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1 NEW JERSEY, USA

Steve and Camille enjoy family time in New Jersey!

Steve and Camille Lillis wrapped up an unforgettable summer, filled with laughter and adventure, at the Land of Make Believe in Hope, NJ! They were joined by their daughter Amanda, son-in-law Tim, and their two adorable grandkids, Robbie and Becca. The weather couldn't have been more perfect as they spent the day soaring on thrilling amusement park rides and splashing around in the water park, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Just last month, the entire family came together to celebrate not one, not two, but **THREE** special family birthdays at daughter Sarah's cozy home in Randolph, NJ. It was a whirlwind of cake, presents, and joyous moments that made for the perfect family gathering! As summer fades and the school year begins, big changes are on the horizon for the grandkids! Jayden is stepping into his senior year of high school, while Isabelle embarks on her exciting journey as a 4th grader. Chloe is ready to tackle 2nd grade, Robbie is off to preschool, and little Becca is still at home, keeping the family's heart full of love. The Lillis family thanks everyone for their continued prayers and support as they navigate this exciting season of life. Here's to a wonderful back-to-school season and many more family memories!



2 CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA



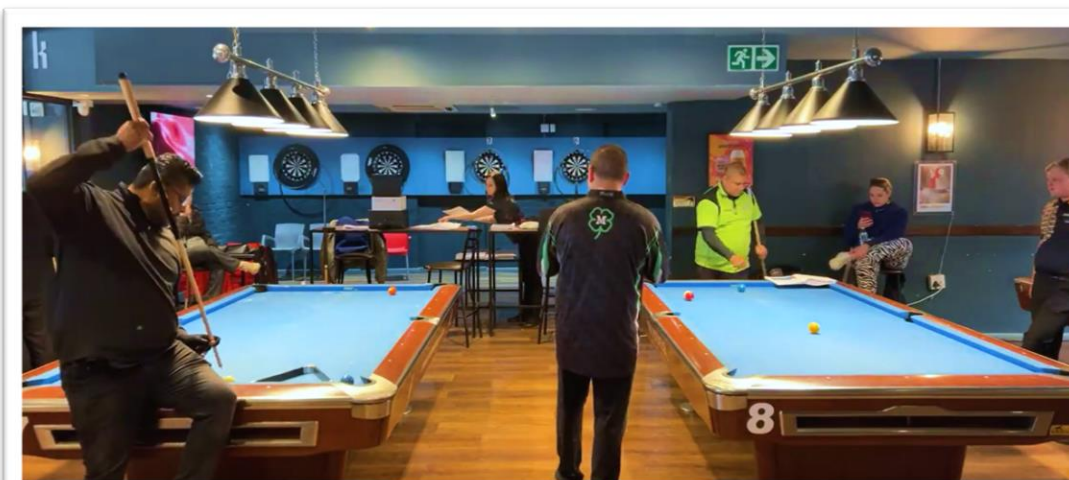
Spreading the Gospel Through Cue Sports in Cape Town

This past month, from August 23–25, Cape Town hosted the 2025 DYNASPHERES SA Masters Artistic Pool Championship, alongside the National US Eight Ball Championship. This prestigious event is one of the three major Artistic Pool competitions held annually in South Africa, and it also carries special spiritual significance. The highlight of the Artistic Pool championship is the awarding of the Tom Rossman Trophy, a floating trophy named in honor of Tom Rossman, whose worldwide influence and Christlike impact on the billiards industry continue to inspire players around the globe. With defending champion Jason Theron unable to attend due to his professional Heyball tour in China, the field was wide open. After an intense competition, Wayne Parker, President of Gospel Trick Shot Ministries, emerged victorious in a close final against Kyle Akaloo.

But beyond the trophies and titles, God's hand was at work in a powerful way. During the championship, Wayne shared several Gospel Trick Shots—creative billiard illustrations that communicate biblical truth in a fun, unforgettable way. Many in attendance were deeply moved and encouraged in their faith, pointing hearts back to the Lord Jesus Christ. Many thanks to the sponsors and partners namely McDermott Cues, Dr Cue Promotions, Dynashperes and The Cue Coach, who contributed toward making this event a success!

In addition, Wayne was invited to minister at Acts Christian Church in Cape Town, where he spoke to the young adults. His message on *knowing our Heavenly Father* resonated deeply, bringing tears, joy, and laughter as the Holy Spirit moved. Lives were touched, and many left strengthened in their walk with Christ. This marks Wayne's second visit to Cape Town, combining his passion for billiards with his calling to share the Good News. Once again, the Lord opened doors—not only in the arena of sport but also in the local church community—to build up believers and reach the lost. We give God all the glory for what He is doing through these unique opportunities, showing that no matter the platform—even a billiard table—the message of Jesus Christ remains powerful to save, to heal, and to encourage hearts.





