

## Winning or Losing?

**We have reached the halfway point in the Major League baseball season!** Does anybody out there care? Yes? No? Or are you like me counting down the days until football season starts? Do you have a baseball team you follow? If so how are they doing? Do they have a winning record or a losing record? Or do you even know? **If you have a team close to your city you might focus a bit on them here.**

**Any Chicago Cub fans here?** Maybe I should ask if there are any Cubs fans willing to admit they are Cubs fans. If you don't know the Chicago Cubs are infamous for their long standing failures. Every year they fail to make the World Series and this year looks like no exception as they currently are in last place in their division. What is incredible however is that every year their fans loyally support them and show up at the ball park. Every year they talk about how things will be different next year.

**My question is, who wants to be on a losing team?** None of us would. However from time to time even the best of teams struggle. The Yankees, Cardinals and Dodgers don't always win the World Series. Yet their fans continue to support them.

**Did you know that this morning you get to participate on a winning team?** You are a part of our team. Our focus is not upon winning some trophy but on winning the hearts of the world God has placed us in. We do that through a variety of ministries. **List several highlight from this summer.**

**These programs staffed by our volunteers ARE winning! We are making a difference!** Every time you give here at OUR CHURCH your gift allows us to do the missions and ministry God has called us to accomplish.

**So I have good news for you this morning that even if you are a Cubs fan you can be a part of a winning team, the team here at OUR CHURCH!** Your faithful gifts allow us to continue a record of wins that will last far longer than a World Series trophy.

As our ushers come forward for our morning offering help us with your generous gift continue our winning streak for Jesus!