

# GOSPEL TRICK SHOT MINISTRIES INC. NEWSLETTER



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# 1 GTS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

## Gospel Trick Shot 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet

– This is a special month as Gospel Trick Shot Ministries, Inc. is celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary since incorporation on June 8, 1998 with an expected group of about 300 friends and supporters of the ministry who have partnered with the ministry for the past 25 years. The banquet will take place on **Saturday July 15th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the Pavilion of Hawthorne Gospel Church.**

The banquet dinner will be catered by Angelina's of Hawthorne, NJ, with music from a live band, and videos presenting the past, present, and future of GTS, and with special speakers from our future GTS leadership team as we celebrate 25 years of Gospel Trick Shot Ministries, Inc.

Seating is limited and there is **NO CHARGE to attend!**

If you are able to come, please mark your calendar and RSVP to register and reserve your spot so we can plan our food count.

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## Optional Banquet Table Sponsorship

We also have table sponsorships available at \$400 per table for 8 -10 people if you would like to help cover the banquet costs since there is no charge for our guests to come and celebrate with us. There will be 35 tables with 8-10 people per table, and as of this writing we are about half way there with about three weeks to go to cover the total costs of the banquet. Please use the QR Code below or go to [www.gospeltrickshot.org](http://www.gospeltrickshot.org) and click on the "Donate" button on the home page.

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# 2 JUNE RECAP, JULY FORECAST

## Quick June 2023 Recap

In addition to all the exciting banquet planning Steve Lillis slipped in a Gospel Trick Shot show at the Monmouth Park Racetrack on June 20, 2023 with his 14-year-old Grandson Jayden and with Racetrack Chaplain Donny Christopher as host. Seven racetrack workers put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ after hearing in English and Spanish the message of the Gospel with the pool trick shots! Praise God! The video which has already been seen on Facebook by hundreds of more people is available to view at:

<https://www.facebook.com/donny.christopher/videos/201525852453205>

Please pray for Chaplain Donny as he does the follow up and discipleship!

### Hebrews 12:1-3

*And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*



ABOVE: Chaplain Donny Christopher of Down The Stretch Ministries Inc.

## July Forecast

In July with thirteen of our Gospel Trick Shot team members available in the GTS home state of New Jersey we are planning six GTS outreaches in addition to the banquet. The GTS RACK team will be doing their unique brand of Gospel Trick Shots at the Jersey Shore, a racetrack, a thoroughbred horse training center, a senior center, a church, and a county park. One of the features of this New Jersey outreach tour will be the use of the GTS portable pool table which is loaded and ready to go for another summer and fall season of outreach. Please look at our calendar and pray for these exciting opportunities to share the love of Jesus! God bless you!

### TOP PHOTO:

Steve Lillis demonstrating the "Bracelet Gospel Trick Shot" while sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

### MIDDLE PHOTO:

Steve's grandson Jayden making six balls in all six pockets during the GTS Show at Monmouth Racetrack!

# 3 GTS PORTABLE POOL TABLE

**Summer Tour with the GTS Potable Table in NY/NJ at Monmouth Racetrack, Westampton Farm & Overpeck County Park**

The GTS portable pool table will once again be in action for the summer outdoor season with the GTS RACK team doing shows at the Westampton Farm Thoroughbred Training Center in NJ on July 20, then another GTS show at the Emmanuel Church in Bayville, NJ on July 24, and then also at the CIT Unity in Community event at Overpeck County Park in Ridgefield Park, NJ on July 29.

Join us in prayer for these events as our GTS RACK team prepare to go out into the world to share the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

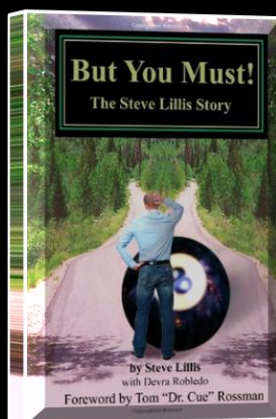
As our valued partners, your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated. We are trusting the Lord to provide all that is needed for a successful summer/fall outreach season for the Kingdom!

