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1 CHENGDU, CHINA

International Outreach – Wayne and Chantal Parker along with SA GTS members Hardus Hoon and Joy Willenburg are on their way to China April 23 – May 7, 2025. They will be competing in the 13th World Heyball Masters Grand Finals in Chengdu, China. Wayne and Chantal will be meeting and dining with the President of the World Pool and Billiards Association (WPA) and owners of top billiard companies. This will not only be an opportunity to introduce Artistic Heyball to China but also Gospel Trick Shot (GTS) as a main sponsor. In February 2025, GTS was approved as the official chaplaincy service for the WPA Artistic Pool Division. With the help of the WPA and top manufacturers in both China and the USA, GTS has an opportunity to serve the billiard industry worldwide. Please pray for this exciting opportunity, with Wayne our new GTS President, and his wife Chantal leading the effort!



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INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Domestic Outreach - On March 6th Steve Lillis partnered with Hawthorne Gospel Church (HGC) missionary Cathy Craig and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF). HGC/GTS helper Steve Goitz assisted Steve Lillis at the State University of New York (SUNY) Polytechnic Institute in Utica, NY. The SUNY Poly billiard club also cohosted the event in the student center. Steve Lillis did a billiard lesson combined with the science and math of the game and concluded with a full Gospel Trick Shot show. Cathy and Peter Craig now live in Utica, NY and are planning to bring Steve and a GTS team back upstate, NY in the fall for more colleges as Cathy is an area director for IVCF. Please pray!



3 ARIZONA TOUR

On March 25th Steve Lillis returned to Arizona for GTS follow-up on the trip in February 2025 and shared a visit with family. A billiard club has formed in the Wickenburg Ranch community since February that Steve helped promote on that last trip with Gospel Trick Shot shows and Bible studies in the community. Back in February his sister Kris suffered a brain aneurysm, and Steve along with his other sister GTS partner Janet Curl, were there to comfort and help. Kris has a long road of recovery ahead of her as she is in physical and speech therapy. Steve's daughter Sarah also came out to visit and encourage her Aunt Kris. Please pray!



4 GTS AND YOUR WILL

GTS and Your Will - With GTS expanding worldwide to the ends of the earth including China and with a new and younger leadership team in place to carry God's vision for Gospel Trick Shot into the future, please consider including GTS in your will. It is as simple as listing the official name Gospel Trick Shot Ministries, Inc. and address with the EIN number and the amount or asset in the bequest section of your will. An amendment or codicil can be added and if needed we have our own Estate Planning Attorney who can help.

Please contact Steve Lillis at billiards12@hotmail.com or 973-572-7287 for more details.



5 GTS SHOT OF THE MONTH

Gospel Trick Shot #62 – 374 Shot

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Psalm 37:4

**Delight yourself
in the Lord,
and He will give
you the desires
of your heart.**

History of the Trick Shot: This shot performed by Steve Lillis is a combination of three different Gospel Trick Shots strung together to produce a gospel message. All three of these shots were published back in 2020 in AZBilliards Buzz Magazine. They were part of the original 12 Gospel Trick Shots that were featured in Steve's second book called "What's That In Your Hand" published in 2019 and available on Amazon. AZBilliards publisher Mike Howerton suggested we publish one Gospel Trick Shot of the month and so the journey began in November 2019. The first shot is called "Be Still" which is GTS #6. The second shot called "Peer Pressure" also known as "Direction" or "Choices" was published as GTS #3. The third and final shot is the "Wall" shot published as GTS #5.

GTS Name and Why: The numbers 374 represent using three balls in the first shot, 7 balls in the second shot, and 4 balls in the third shot. Those numbers together yield the scripture reference for the Bible verse found in Psalm 37:4. Together those three shots produce a quick one-minute or longer gospel message. The first shot encourages us to be still and delight ourselves in the Lord. The second shot reveals the direction God has for each of us, which will be the desires of our heart, as we line up with the heart of our Creator. The third shot reminds us that there will always be walls or obstacles to try to take us off course. However, with the help of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we will end up where God intended and where we want to be not only for this life but for all eternity.

