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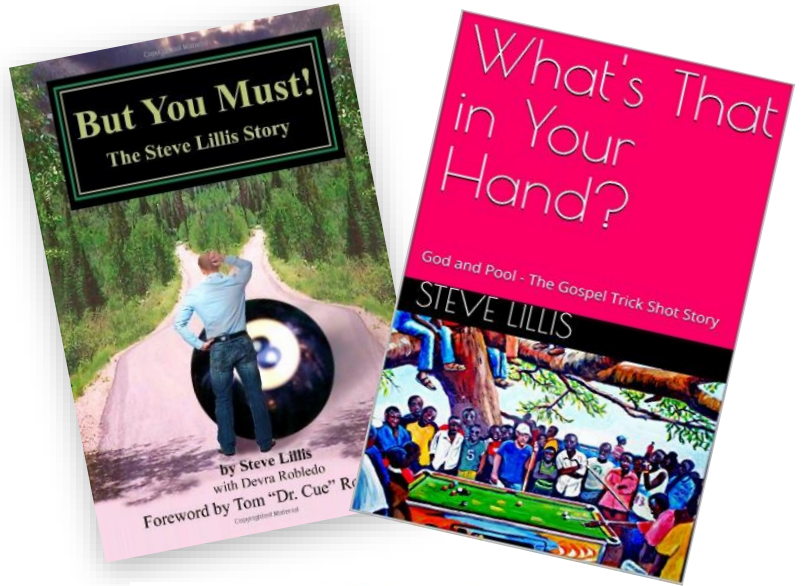
Annual Derby City Classic – GTS VP Pastor Michael Hewitt led a GTS RACK team of five to the annual Derby City Classic January 17 – 26, 2025 at the Ceasars Hotel and Casino in Southern Indiana with thousands of pool players and fans in attendance representing dozens of countries. This is the 10th consecutive year that GTS had a booth, held Bible studies, performed Gospel Trick Shots, and shared the love of Jesus. Thank you for your prayers and support.



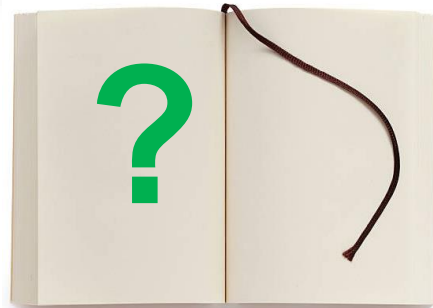
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NEW BOOK AND WEBSITE UPDATE

New Book and Website Update – The first draft of the new book with 15 chapters plus introduction and conclusion has been completed and is going through an editing process. The book shares stories and life lessons that God has taught while doing ministry. For example, one chapter deals with making adjustments when unexpected things happen and another chapter deals with taking a stand for Jesus in difficult circumstances. The old GTS website is down and a new one that will include discipleship and instruction at gospeltrickshot.org will be up and running soon. Our multimedia gtsrackrooms.com website is back up after months of being down. We also have a very active live [gtsrackrooms](https://www.facebook.com/gtsrackrooms) Facebook page. Please pray and check out these resources.



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CHINA & MOVEMENT.ORG CONFERENCE

China and Movement.org Conference - GTS President Wayne Parker connected with Chinese billiard companies on his trip to China last year. Planning has begun to hopefully run Artistic Pool events in China using GTS RACK team members. A Chinese billiard company owner viewed a Gospel Trick Shot with Wayne speaking perfect Chinese through an AI app and he would like to include GTS in China as he is a Christian. Movement.org is working in Asian cities and GTS is hoping to partner with them in China.

The movement.org Pastors and Leadership Prayer Summit called “Rise Up and Build” was January 27-29 for ministry leaders in the New York City metro area at the Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center in Mt. Bethel, PA. This was time of refreshing and connection. At the request of ministry leaders, Steve Lillis had a unique opportunity to do Gospel Trick Shot demonstrations on a pool table provided by the conference center. As a result, by God's amazing grace Steve received 7 potential invitations to do Gospel Trick Shot shows in the New York City metro area.