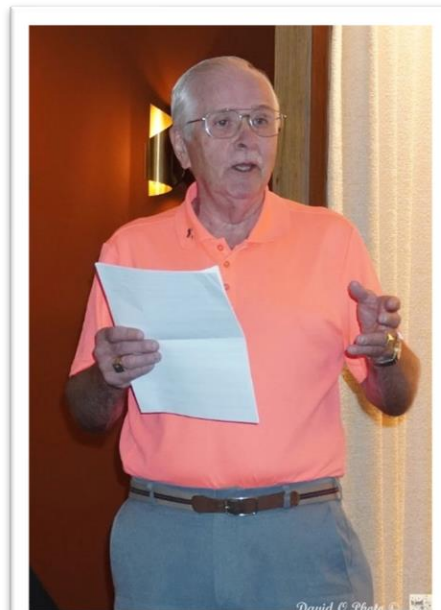
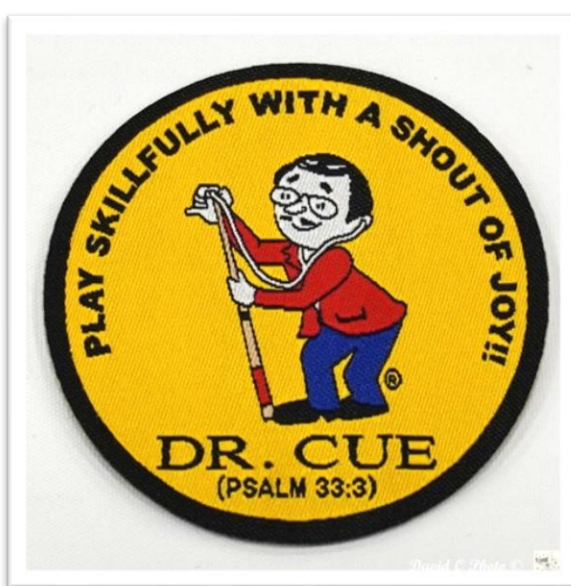
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LAS VEGAS, USA

Sharing Christ's Vision in Las Vegas



This past month, August 5t-14th, Dr. Cue Tom Rossman, a cherished member of our GTS RACK Team, travelled to Las Vegas for the APA Championships. While most came for the thrill of competition, God had a greater plan in store. Throughout the event, Tom hosted a series of engaging billiard demonstrations, using the art of pool trick shots not only to entertain but to teach biblical life lessons. His unique gift of blending sport with Scripture opened hearts and minds, reminding all who attended that the Gospel can shine even in the most unexpected places. On Sunday, Tom was honored with an invitation to speak at a worship service at the Westgate Hotel. Many gathered to lift their voices in praise, share fellowship, and hear Tom's encouraging message on godly vision. Through his testimony about the RACK Vision, countless lives were touched as men and women were strengthened in their faith and encouraged to walk more closely with the Lord. It was a beautiful reminder that wherever believers gather—whether around a billiard table or in a worship service—God's presence brings joy, unity, and renewed vision. Truly, He continues to use our gifts and passions as tools to reach the world with His love.



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MUNCIE, INDIANA

Muncie, Indiana – Get Ready for Something Extraordinary!

RISING HOPE



Rising Hope Church in Muncie, IN is setting the stage for an unforgettable celebration! Their brand-new community center is more than just a gathering space—it's a vibrant cultural hub packed with recreation, connection, and global flair. From electronic games, air hockey, table tennis, and board games to a world-class lineup of billiard and cue sports, there's something for everyone. Guests can even experience a unique mix of international styles, including American Pool, English Blackball, and Chinese Heyball—bringing the world of cue sports right here to Muncie.

Mark your calendars! On three exciting weekends—September 14, 21, and 28—the doors will swing wide open for a series of grand opening celebrations. These events will welcome the entire Muncie community, along with special guests from Ball State University and even the city's mayor. Each weekend will feature lively tournaments for every interest, plus inspiring fundraising opportunities to support Rising Hope's growing ministry and worldwide outreach.

This is your invitation to come, play, explore, and be part of something magnetic. Whether you're here to test your skills, learn something new, or simply soak in the fun, you'll find energy, laughter, and community waiting for you. Don't miss it—this is where Muncie comes together to celebrate hope, culture, and connection!

