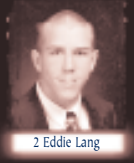


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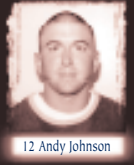
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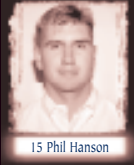
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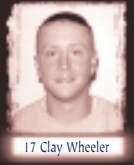
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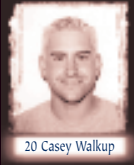
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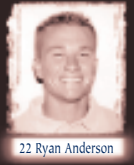
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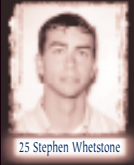
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22 Ryan Anderson



23 Courtney Shawley



25 Stephen Whelstone



26 Matt Berry



28 Matt Van Alsburg



32 Aaron Klusman



26 Matt Berry



42 Ben Diaz



29 Matt Self



34 Brandon Thompson



44 Mike Bumstead

No	Pitchers	B/T	Year	University
26	Matt Berry	R/R	Jr	Texas A&M University
44	Mike Bumstead	R/R	Sr	Cal-State Northridge
15	Phil Hanson	R/L	So	San Jose State
16	Ryan Harrison	R/R	Fr	Liberty University
7	Justin Hill	R/R	So	Bossier Parish CC
32	Aaron Klusman	R/R	Fr	Arizona State University
21	Michael Posey	R/R	So	University of Mississippi
18	Tom Potter	L/L	Fr	University of Florida
29	Matt Self	R/R	Fr	Harvard University
5	Chad Thompson	L/L	Jr	Delta State University
17	Clay Wheeler	R/R	Fr	University of Kansas
25	Steven Whetstone	R/R	So	University of So. Carolina

No	Catchers	B/T	Year	University
22	Ryan Anderson	R/R	Fr	University of Hawaii
34	Brandon Thompson	R/R	Jr	Cal-State Northridge
13	Matt Oakes	R/R	So	University of Kansas

No	Infielders	B/T	Year	University
42	Ben Diaz	R/R	Fr	Chipola Junior College
12	Andy Johnson	R/R	So	University of Cent. Florida
9	Bryan Johnson	S/R	Fr	University of Washington
6	Joseph Peer	R/R	Fr	Austin Peay State University
10	Brent Walker	R/R	So	University of Mississippi
20	Casey Walkup	R/R	Jr	Wichita State University
8	Brad Wallace	R/R	Fr	Delta State University

No	Outfielders	B/T	Year	University
2	Eddie Lang	S/R	So	Texas A&M University
4	Mel Stocker	S/R	So	Arizona State University
28	Matt Van Alsburg	R/R	So	University of Kansas

Team Staff	Position	Location
Jason Lester	General Manager	AIA Baseball Staff - Lebanon, OH
Courtney Shawley	Head Coach	Univ. of Kansas - Lawrence, KS
Jimmy Brown	Chaplain	AIA Staff - San Diego State Univ.
Jeff Krieger	Chaplain	AIA Staff - Univ. of Cincinnati
Matt Toy	SID	Miami University - Oxford, OH



Jason Lester

Courtney Shawley

Jimmy Brown

Jeff Krieger

Matt Toy

Athletes in Action baseball is a part of the sports ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. Since 1980, our teams have travelled the world playing the game of baseball and sharing the message of hope through Jesus Christ. Our purpose is threefold:

- 1) to promote international goodwill through the game of baseball;
- 2) to help athletes maximize their mental, physical & spiritual potential;
- 3) to challenge people to get to know God through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We accomplish our purpose through games, clinics, camps & competing teams

Challenge

Were we born winners or losers? We believe we were born choosers. Jesus offers each of us a choice according to Joshua 24:15, "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve." We can choose Christ's forgiveness for our sins or reject it. Jesus paid a debt He did not owe because we owe a debt we cannot pay. Our good deeds cannot erase our bad ones. Our virtues cannot cover our vices. When we stand before a Holy God, only Christ's perfection can adequately cover our imperfection.

That is why our team would like to challenge you to give your life to Jesus Christ. In John 14:6, Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." In Mark 8:36, Jesus says, "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?" We know you will soon forget us, but we trust the message we share will live on in your hearts. That is what we call, "victory beyond competition."

Philosophy

Each member of our team has tried to find purpose and fulfillment in life. We have reached the same conclusion: no amount of fame, money or pleasure can satisfy the heart of man.

The philosopher Bertrand Russell must have discovered the same thing when he said, "The center of me is always in terrible pain, a searching for something beyond what the world contains." Pascal, the philosopher, put it this way, "There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God the Creator made known through Jesus Christ."

We are not a religious team. Most of us have tried religion and have found it boring, stifling and unmeaningful. We are a group of men whose lives have been changed by a relationship with Jesus Christ. We believe that He alone holds the keys to fulfillment in this life and the life to come.

Mike Sweeney found these same things to be true. If you are searching for fulfillment, one of our staff or players would count it a privilege to share how a personal relationship with Christ has become a reality in their lives.



Team Staff

Baseball Teams

COMMENTS PLEASE

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

University/Eligibility Yr _____

Position _____

E-mail address _____

Phone () _____ Age _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE

- I have just placed my faith and trust in Christ for the first time.
- I would like to know more about the person of Jesus Christ.
- I would like to know how I can grow in my relationship with Christ.

