

## **Be a Champion!**

**Anyone here rooting for Georgia in tomorrow night's championship game? Anyone rooting for Alabama? How many of you don't care one way or the other?**

Have you ever thought about what it cost a school to get to the national championship game? I don't mean their travel expenses. I mean their annual football budget. Alabama spends nearly \$40 million a year. Clemson, Oklahoma and Georgia spends around \$25 million a year. That is a lot of money to invest in playing a game.

A school like Boise State spends around \$9 million a year. Is it any wonder that Boise State has never won a national championship while Alabama has won 14, Oklahoma 7 and Clemson and Georgia two each?

I am sure the fans of tomorrow night's winning team will feel that the money spent on football is worth it. Some of the faculty at those schools might question the spending. But hey, they need to get their priorities straight! I mean seriously, running numbers like this and attaching cost to the national championship trophy ruins the fun right? We don't want to know the cost. If that is what it takes to produce a champion then so be it.

Here at YOUR CHURCH NAME we produce champions every day. Right now as we sit here all over our campus lay volunteers are teaching students and children the life changing principles found in God's Word. We are laying the ground work for a life of faith directed by God. Those children and students will be better equipped to face the trails of life facing them. They will become the salt and light of their worlds continuing the Gospel impact for another generation.

Every time you give here you help make this possible. We can't do what we do without the generous support of people like you. We don't have advertisers paying us to display their logos. We don't have wealthy donors paying for up front seating. We exist by every person giving what God directs them to give. Then we faithfully use what is given to fulfill the mission God has given us.

Today, let's build the next generation of champions for Christ by giving like champions.