

GOSPEL TRICK SHOT MINISTRIES, INC. NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2025

NEW JERSEY, USA

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GTS SHOT OF THE MONTH

CALENDAR



1 NEW JERSEY, USA

Down the Stretch Ministries and GTS in New Jersey

For the past 14 years racetrack Chaplain Donny Christopher, Founder of Down the Stretch Ministries, Inc., and Gospel Trick Shot Founder Steve Lillis have partnered to bring Gospel Trick Shot shows to racetrack workers one or more times each year. This season, on Tuesday September 16, 2025, Down the Stretch Ministries reached out and brought new hope and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the stable employees at Monmouth Park Racetrack in Oceanport, NJ with a GTS show by Steve Lillis. The workers, mostly Spanish speakers, were blessed to have translator Jesus Canela and driver Steve Goitz from Steve's home church, the Hawthorne Gospel Church, on hand to help. Several workers came forward to accept the invitation to put their trust in Christ. After the show, workers received Bibles and Christian literature. Chaplain Donny holds services weekly and will explain that salvation is a one-time experience and discipleship goes on for a lifetime. Please pray that the seasonal departing workers will stay in fellowship and read the Word of God.



Sharing the gospel!



Asking the audience a question!



Shooting the Gospel Trick Shot!



Explaining what will happen on the shot!

2 INDIANA, USA



Thrive Center Opening at Rising Hope Church

Our GTS partner Rising Hope Church in Muncie, Indiana with GTS board member Pastor Michael Hewitt had “The Thrive Center Grand Opening” and reports that it was an amazing day. The Muncie community and friends from all over came to enjoy activities for all ages. GTS RACK team members Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman and Jason “The Michigan Kid” Lynch and special guest pro player April Larsen were on the pool table sharing and taking on challengers. The Thrive Center has 4 international pool tables and other amusement games. The opening had t-shirt give aways, popcorn, slushees, and a fun Photo Booth. Invitations went out to participate in church ministries and Sunday had a special time of worship with prayer for April before she left for a pro event in Australia. Please pray people will continue to come and have fun and fellowship and attend church.





POOL CHURCH

At **Pool Church**, faith, family and fun come together around the game of billiards. What started in 2017 as Pastor Michael Hewitt's dream of "Pool Church" has grown into a **world-class billiard and discipleship center**.

Here you'll find **Gospel Trick Shots** that inspire, training that sharpens skills, and the **R.A.C.K** vision. **Relationship, Accountability, Character, and Knowledge** - that builds faith in Christ. From tournaments and leagues to mission trips across the county and world. Pool Church helps people **rack up victories that last**.










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MPUMALANGA, SOUTH AFRICA

Sharing the Joy of the Lord in Marloth Park, Mpumalanga, South Africa!

On September 24th, GTS president Wayne Parker and his wife Chantal embarked on a seven-hour journey to the eastern part of South Africa, to a small and welcoming town called Marloth Park in the Mpumalanga Province, nestled along the border of the world-renowned Kruger National Park. There, Wayne spent time with the local community, leading a pool coaching session to encourage and equip players to grow in their skills. Following the session, he shared a dynamic Trick Shot show, using the sport of Artistic Pool as a creative platform to capture attention and bring joy. But beyond the entertainment and skill, something far greater was shared. As Wayne always does, he presented the Gospel of Jesus Christ—testifying of God’s grace in his own life. With a closing card trick that not only amazed the audience but also touched their hearts, he reminded everyone of the true hope we have in Christ. That day was more than just a sporting event—it was a demonstration of how God can use our gifts and passions to open doors for His message. The people of Marloth Park were not only entertained but uplifted, inspired, and reminded of the unshakable hope found in Jesus Christ.

