

# Golfing Christians



How do you relate these two subjects? Recently I played golf with Pastor Mafoe. I play golf only occasionally; fellowship is more important to me than the golf. But as we went through the round I quickly realized I'm a lousy golfer.

Why? I do not have enough desire for golf to excel. You can't be an occasional player and be good. Christianity is the same way; there are a lot of lousy Christians, because they just don't have the desire to be any better. They come to church only if they feel like it. Their Bible has an inch of dust on it, and they haven't seen it in months. If they pray over their food God feels lucky, that's their prayer life.

Some Christians go to church like I play golf, once a month. At this level there is little or no skill, I hit the ball in the trees, in the water, in the sand, everywhere, except where I wanted to go. I also can't handle difficult shots. I hack away but it is ugly golf. In the same way, occasional Christians can't keep their life on the path or handle difficult situations. Their inconsistency is the testimony to a lack of relationship to the Lord.

I played golf one time with a man in Hawaii, a local who played in his bare feet and had a set of golf clubs from K-Mart. He shot 2 under par for the round and I was blown away. I said "how can you play so good? Your equipment is cheap and you don't even have shoes on?" He laughed and said, "well I get off work everyday at 3pm. I come to the course 5 days a week and play 9 holes." So too, some of us saints have the best Bibles, commentaries, software, etc. and we still struggle. You just need one Bible, read it! Pray daily and walk with God. God help us and give us the desire to excel in the eternal things, the things that matter, the things that count!

*Pastor Chambers*

## Kids Crusade Continues! SonSurf Beach Bash!

Every Sunday morning: 10:30am - 12:00pm  
August 14th, 21st, 28th, and Sept 4th



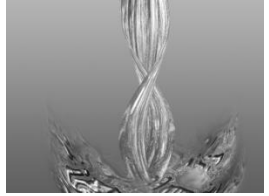
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*Coming Up:*

## GATEKEEPERS YOUTH EVENTS

### Summer Surge Part III

Aug 19th to Aug 20th  
Fri. 5:00 pm to Sat. 8:00 pm



### Back to School Service!

Thursday, Aug 25<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Bonfire at the Beach!

Friday, Aug 26<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm - 11:00 pm



## Royal Rangers & Missionettes Scooters Jungle, in Placentia



Ranger Kids, Prims, Daisies, & Rainbows  
Saturday, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>

Meeting there at 9:00 am  
See Mike Cascia or Janet Sumpter