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GTS SHOT OF THE MONTH

Gospel Trick Shot #67 – THE 4 GOSPELS – Matthew, Mark, Luke & John



John 14:9

***“...He who has seen
Me has seen the
Father...”***

*“Your Heavenly Father is
waiting to meet with you!”*

History of the Trick Shot: This impressive shot, performed by Wayne Parker, takes place on a Chinese-style 9-foot pool table with snooker-style pockets. The shot itself was originally made famous by “Machine Gun” Lou Butera and later featured in the PC video game *Virtual Pool* under the Trick Shot Video section. In Wayne’s version, he successfully pockets four balls into three different pockets with precision and flair. Adding to the excitement, his wife Chantal joins in to assist—making her debut in Gospel Trick Shots—as she replicates the same shot on the opposite side of the table.

GTS Name and Meaning: One of the featured Gospel Trick Shots is titled “The Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.” In this demonstration, four balls are pocketed into three different pockets, each ball numbered one through four to represent the first four books of the New Testament. This shot carries a powerful spiritual message. Just as the four Gospels consistently point us to Jesus Christ, so this trick shot highlights how the life of Jesus always glorified His Heavenly Father. Everything He said and did was a reflection of God’s heart and character. To further emphasize the lesson, the shot is also replicated on the opposite side of the table, illustrating the truth of Romans 10:17-“*Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.*” Through this creative illustration, the audience is reminded that the Gospels are not just historical accounts, but living testimonies of Jesus’ mission to reveal the Father’s love and bring salvation to the world.

Scripture Reference: John 14:9 (NKJV): “...*He who has seen Me has seen the Father...*”
John 5:19 (NKJV): “...*the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do...*”

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

Object Balls:

- 1-Ball and 2-Ball: Frozen together, aimed toward the right point of the corner pocket.
- 3-Ball and 4-Ball: Frozen together, aimed toward the left point of the same corner pocket.
- Leave approximately one ball's width of space between the 2-Ball and 4-Ball.
- The tangent line of the 1-Ball (from the 2-Ball) should point toward the corner pocket.
- The tangent line of the 3-Ball (from the 4-Ball) should point toward the opposite side pocket.
- On the opposite side of the table, set up an identical four-ball formation.

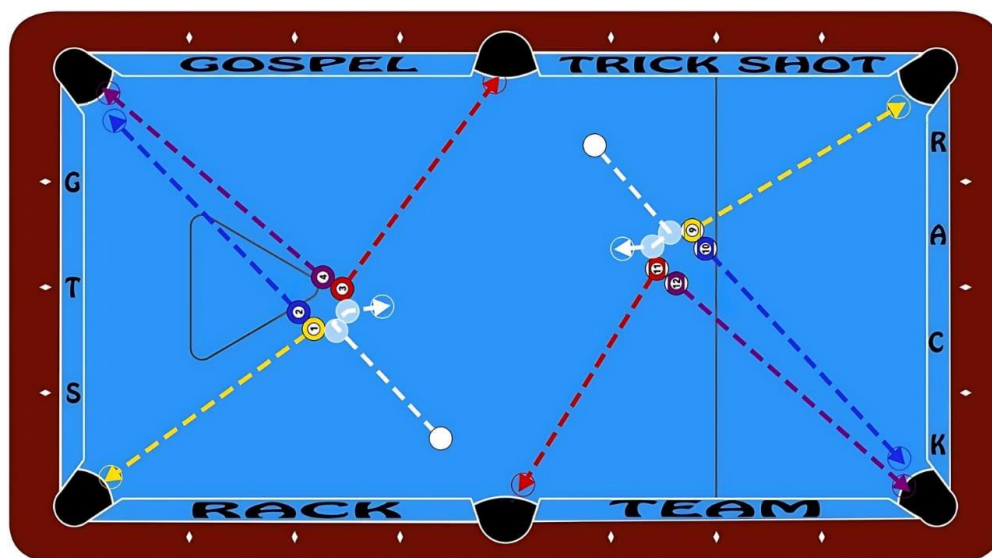
Objective: Strike the cue ball firmly with **half a tip of low English**. Aim at the **right-hand edge of the 1-Ball**.

The cue ball will:

