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## Alumnus Greg Watkins takes the helm at Central Holmes baseball program



**COACH GREG WATKINS**

After 23 years, Coach Greg Watkins returns to his alma mater to take over as head baseball coach and to contribute his vast sports experience in other sports.

Greg Watkins graduated from Central Holmes Academy in 1982. He returned to CHA from 1996-1998 during which time, he and Mac Wigley started the Pee Wee football program at CHA. His coaching career has taken him to stops at East Holmes Academy, Winona Christian School, Hebron Christian and, most recently, Columbus Christian School. He has coached nearly every sport along the way, including football, basketball, baseball, cross country and track & field. Included among his many successful seasons were a few State Championships with Columbus Christian School in boys cross

country (2015, 2016, 2017), boys basketball (2016) and boys track (2016).

Coach Watkins is married to Tabatha Watkins. Together they have six children: Greg Watkins Jr., Will Watkins, Allyson Watkins Horne, Sarah Chandler, Kelsie Chandler, and Blake Chandler, and nine grandchildren, three of whom currently attend Central Holmes Christian School.

Watkins states that his coaching philosophy is based on Corinthians 12:12. It states, "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its parts form one body." Watkins believes that it is the same with a team. It has many players, but together they form one cohesive unit. In their different roles, they all contribute to the unity of the team. Whether it is in leadership, in the infield, the outfield, as catchers, pitchers,

hitters, or, at any particular time, sitting on the bench encouraging their teammates, each athlete plays an important role in the success of the team in their temporary assigned roles

Watkins says that in a small Christian school like Central Holmes, most athletes play several sports. It is imperative that they exemplify a strong work-ethic and the same positive attitude whether it is in the classroom, in the football field, on the baseball diamond or on a track. Athletics helps students develop a good work-ethic, commitment, cooperation, and discipline. He also believes that all student athletes' main focus should always be on academics. Most high school athletes will not advance into the college level, but the qualities which are necessary for athletic success will transfer into their academic success.

Coach Watkins believes that teaching fundamentals is the key to building a long-term great program. He says that young developing athletes need opportunities to develop their skills; they need to play in real game situations. He intends to provide these opportunities not only to the older athletes, but also to the younger ones.

The main qualities that Coach Watkins looks for in his players include a great work-ethic, focus, energy, consistency, and commitment to the team. In addition, each player must do his best both on the field and off the field. He believes that excellence does not come during the practices but during the hard work and practice that athletes do outside those prac-

## Resurfacing project for Lexington in progress



**DEPOT STREET**

The resurfacing project for the city of Lexington, a \$2,000,000 project funded through the Mississippi Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Maintenance Program (MP) funding, is currently in progress. All entrance corridors into the city of Lexington, including Court Square, will be resurfaced.

The contractors involved in the resurfacing project include: Falcon, APAC and American Field Service.

The dedication to the team and the positive attitude in everything that they do in high school will help them in their adult life.

He states that the current baseball team is young, but they have a lot of talent and potential. He is encouraged that the team has great leadership in the three returning se-

The approximate date of completion for the project is late September. The following is a list of the roads to be resurfaced:

- Repaving of Court Square
- Repaving of Highway 17 South
- Repaving of Highway 12 East, from Court Square to Black Creek/Mobile Home Plant
- Repaving of Liberty Parkway Bypass Road

• Repaving of Highway 12 West, from Court Square to Old Tchula Road

- Repaving of parts of 1st Street and 5th Street in Pecan Grove
- Repaving of part of South Vine
- Repaving 2,000 feet of Brozville Road to the entrance of Creekwood Apartments
- Repaving 300 feet of Balance Due Road

nors: Barrett Fondren, Ellis Harris, and Noah Steen.

His main goal for the coming season is to make the play-offs. He believes that with hard work and determination, and if every student does his part, they can attain their goal and more. Watkins sees many championships to come with this group of athletes; they need the founda-

tion and the vision to be the best that they can be.

Coach Watkins concludes by saying, "I am very excited to be here at Central Holmes Christian School, contributing whatever skills I have to the academic, religious, social, and athletic lives of every student. Hopefully, I will end my career back at home where it all started."

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