***“May the Lord bless you and pour out His favor over you. May He keep you in His perfect peace and direct your footsteps in the path that He has planned for you!!”***

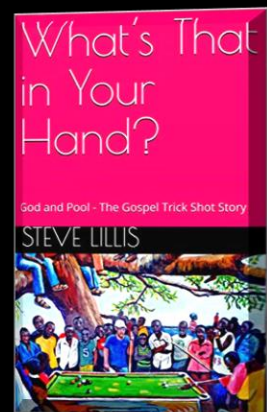
## GTS Portable Pool Table



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# 4 JULY GOSPEL TRICK SHOT

## Going to Church Shot! Gospel Trick Shot

**History of the Trick Shot:** This particular shot has been an Artistic Pool competition classic shot since the beginning of the modern-day Artistic Pool movement founded in Year 2000 by BCA Hall of Fame pool player Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman. It has been long listed in the Artistic Pool programs as part of Discipline #4 “Follow” Shots. Another BCA Hall of Famer and Gospel Trick Shot artist Mike Massey took this shot right out of the program and converted into a Gospel Trick Shot that he calls the “Going to Church Shot.” Tom, Mike, and yours truly Steve Lillis have done hundreds of Gospel Trick Shot shows together over the past 23 years since that first WPA Artistic Pool World Championship in Year 2000 that Mike Massey won.

**GTS Name and Why:** Mike Massey would explain as he was setting up this shot in a Gospel Trick Shot (GTS) show that there were always seemingly obstacles getting in the way of him or perhaps us in going to church. Yours truly Steve Lillis explains in the video that church is more than just going to a building to assemble. The Bible says in Matthew 18:30 that the Lord is where two or three are gathered in his name! Through the years, GTS has held many Bible studies at various billiard events in vendor booths, around the breakfast table, and in hotel rooms! According to the Word of God all of that qualifies as going to church.

It has been an honor and a privilege for GTS to bring the church to the billiard industry because the true church is real people and not a physical building. Ironically in the video this shot was going to be shot #36 but became #41 because of certain obstacles preventing it from being published sooner! As Tom Rossman says, “God is the master of irony!”

### Scripture References:

**Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)** - “And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”

**Matthew 18:30 (NIV)** – “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

**Cue Ball Placement:** In hand as shown in diagram

**Object Ball(s) Placement** - Balls 1 & 2 are frozen to the foot cushion and centered around the 1st diamond. The 8-ball is hanging near corner pocket as shown. A row of 10 balls is approximately 1 ball’s width off the cushion, but this spacing may be adjusted by the shooter. The row must be straight (parallel to the foot cushion), with the option of adjusting balls 3, 4, and/or 5. If this option is used, those balls must still remain frozen to the others in the line.

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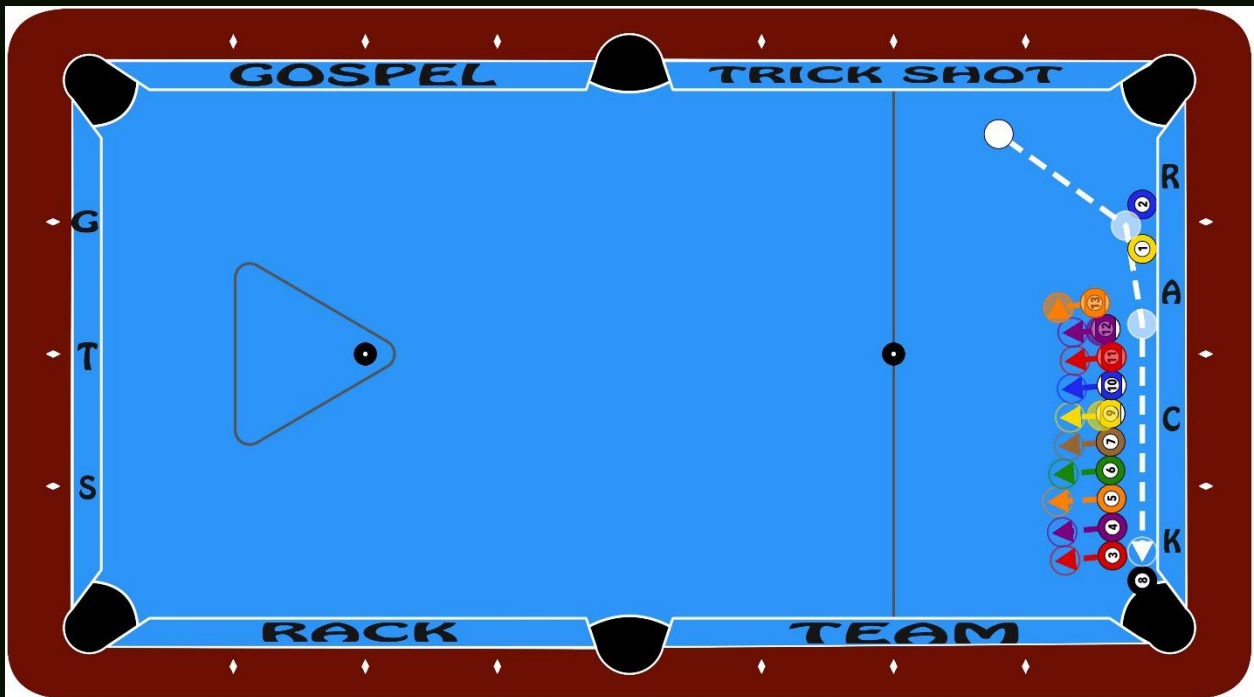
**Objective** - Shoot the cue ball to ball # 1, then carom into ball # 2, and then travel between the row of balls and the cushion. The cue ball will hit at least 4 object balls, and then go on to make the 8-ball.