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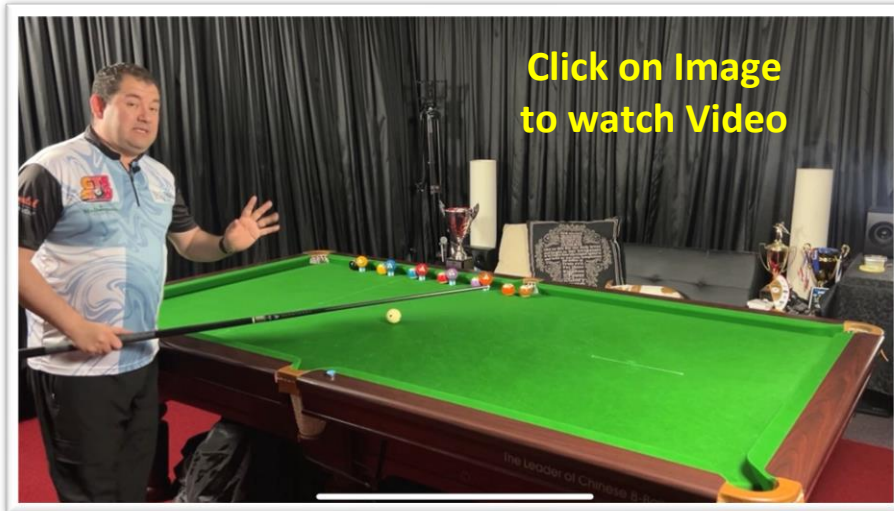
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GTS SHOT OF THE MONTH

Gospel Trick Shot #68 – Teamwork makes the Dreamwork!



1 Corinthians 3:9

***“For we are co-workers
in God’s service;
You are God’s field,
God’s building.”***

***“Teamwork makes
the Dream Work!”***

History of the Trick Shot: This remarkable trick shot, executed by Wayne Parker, is set up on a Chinese-style 9-foot pool table fitted with snooker-style pockets, which makes the difficulty level significantly higher than on a standard American pool table. Wayne has featured this particular shot on numerous occasions during his professional trick shot exhibitions across South Africa, where it has consistently captivated audiences with its precision and creativity. In this presentation, however, he has given the shot a deeper meaning by adapting it into a Gospel Trick Shot. By doing so, Wayne transforms a moment of skill and entertainment into a powerful word of encouragement for the body of Christ, using the art of billiards as a unique platform to share faith and inspiration.

GTS Name and Meaning: This shot is titled **“Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!”** In this Gospel Trick Shot demonstration, Wayne illustrates the power of unity and the importance of recognizing that every person in the Kingdom of God has a vital role to play.

The setup involves five object balls, each carefully balanced on a block of chalk, with a supporting ball positioned alongside each one. The sequence begins when the cue ball is struck to pocket the 15-ball into the side pocket. From there, the cue ball travels around the table, rebounding off four rails before striking the 8-ball. This contact triggers a chain reaction that ultimately sends the 5-ball into the side pocket. Just as every ball in this shot must work together in perfect sequence for the outcome to be successful, so too does every believer in the Kingdom of God contribute to the greater good. Each person has a unique purpose and a God-given role that is essential, no matter how big or small it may seem. Therefore, never underestimate your value, and never compare your role to someone else’s. God has designed a special plan and purpose for you within His Kingdom, and your contribution matters.

Scripture Reference: 1 Corinthians 3:6-9 (NIV): “I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are **co-workers** in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

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Ball Placement: Cue Ball: Place the cue ball on the table as shown in the diagram.

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Object Balls:

- Balls 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 are each placed on top of a block of chalk.
- Balls 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are placed touching (frozen to) each of the balls above, as shown in the diagram.
- The 13-ball is positioned so the 5-ball will strike it at about half-ball contact.
- The 15-ball is set close to the side pocket, as shown in the diagram.