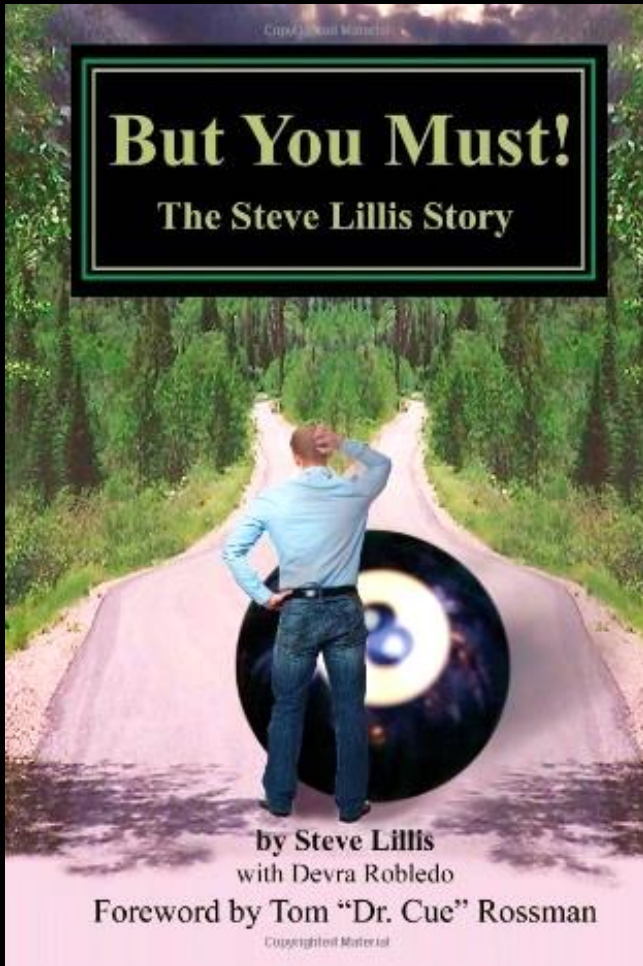
- Pocket the 1-Ball into the left corner.
- Also pocket the 2-Ball into the opposite corner.
- Carom into the 3-Ball, sending it into the side pocket.
- Pocket the 4-Ball into the same corner pocket as the 2-Ball.

Special Notes: If the 1-Ball misses and strikes the short rail, adjust by moving the 1-Ball/2-Ball combo back towards the cue-ball about half an inch. Do the same adjustment if the 3-Ball/4-Ball combo misses to the left of the side pocket. A firm stroke is necessary for success. This shot requires practice to master. To mark ball positions, you may tap them lightly into place with another object ball. This leaves a small indentation on the cloth for easy resetting. Avoid tapping too hard, especially in billiard halls, as venue owners may disapprove. A gentle tap is enough.

Crowd Reactions: This is a show-stopping shot! When set up correctly, balls scatter across the table and drop into pockets almost simultaneously. Two players are needed to perform the full version, so practice coordination with your partner beforehand. Expect big applause and loud cheers when the audience sees eight balls disappear in one shot. Don't forget to celebrate the moment—give your partner a high five to the delight of the crowd!

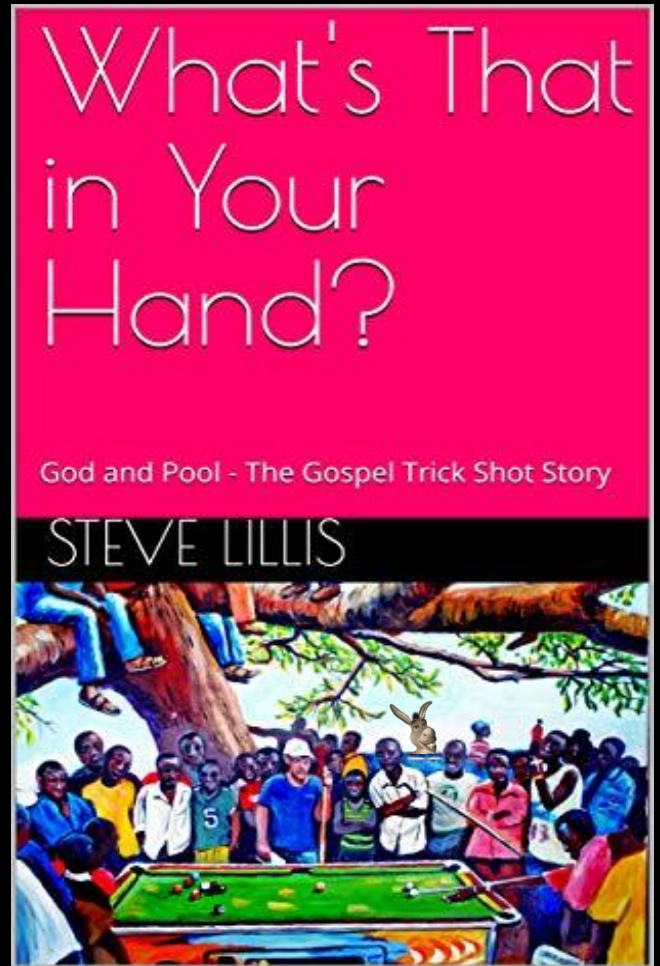


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GTS Calendar 2025: changes and additions are forthcoming (BILLIARD INDUSTRY events are confirmed as GTS participation is (TBD) To Be Determined!)

>**9/19/25** - 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.

>**9/13/25 – 9/28/25** – Rising Hope Community 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.

>**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.

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

>**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).

>**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: India, Turkey, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Japan, Indonesia, Portugal, Serbia, Hungary, Honduras, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Swaziland, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Malawi.

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