the 2021-2022 Upward Season

