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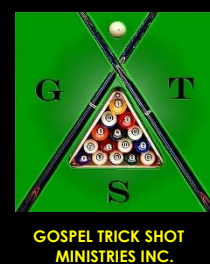
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Steve Lillis has been enjoying family time this summer as he is on break preparing for what God has for the fall and beyond. This has been a time of recovery and reflection after almost three decades of ministry. The ministry of GTS is in transition with board members, partners, and friends getting involved in the process. Five GTS inspired Christian billiard ministries are moving forward into a bright future of ministry by God's grace. GTS President Wayne Parker and his GTS South African team are expanding and continuing to work internationally. Pastor Michael Hewitt and Jason Lynch will open a recreation center called Break Time Billiard Center in September 2025 on the property of Rising Hope Church in Muncie, IN. They will use Gospel Trick Shots to continue planting and building churches. Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman is building the RACK (Recreational Ambassadors for Christ's Kingdom) Cue Sport Training Center on his property in Cloverdale, Indiana. This will be used for professional and amateur billiard training and share Kingdom principles under the RACK Vision. Cues4Christ (C4C) has a billiard room in Kentucky that is used to train young people to play pool using Christian principles. The Christian Pool Players Association (CPPA) is an online ministry that brings hundreds of member pool players together for networking and outreach. CPPA has already formed a partnership with C4C to represent Christ in the billiard industry. We praise God that leadership continues to look for ways to work and partner together for the building of the Kingdom. The GTS Board of Directors has met several times this summer trying to decide how best to move forward to handle the growth of GTS while partnering with our other Christian billiard-based ministries. Please continue to support and pray for us during this challenging time of growth and change.



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Johannesburg, South Africa – On July 16th, GTS President Wayne Parker and his wife Chantal brought light, laughter, and the love of Christ to Basil's Billiards Pool Lounge — a vibrant new venue in the heart of Johannesburg that's making a bold stand as a smoke-free, alcohol-free, and drug-free zone.

The lounge, owned by long-time GTS South Africa team member Basil, has quickly become a haven for clean fun and uplifting fellowship. Basil has been a faithful supporter of Gospel Trick Shot Ministries for years and even hosted the GTS RACK USA team in 2023, where powerful moments of connection, praise, and worship unfolded over great food and fellowship. During this special July visit, Wayne dazzled the crowd with a series of Gospel Trick Shots, each one tied to a powerful message of hope. He also shared the life-changing story of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, inviting hearts to receive the Gospel in a unique and memorable way.

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Illinois, USA – “This year Peyton Felton, Jason Lynch and myself took our cues and heart for the Gospel to Quincy, Illinois for the BEF National Championships. As always, God blessed our travels and time of ministry! Also, pictured is April Larson and Emily Duddy. In another picture is Payne McBride who also has begun Heyball training at our Rising Hope Gospel Trick Shot training center.” – Pastor Michael Hewitt



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Gospel Trick Shot #66 – Little Dogs Eating Bread Crumbs



Mark 7:28

“Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.”

“Trust in the significance of Jesus...”

History of the Trick Shot: This shot, performed by Wayne Parker, is executed on a Chinese-style 9-foot pool table with snooker-style pockets. A similar version—known as the “Cozy Kick Shot”—is featured in the 2025 Artistic Pool Shot Program. It falls under the “Bank and Kick” discipline and carries a difficulty rating of 6 out of 10. In this variation, the natural path of the cue ball travels around the table to eventually pocket the 7-ball, which was added to increase the complexity and showcase a creative version of the original shot.

GTS Name and Meaning: The shot is titled “Little Dogs Eating Bread Crumbs”. It demonstrates the cue ball pocketing the 2-ball in the side pocket and the 7-ball in the corner pocket, as shown in the diagram. The shot draws inspiration from a biblical account in Mark 7:24–30, where a Gentile woman—facing a desperate situation—pleads with Jesus to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus replies, “*Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.*” This response reflected the cultural and religious priorities of the time, where Jews had precedence. However, the woman’s humble and faith-filled reply moved Jesus to grant her request. She said, “*Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.*” Her persistence and recognition of Jesus’ power—despite her perceived insignificance—brought about her miracle. The message? No matter how small or overlooked you may feel, put your trust in Jesus—your miracle worker. He honors faith, not status.

Scripture Reference: Mark 7:28 (NKJV): “*And she answered and said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.’*”

Ball Placement

Cue Ball: Frozen to the rail and also frozen to the 8-ball, aligned with the second diamond from the corner pocket.

