

Prayer & Praise Corner

- Praise! Praise! for 9 kids who committed to Christ!
- Praise for so much fun at the Dodgeball Mini-Blast
- Prayer for the close of the 2008 - 2009 school year.
- Prayer for the Five Loaves Campaign
- Prayer for the Skybacher Sports Camps
- Praise for a great winter season of tournaments

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3. Volunteer at an **Event**.
4. Check out our **Myspace** page
5. Read this **Newsletter!!!!**

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Upcoming Events

**3-on-3 Slam
April 25th**

**Ultra Ultimate
May 17th**

**Kids Dodgeball 2
May 9th**

**Dodgeball Blast 3
June 6th**



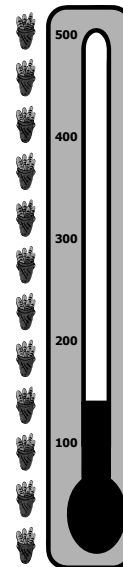
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A Sports Kid

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“Dad I wasn’t made to be some farm kid. I was made to be a sports kid.” That’s what Ty said to me the other night on the way home from Pray & Play. Apparently he thinks that by making him take a nap on Sundays, I want him to grow crops, and milk cows (Sorry for the farmer stereotype atleast I left out driving a tractor). Anyway the awesome part is that he actually realizes God made him with a purpose. I’ve preached that over and over again for the last 5 years at Skybacher Ministries. At least one person has gotten the message. As a matter of fact I just talked about it this past January at our first ever Dodgeball Mini-Blast. A simple message to elementary kids. A simple message that any senior who is graduating this year needs to know. A simple message that anyone who has lost their job recently needs to hear. A simple message that any retired person who doesn’t feel valued needs to see! A simple message that God has made you with a purpose!!!! Whether He made you to be a farm kid, a sports kid, or something far greater, KNOW that He has a purpose for your life this very day!! Preach it Tyler



5 Loaves Campaign

**5 dollars from
500 people for
5 months**

**We’ve made it to
140 people!!**

**Keep passing the
basket!**

5 Loaves Update

Praise the Lord we are at 140 people!! We are so excited at the response from people – we still have a ways to go to meet our goal of 500 people, but we aren’t even officially out of the 1st quarter! Don’t miss the chance to be a part of this exciting campaign to help fund our needs for the summer camp ministry and our fall and winter programming needs. All it takes is \$5/month/person for 5 months (that’s \$25/person total). We are so grateful for everyone who has committed to this campaign. We need your continued help in meeting this goal so PASS THE BASKET – around to your family, to your friends. We need EVERYONE to meet our goal!

“Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4



We've had a great start to the new year in the sports department. January brought the annual Dodgeball Blast 2. Eight teams battled it out but the results would be the same as the Pumpkin Blast as "The Kings" took home their second straight dodgeball title. More importantly that night 9 youth responded to the evening's message about God's love for the lost, by giving their lives to Christ.



In February the growing in popularity sport of Whip-It took the stage. West Side took home their second title. Finally this March we held a second Flag Football Frenzy. Six teams battled it out on a beautiful spring day. West Side took home "One For The Thumb" winning their fifth straight Flag Football Trophy. Now we will look to close out this great 2008-2009 tournament season with Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, and one last Dodgeball Blast

First Ever Mini-Blast is Mega-Success!

We've always held tournaments for jr. and sr. high students, but this January we decided we would find out what would happen



if we held a tournament for the elementary crew. On January 27th we held the first ever Dodgeball Mini-Blast. Sixty kids ran, ducked, and dodged their

way through the night. It was so much fun! Mobacca from soccer camp made an appearance, Papa G brought everyone donuts, and Coach John talked to everyone about how God had designed them with a purpose. But the highlight of the night had to be when everyone got to face their parents in a dodgeball showdown!! The parents appeared to be taking out frustrations on the kids as they held back nothing in their throws. The Dodgeball Mini-Blast was a major good time!!

Recycling for New Sewickley Twp.

Skybacher Ministries has partnered with New Sewickley Twp. to oversee the recycling program for the township. Recycling is the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month from 9 am-noon. What a great way to serve the community? If your family, your church, or youth, men's women's group would like to serve – we can get you all the details! Pick a weekend, or adopt a month! Call 724.846.1776 to get signed up.



Skybacher Sports Camps Are Back!!!!

This summer Skybacher Ministries brings you more Fundamentals, Faith, and Fun at Soccer, Basketball and Flag Football Camp. We've also added a mini-sampler camp that includes all 3 sports. If we missed you last summer you won't want to be left out again. We are expecting the camps to be even bigger and better, as we work on daily fundamentals for each respective sport. But we're not just about sports. Each day we will work on developing a different character trait through fun activities. We'll have snacks, and we will see guest appearances from many zany guests. We are passionate about kids and sports and look forward to a great summer!



If you have a child who might be interested in participating in these camps, or if you have a teenager who might be interested in volunteering to help you can register online at www.skybacherministries.org.

MEET OUR CAMP INTERNS

We will have 4 college students helping with this summer's camps. Stephen Polite, Jon Deeks, and Courtney Sechler are all freshman from Geneva College. Jennifer Edder, who is a graduate from Freedom, and currently a freshman at Westminster College will be interning as well. All four have a love for young people, sports and a relationship with God. They each bring different skills and gifts that we are excited to see God use! Our 5 Loaves Campaign will help fund their stipends for their work. We also plan to have 2 high school students each week that will work with the college students to facilitate drills, teach skills, and encourage the campers as they grow and learn throughout the week. Please keep these college students in your prayers!!

Skybacher Sports Camp Dates

Basketball

Jun. 15 - 19 and Jul. 27 - 31

Flag Football

Jul. 6 - Jul. 10

Mini Sampler Camp

Jul. 13 - Jul. 15

Soccer

Jun. 22 - Jun 26 and Aug. 3-7

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