Venues include a men's group in Queens, churches in the Bronx, Queens, Paterson, and Jersey City, a billiard room outreach with a church in Brooklyn, and a community outreach with a group from Long Island. Other invitations also came from outside of New York City to upstate New York and include a public school in Syracuse and a college campus in Utica. Please pray for the follow-up on these precious invitations and potential life-changing opportunities for people to hear the gospel from a pool table. Please view the sample video to see and hear a clear gospel presentation on the conference center pool table at the leadership retreat in Pennsylvania.



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4 GTS SHOT OF THE MONTH

Gospel Trick Shot #60 – Relationships



History of the Trick Shot: This shot was performed by Pastor Michael Hewitt and renamed “Relationships” and converted to a Gospel Trick Shot. The shot is originally called ‘The 2 & 2 Split Shot’ and falls under the Trick and Fancy Discipline number 1. In the shot-program this shot is 1b, which has a degree of difficulty of 6, which is on the lower end of the difficulty scale, so this one will be an easy one to master.

GTS Name and Why: Michael named this shot “Relationships”, as it highlights the truth that within marriage, if we maintain our relationship with the One (The Lord), and we do so with our one (our spouse) then we will be able to overcome whatever challenges we face. Just as a chord of three strands is not quickly broken, so will our marriage stand strong if we maintain our relationship with the Lord.

Scripture Reference: Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NIV) “Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”

Cue Ball Placement: In hand as per the diagram, and one ball width from the slate cut. You will want to set the cue ball in such a way that the one ball is pointed to the left point of the opposite side pocket.

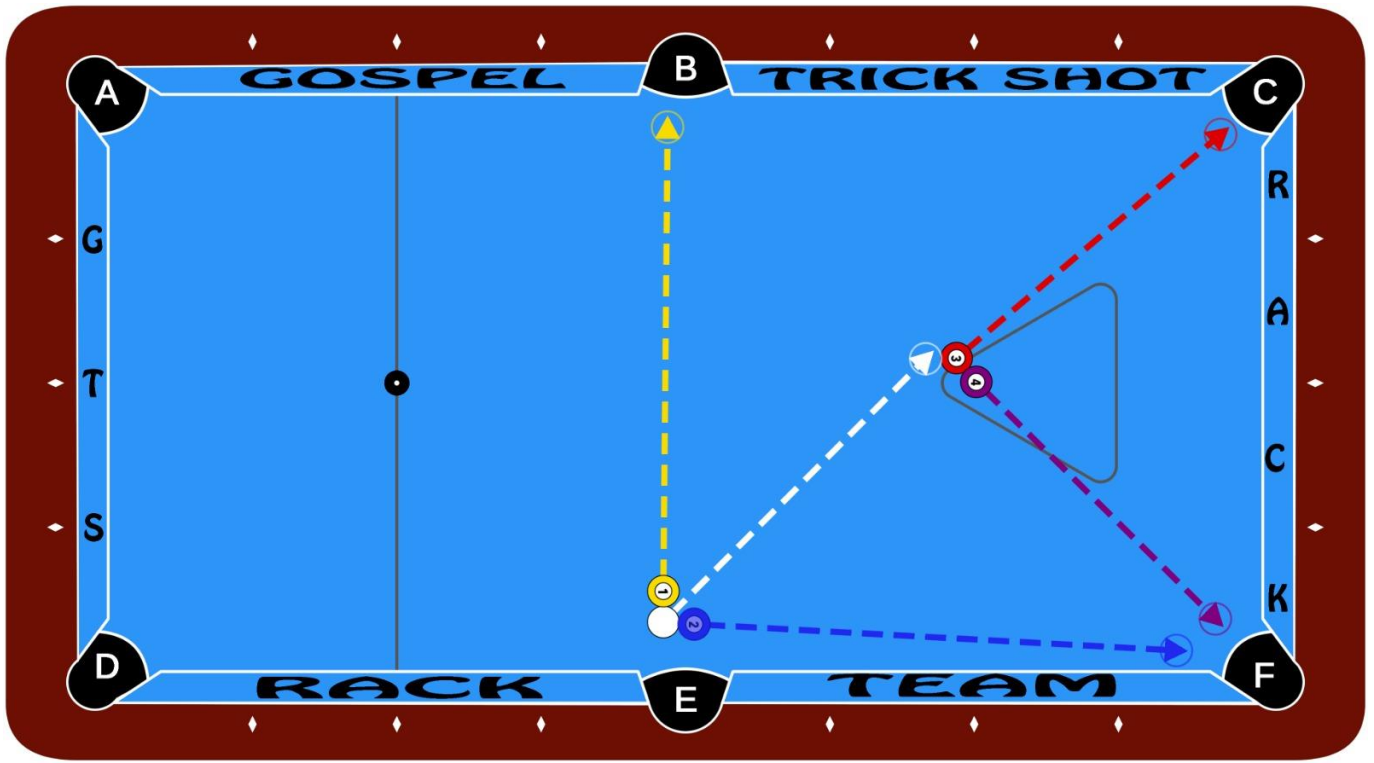
Object Ball(s) Placement: One ball frozen to the cue ball and aimed toward the left center of side pocket B. The two-ball is frozen to the cue ball and aimed at the right point of pocket F. The four-ball is on the foot spot with the three-ball frozen to it. The three-four combo is aimed at the right center of pocket F.