Scripture Reference: Psalm 37:4 (ESV) says "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart".

Cue Ball Placement: Cue ball placed in different locations depending on the shot. The first shot "Be Still" has the cue ball in the middle being still. Pick up the cue ball in hand to make the second and third shots as diagramed and in the video.

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Object Ball(s) Placement: Use any numbered object balls for each shot except for the 8 Ball in the middle of the second shot which is “Peer Pressure”. All set ups are as shown in the diagram. Make sure all balls are completely frozen. The first ball in each shot is the key to proper set-up. Use the diamond on the rail as a guide for the first shot. The 8 Ball is on the foot spot for the second shot with the other six balls surrounding it with an equal gap size maybe ½ inch between object balls and the 8 Ball. Use the point on the right of the side pocket for the first ball as a guide on the third shot and place the other three balls in a straight line directly in front of that first ball as indicated in the diagram.

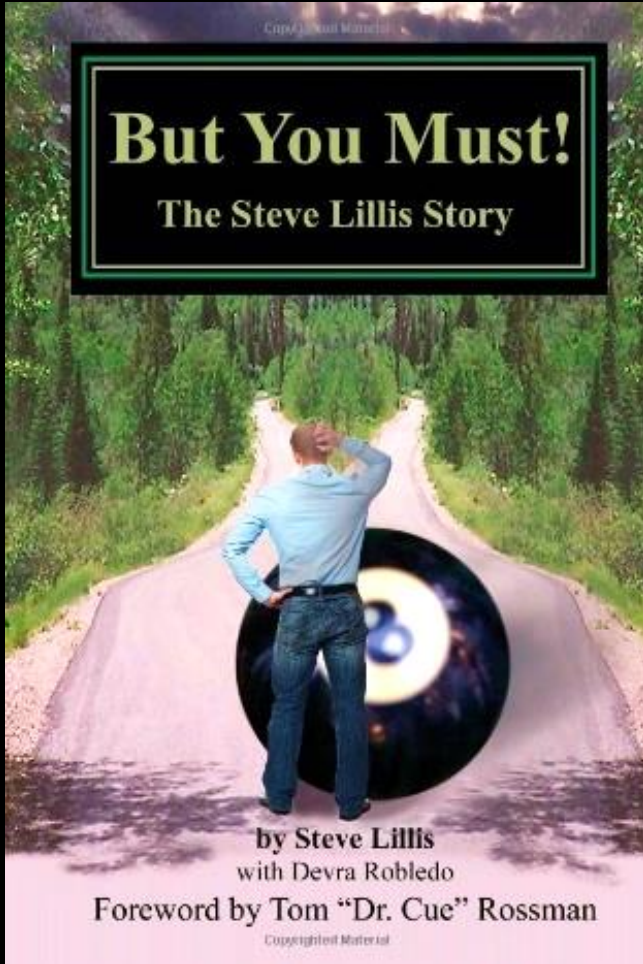
Objective: When all the balls are set-up correctly you can easily move from shot to shot while you deliver the messages. The first shot has three balls being pocketed while the cue ball stays still. The second shot only the 8 Ball is pocketed indicating direction. In the third shot the wall or obstacle comes down with 4 balls being pocketed, while the cue ball comes back to pocket another ball with the help of the triangle (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

Special Notes: Test all shots individually first before attempting to do all three shots in one attempt. After completing the first two shots, you may add a triangle and an object onto the table as diagramed for the last shot.