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**Special Notes** - The cue ball must hit ball 1 first, then ball 2. The cue ball must make 8-ball. It should not be made by an object ball.

**Crowd Reactions Through the Years:** When Mike Massey does this shot in a Gospel Trick Shot show his presence and celebrity demand a listening ear. I have watched people's expressions of wonder as they realize that Mike struggles too and that we all are fellow strugglers in paying attention to the things of God! After GTS shows and during billiard events, we invite people to join our GTS team in our morning Bible studies the next day. Many have come through the years and lives have been changed and encouraged in the Lord. How about you? Find a place to go were people gather around the Word of God and listen to HIS voice!

God bless you!



*Hawthorne*  
GOSPEL CHURCH



# GTS CALENDAR

## GTS Calendar 2023-24: changes and additions are forthcoming!

>7/13/23 – GTS show in the Teen Temple at 7:00 pm with the GTS RACK team at the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association in Ocean Grove, NJ.

>7/15/23 – 7/16/23 – **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gospel Trick Shot Banquet** during Hawthorne Gospel Church Summer Bible Conference mission focus weekend with Saturday night banquet & Sunday morning & evening services with GTS team.

>7/18/23 - Monmouth Park Racetrack GTS show at 4:30 pm in Oceanport, NJ.

>7/20/23 (TBD) – Westampton Farm Thoroughbred Training Center GTS show at 4:30 pm with the GTS RACK team in Westampton, NJ with GTS portable pool table.

>7/24/23 – Gospel Trick Shot show at 1:00 pm with GTS RACK team and 4t5 contest with a McDermott cue stick at the Crestwood Village #4 in Manchester Township, NJ.

>7/24/23 – Gospel Trick Shot show with the GTS portable pool table at 6:00 pm at the Emmanuel Church in Bayville, NJ with the GTS RACK team.

>7/29/23 – CIT Unity in the Community event at Overpeck County Park -199 Challenger Road, Ridgefield Park, NJ with GTS portable pool table and literature table.

>8/5/23 (TBD) – GTS shows, outreach, and fellowship with GTS portable pool table and literature table in the Fisk Riverview Park in Jersey City, NJ working with International Students Inc. (ISI) and Word of Life (WOL).

>10/16/23 - 10/23/23 (TBD) – The Blackball Hawley Cup in Johannesburg, South Africa working with GTS team leader Wayne Parker as coach and manager.

>10/30/23 – 11/4/23 – International 9-Ball Open at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel Norfolk, VA with GTS booth featuring Blackball and Bible studies alongside other billiard events.

>2/20/24 – 2/25/24 (TBD) – The 2024 WPA World Artistic Blackball Championship held in conjunction with the IPA World Blackball Championships at the Gosforth Grand Hotel in Newcastle, England.

>**GTS World Tour 2023 and (TBD)** – invites from ministries & billiard federations: Turkey, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Japan, Indonesia, Portugal, Serbia, Hungary, Honduras, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Malawi.

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Thank you for your support,

**Steve Lillis**

**President and Founder**

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