Objective: Using a firm stroke, aim a tip outside the three-ball to allow the cue ball to hit the combo with enough force to split the balls to the corner pockets. The shot is made best with a long follow through to keep the cue ball in line with the target.

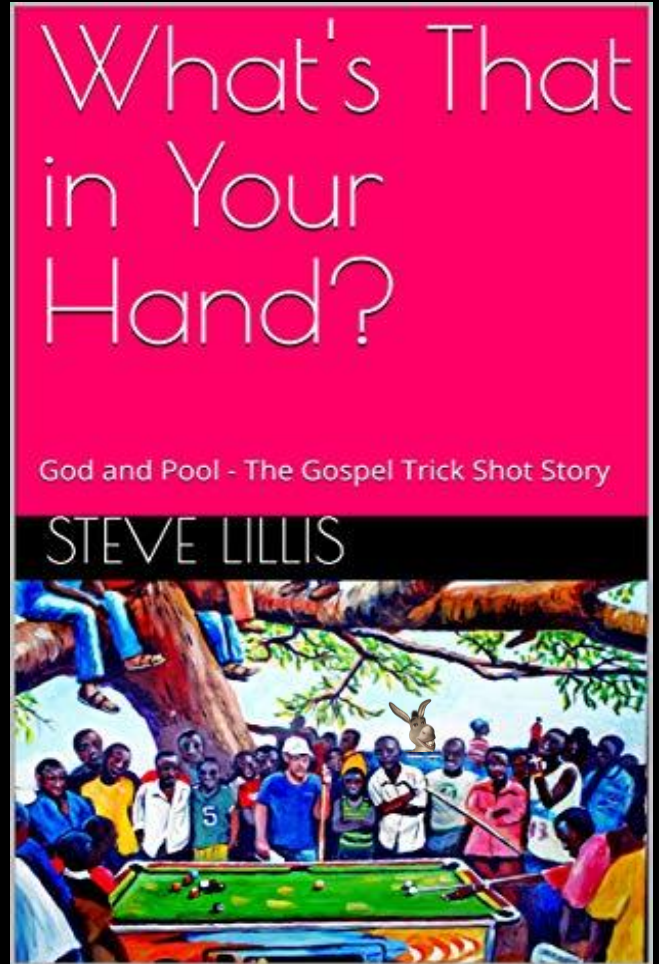
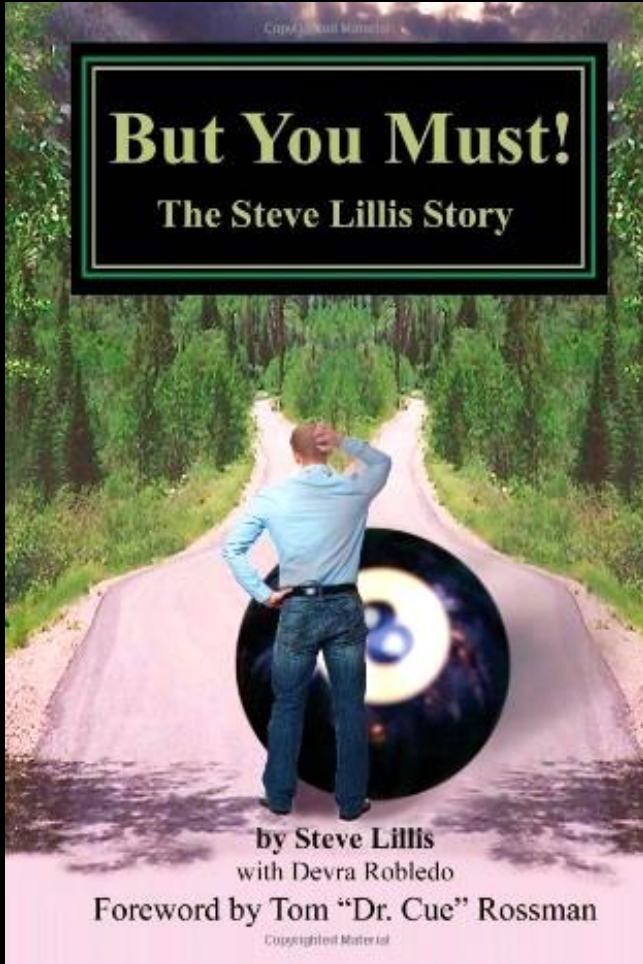
Special Notes: If you find that the combination does not make it to the designated pockets, ensure that all the balls are frozen. You may need to adjust your aim a little more to the left of the three-four combo.