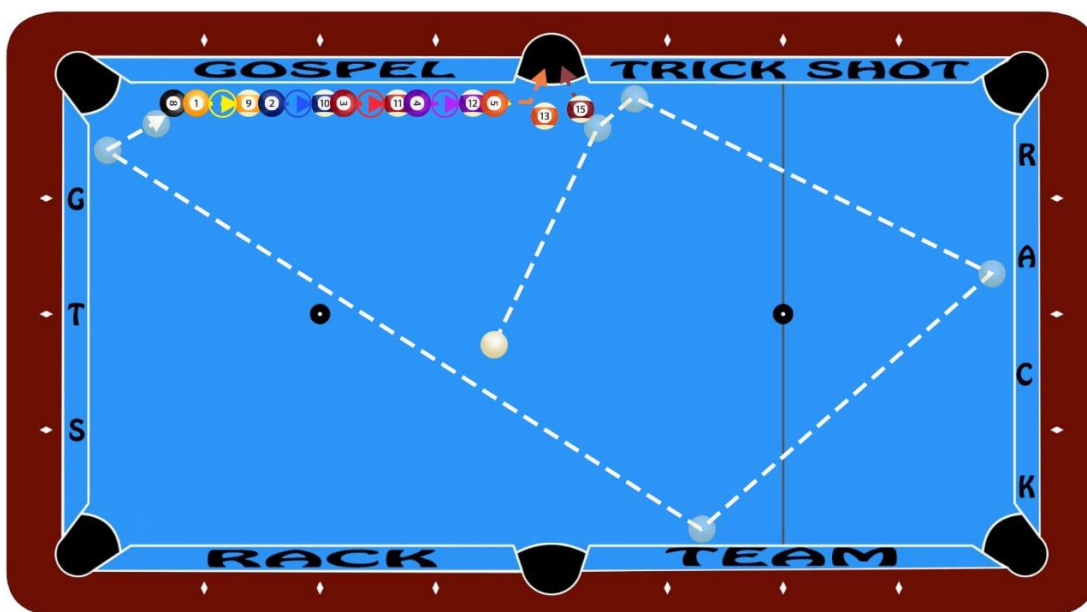
Objective: Strike the cue ball firmly with a touch of low-right English (hit slightly below and to the right of center). Aim at the right edge of the 15-ball.

Here's what will happen:

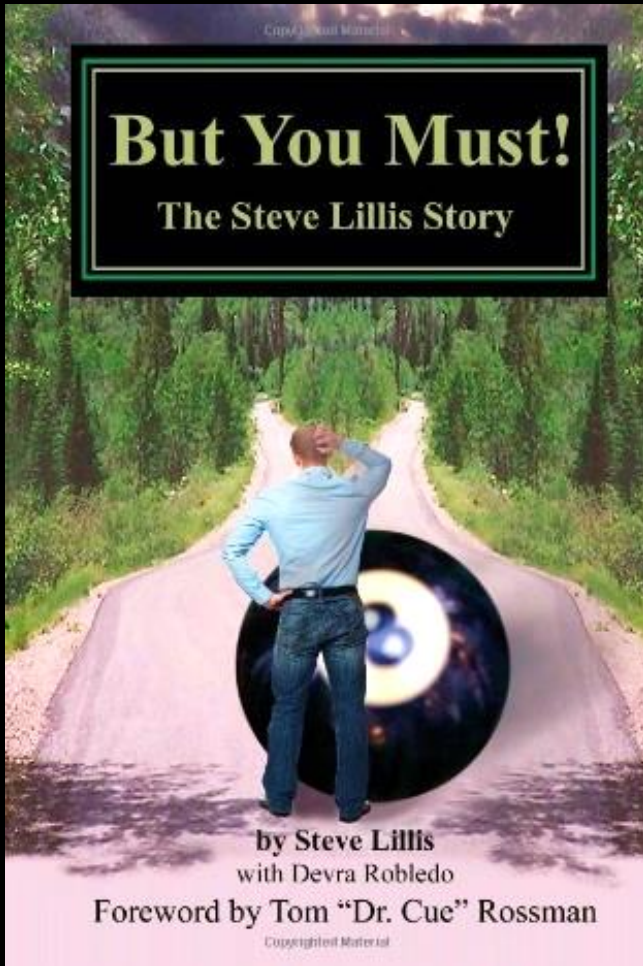
- The cue ball pockets the 15-ball into the side pocket.
- It then travels around the table, bouncing off four rails as shown in the diagram.
- The cue ball hits the 8-ball, starting a chain reaction that knocks the balls off their chalk blocks.
- Finally, the 5-ball is dislodged, makes contact with the 13-ball, and is pocketed in the side.