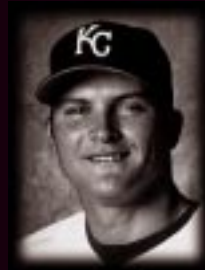
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I would like to receive more information from AIA on the following:

- I am interested in playing on an AIA Baseball team next year.
- AIA Summer Camps in Ft. Collins, Colorado

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MIKE SWEENEY



Have you ever known about someone, but never really knew them? Then you've met them and come to cherish that relationship?

I consider myself to have grown up in a good Christian home. We always went to church and I was involved in the typical church activities (Sunday School, etc.). At a young age, I felt I had a good grasp or knowledge of who Jesus Christ was. When I was 14, I went to a church camp and realized I knew about Christ, but didn't know Christ personally. I found out that Jesus wanted to have a personal relationship with me. Right there, I prayed and asked Christ to come into my heart, beginning my personal relationship with Him. I was overwhelmed with an unspeakable joy on the inside, and for the first time I felt that God saw me as pure and perfect. I had met the very best friend anyone could have. Christ is there for me all the time, and not just during the hour at Church on Sunday or during my nightly prayer. I can spend time with Christ 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I can talk with Him whenever I want.

That's not to say that life as a Christian hasn't always been easy. But, regardless of the low times, the hitless days at bat, and the rest of life's challenges, Christ has been a constant source of joy. The world will only give you temporary happiness, Christ will give you lasting peace that will never fade away. My relationship with Him is the glue that keeps me together.

I came to Christ by faith and not through my works. I did nothing to earn His unconditional love. Accepting Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior is one of the simplest and best things I have ever done.

I'm very thankful and at the same time humbled that I have the opportunity to play Major League Baseball. I've had some great times in my young career, but nothing has surpassed my relationship with Jesus Christ that I cherish most.

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Knowing God Personally

The following principles will help you discover how to know God personally and experience the abundant life He promised.

1 GOD LOVES YOU AND CREATED YOU TO KNOW HIM PERSONALLY

(References contained in this booklet should be read in context from the Bible wherever possible.)

God's Love: "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

God's Plan: Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (John 17:3 NIV). What prevents us from knowing God personally?

2 MAN IS SINFUL AND SEPARATED FROM GOD, SO WE CANNOT KNOW HIM PERSONALLY OR EXPERIENCE HIS LOVE

Man is Sinful: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Man was created to have fellowship with God; but, because of his stubborn self-will, he chose to go his own independent way, and fellowship with God was broken. This self-will, characterized by an attitude of active rebellion or passive indifference, is evident of what the Bible calls sin.

Man is Separated: "For the wages of sin is death" (spiritual separation from God) (Romans 6:23).

This diagram illustrates that God is holy and man is sinful. A great gulf separates the two. The arrows illustrate that man is continually trying to reach God and establish a personal relationship with Him through his own efforts, such as a good life, philosophy or religion.

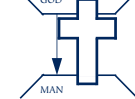
The third principle explains the only way to bridge this gulf...

3 JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S ONLY PROVISION FOR MAN'S SIN. THROUGH HIM ALONE WE CAN KNOW GOD PERSONALLY AND EXPERIENCE HIS LOVE

He Died in Our Place: "But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us: (Romans 5:8).

He Rose From the Dead: "Christ died for our sins... He was buried... He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures... He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-6).

He Is the Only Way to God: "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me: (John 14:6).



This diagram illustrates that God has bridged the gulf which separates us from Him by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross in our place to pay the penalty for our sins.

It is not enough just to know these truths...

4 WE MUST INDIVIDUALLY RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND LORD; THEN WE CAN KNOW GOD PERSONALLY AND EXPERIENCE HIS LOVE

We Must Receive Christ: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).

We Receive Christ Through Faith: "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

When We Receive Christ, We Experience a New Birth
 (Read John 3:1-8).

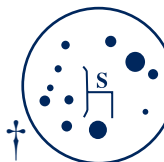
We Receive Christ by Personal Invitation: (Christ is speaking), "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice

and opens the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20).

Receiving Christ involves turning to God from self (repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our lives to forgive our sins and make us the kind of people He wants us to be. Just to agree intellectually that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for our sins is not enough. Nor is it enough to have an emotional experience. We receive Jesus Christ by faith, as an act of the will.

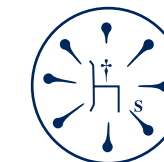
These two circles represent two kinds of lives:

SELF-DIRECTED LIFE



S - Self is on the throne
 † - Christ is outside the life
 • - Interests are directed by self, often resulting in discord and frustration

CHRIST-DIRECTED LIFE



† - Christ is in the life and on the throne
 S - Self is yielding to Christ
 • - Interests are directed by Christ, resulting in harmony with God's plan

Which circle best represents your life? Which circle would you like to have represent your life?

The following explains how you can invite Jesus Christ into your life.

You can receive Christ right now by faith through prayer
 (Prayer is talking to God)

God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart. The following is a suggested prayer.

"Lord Jesus, I want to know You personally. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be."

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart?

If it does, pray this prayer right now, and Christ will come into your life, as He promised.