Crowd Reactions: This shot was performed at the 2025 Derby City Classic. When this shot is performed successfully one can expect the crowd to respond with a big cheer and applaud as many can relate with the various challenges that people experience in marriage.

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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!)

- >2/3/25 – 2/13/25 – Annual Western tour with Steve Lillis and ministry partners and friends in Wickenburg and Pheonix, Arizona.
- >2/9/25 – Super Bowl Party and soup tasting night with halftime Gospel Trick Shot show with GTS RACK team at the Rising Hope Church with Pastor Michael Hewitt in Muncie, IN. Wayne Parker will be special guest speaker at both am church services.
- >2/12/25 – 2/16/25 - WPA World Artistic Pool Championship in Bay City, MI with GTS Booth and GTS RACK team members participating.
- >2/17/25 – 2/20/25 – Wayne Parker on tour in the New York Metro area visiting GTS sponsors, partners and friends.
- >2/25/25 – 2/28/25 (TBD) – GTS shows with Steve Lillis at Piedmont Virginia Community College in Charlottesville, VA working with Chi Alpha Campus Ministries.
- >3/4/25 – 3/6/25 (TBD) – GTS shows with Steve Lillis at State University of New York SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica, NY working with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.
- >3/14/25 – 3/22/25 (TBD) – 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.
- >3/10/25 – 3/17/25 (TBD) – GTS California Tour with Steve Lillis in LA and Anaheim with churches and GTS partners and friends.
- >3/18/25 – 3/20/25 (TBD) – BCA Expo and Amusement Expo at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV.
- >4/9/25 – 4/13/25 (TBD) – Annual Hopkins Expo at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at 100 Station Ave in Oaks, PA.
- >July 2025 (TBD) – Billiard Education Foundation (BEF) and the **2025 World Junior Pool Championships**.
- >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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