

Different People, Same Team

In the State of North Carolina, there's nothing quite like the college basketball rivalry between the North Carolina Tar Heels and the Duke Blue Devils.

The two schools may be separated by just a few miles, but there's a great distance between them relationally.

Such passion isn't limited to North Carolina, of course. In college football, there's Ohio State and Michigan, Alabama and Auburn, Florida and Georgia, Tennessee and Vanderbilt. In Major League Baseball, it's the New York Yankees and anybody they happen to be playing on a given day. And the Yankees and Red Sox aren't good friends, either.

It's fun to banter with someone who follows a team other than your favorite, as long as the discussion doesn't go too far. NASCAR fans love to debate whether Richard Petty or David Pearson or Dale Earnhardt or Jeff Gordon or Jimmie Johnson was the greatest driver of all time.



As associates in Life Care, Century Park or Life Care at Home, though, we're all supposed to be in the same boat, rowing in the same direction. We're all on the same team, and we need to act like it. There's no room for petty rivalries in the mission we are called to do.

They may be fun in sports, but they're not how we should be relating to each other in the provision of care and services to the important people entrusted to us.

The principle is true in the spiritual realm as well. God wants us to love one another in the great family we enter as believers in Christ.

Jesus is speaking when He said, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35 NKJV).

—Beecher Hunter