Special Notes: If the cue ball goes around four rails but comes up short—either going straight into the corner pocket or hitting directly into the 8-ball—try hitting the 15-ball a little fuller (thicker) with more low-right English. This will open the angles and send the cue ball into the short rail first before it caroms into the 8-ball. If the cue ball instead goes too long and hits too far down the last short rail, adjust by hitting the 15-ball a little thinner.

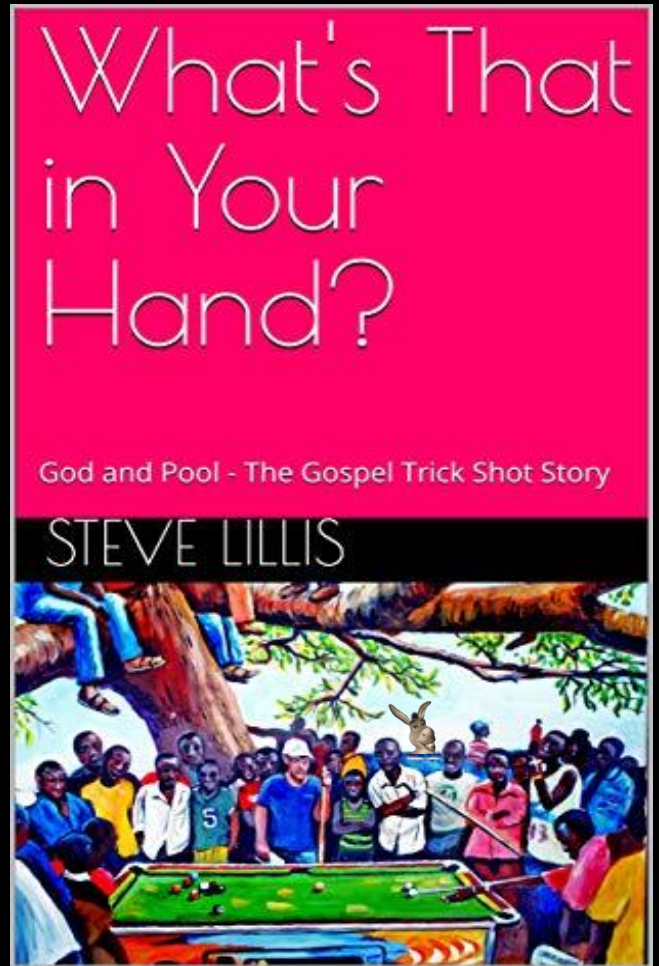
Crowd Reactions: This is a spectacular shot for the audience, as the domino effect builds suspense until the 5-ball is finally pocketed off the 13-ball. When it drops, the crowd will erupt with applause and cheers. After the shot, be sure to point out that each pair of balls has come together by color—for example, the yellow solid and stripe, as well as the blue, red, and pink pairs. This creates a powerful visual that highlights the beauty of unity in diversity.



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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!)

>Oct 2025 (TBD) - 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, SA.

>10/18/25 – Steve Lillis and Phil Ball doing Gospel Trick Shots at the Community Day 100 Year Celebration and weekend mission conference from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm at the Hawthorne Gospel Church in Hawthorne, NJ.

>10/24/25 - GTS President Wayne Parker and the GTS SA team doing a Gospel Trick Shot show at the Safe Haven Rehab center in Midrand, Johannesburg, SA.

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

>11/9/25 (TBD) - GTS show with Steve Lillis and Phil Ball at the Asbury Methodist Church in Allentown, PA for youth.

11/21/25 – 11/22/25 (TBD) – Steve Lillis doing a GTS show and billiard teaching clinic and helping to run a school tournament at SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica, NY working with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF). Steve Goitz of Hawthorne Gospel Church assisting.

>Fall/Winter 2025 (TBD) – College tour with potential 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).

>GTS International 2025-26 (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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