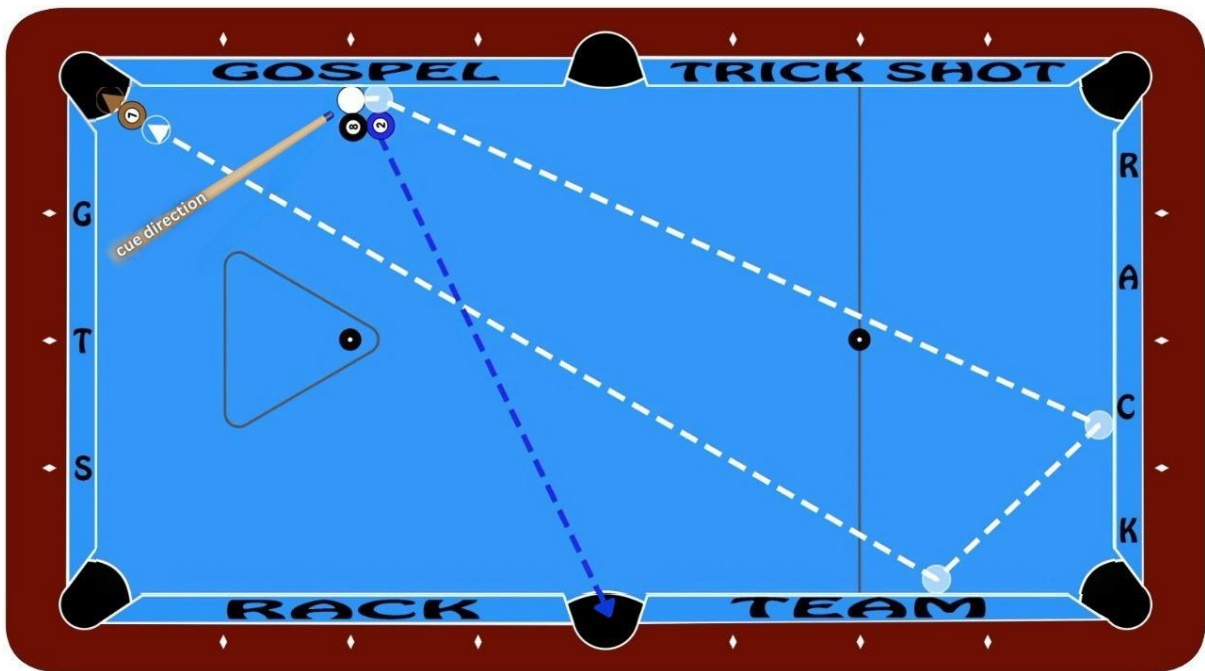
Object Balls: 8-ball: Frozen to the cue ball, along the second diamond. 2-ball: Frozen to the 8-ball, but with a ball-width gap from the cushion. 7-ball: Hanging near the opposite corner pocket (see diagram).

