

It Takes a Team to Make an All Star

Did anyone watch baseball's All Star Game last Tuesday night? A few of you. That is not surprising as viewership has been declining for the last few years. Last year for the first time in fifty years less than 10 million people watched the game. This past week's game probably attracted about the same amount of people. Major League executives have been trying for years to reverse the decline in interest. Since 1970 fans have been able to vote for their favorite players and whoever wins the vote at their perspective position is named the starter for the game. So some years a starter really isn't having a stellar year but because he is a fan favorite he gets the start.

Frankly the whole All Star thing misses the point. A team is made up of more than one or even a few All Star players. Some of the greatest players of all time never made it to the World Series. A team is only as strong as its weakest member. So while we love to celebrate the top players without others supporting them none of last weeks All Stars would ever have made it to that level.

The same is true here at our church. You see those of us on the platform and we get most if not all of the attention. Sometimes we get the blame as well! However, behind us is a host of "players" that makes possible what we do. From the parking lot, to the nursery, to our greeters, to our ushers, it takes a team effort to accomplish all we do each weekend. Without our team those of us on the platform could not do what we do. So, thank you to all our volunteers! Let's give them a round of applause.

As we approach our offering time I want you to know that what fuels what we do here is not only our volunteers but the generosity of our members. Some give a lot because they have been blessed with a lot. Others give as the Scripture says, "according to their means." As the Apostle Paul says, "...if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have."

Your willing gift, combined with other willing gifts, fuels our entire team. Your gifts allow us to make a difference in our community, state, nation and around the world. You are All Stars in our book! **So, let's give as a team knowing that what all of us can do together is greater than what one of us alone can do!**