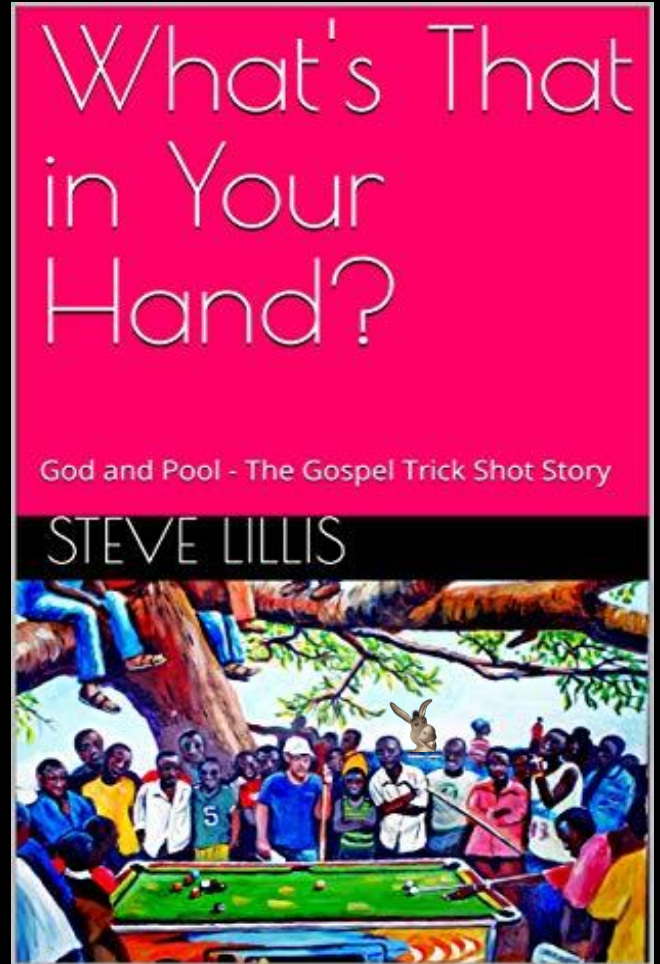
Crowd Reactions: This is a good way to start a Gospel Trick Shot show. With all three shots tested and set-up the performer can focus on introductions and the intention of the show. It allows an opportunity to think about what to say and interact with the audience before the show. Instant credibility is established after the three shots are executed. If you miss one just move on with a joke or one-liner as you have three chances! Yours truly Steve Lillis has found this to be very effective. Some of our team members like Phil Ball can do an entire Gospel Trick Shot show without me shooting, as I have set up multiple shots for Phil to execute, while I talk to the audience. Audiences have commented how much they like this team approach.



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6 GTS CALENDAR

GTS Calendar 2025: changes and additions are forthcoming (BILLIARD INDUSTRY events are confirmed as GTS participation is (TBD) To Be Determined!)

>**3/25/25 – 4/2/25** – Steve Lillis on 2025 GTS Arizona Tour #2 with family and GTS friends and partners.

>**3/30/25** – Private birthday party GTS show with GTS Treasurer Phil Ball for the Braunlin Family.

> **April 2025** – Please check Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman and friends for upcoming events at <https://www.drcuepromotions.com/outreach-vision-witness/>.

>**4/9/25 – 4/13/25** – Steve Lillis and Brian Pauley at the Annual Hopkins Expo at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in the McDermott Booth featuring a United Blackball Pool Table by McDermott with Blackball demonstrations and Gospel Trick Shots.

>**4/23/25 – 5/7/25** – 2025 Heyball Grand Masters international player qualifier in Chengdu, China. Wayne and Chantal Parker competing, doing Gospel Trick Shots and networking with Chinese companies for future Artistic Pool events and GTS shows.

>**July 2025 (TBD)** – Billiard Education Foundation (BEF) and 2025 World Junior Pool Championship.

>**September 2025 (TBD)** – CUNY Queens College in Queens, NY with a GTS Show by Steve Lillis working with Chi Alpha Campus Ministries in the student center at 12:00 Noon.

>**GTS World Tour 2025 (TBD)** – ministry & billiard federation invites: India, Turkey, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Japan, Indonesia, Portugal, Serbia, Hungary, Honduras, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Swaziland, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Malawi.

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