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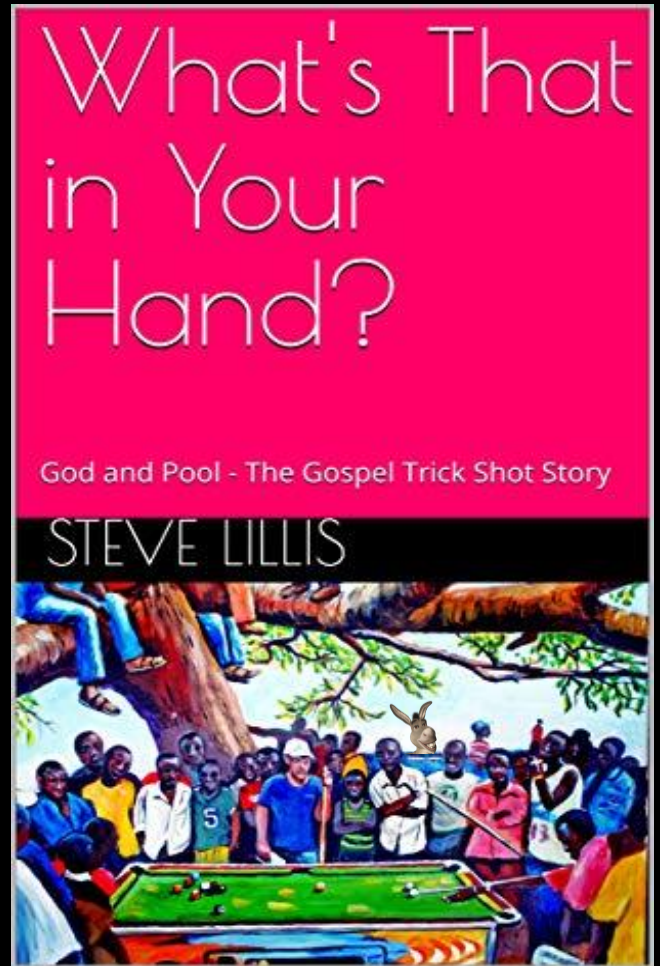
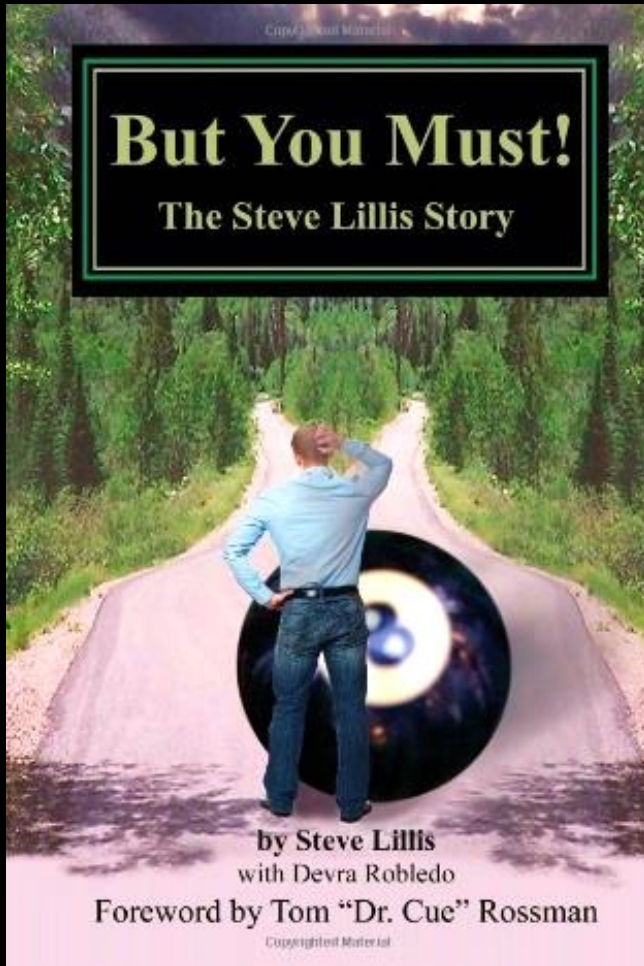
Objective: Hit the cue ball firmly with low right-hand English, aiming approximately a diamond and a half before the side pocket, as shown in the diagram. The cue ball will compress off the cushion, avoid the frozen 8-ball, and kick the 2-ball into the opposite side pocket. It will then rebound off the rail, travel around the table, and ultimately pocket the 7-ball in the corner.

Special Notes: If the cue ball misses the 7-ball short, try adding more right-hand English to widen the angle. If it misses too long, reduce the right-hand spin and use more draw (backspin). If the 2-ball misses to the left of the side pocket, aim the cue ball slightly left of the cushion. If the 2-ball misses to the right, aim slightly right of the cushion.

Crowd Reactions: This shot may require practice, as results vary depending on the table—especially whether the rails play “long” or “short.” Once you find the right aim and power, the cue ball will travel slowly enough to build suspense, leading to a dramatic finish as the 7-ball drops. The crowd often responds with cheers and applause as the shot concludes. If either ball is missed, smile and remind the audience that the Gentile woman persisted in her request—and so will you. Then line it up again and give it another go!



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

>**8/5/25 – 8/16/25** – APA World Pool Championships at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, NV with Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman and GTS friends.

>**8/22/25 - 8/24/25** - South Africa Masters Artistic Pool event in Cape Town with GTS RACK team member Wayne Parker doing a Gospel Trick Shot show.

>**9/5/25** - GTS President Wayne Parker and the GTS SA team doing a Gospel Trick Shot show at the Safe Haven Rehab center in Midrand, Johannesburg.

>**9/14/25 - 9/28/25** – Break Time Billiard Center Grand Opening on the property of Rising Hope Church in Muncie, IN with GTS/RACK team members ministering with Artistic Pool and Gospel Trick Shots to the community with town officials attending.

>**Sep TBA** - GTS President Wayne Parker and the GTS SA team doing a Gospel Trick Shot show at Acts Christian Church Youth night in Vorna Valley, Midrand, Johannesburg.

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

>**Sept/Oct/Nov 2025 (TBD)** – Fall college tour with invitations to do Gospel Trick Shot shows at **CUNY Queens College, Queens, NY** with Chi Alpha Campus Ministries in the student center; **New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in Newark, NJ** with International Students Ministry (ISI) in the student center; **SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica, NY** and other colleges in the Mohawk Valley Region working with InterVarsity (IVCF); **VCU, Virginia Union, and the Potomac Region** with a GTS portable pool table college tour working with Chi Alpha Campus Ministries; **Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) in Melbourne, FL** working with Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru).

>**11/22/25 (TBD)** - GTS show with Steve Lillis and Phil Ball at the Asbury Methodist Church in Allentown, PA for youth.

>**GTS International 2025-26 (TBD)** – ministry & billiard federation invites: China, India, Turkey, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Japan, Indonesia, Portugal, Serbia, Hungary, Honduras, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Swaziland, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Malawi.

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