

## Get Your Voice Back!

**Don't be afraid! God hears your prayers, and He knows your hearts desires!** That is what the angel Gabriel tells Zechariah in Luke 1, as he was finding out that he would have a son named John the Baptist. Zechariah like many of us had a response of disbelief. He was afraid, didn't believe, and thought the angel was crazy. Interestingly enough because of this he lost his voice - the very way he could communicate that God's people need not fear, that their prayers and desires would be heard. All of that would have to wait 9 months. I wonder how many of us have lost our voice (right to speak) because we're afraid, don't believe God hears us, and doubt that He knows our hearts desires!!!

**Don't be afraid! God hears your prayer and He knows the desires of your heart!!! Get your voice back!!!!** This is good news, and very much a part of the Christmas story, so don't lose your voice! Go tell it on a mountain! Shout it from the rooftops! A savior has come!!

## All is Well in HOPEWELL!

As many of you now know, Skybacher Ministries has started a second site in Hopewell! Shortly after we sent out our last newsletter, our board met and decided to pursue the opportunity of expanding into the Hopewell Area. We now have a new site at Ohio United Presbyterian Church! We are so excited about the "next level" that God is taking us to, and the opportunity to reach a different part of the Valley with "Good Sports, Good Times, and Good News!" We got things started with Pray & Play on November 3rd. Fifteen youth attended that first night. We played corn hole, had a prayer time for the stories that God had created each person with, and finished with dodge ball! It was a great start to a new journey. This month Pray & Play continues. The facilities are much smaller than what we have been accustomed to, but we have found a way to make it work as we continue to make connections and look for growing opportunities. Please keep this site, and the Ohio Presbyterian Church in your prayers.

Pray & Play Hopewell is Thursday Nights  
6:00p - 7:30p  
5th - 12th grade are welcome!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

The Dodgeball Arctic Blast  
January 21st @ Unionville Life Center  
6:30 pm 7th - 12th grade

Freedom Hangtime Basketball League  
After School @ Big Knob  
Starting January 3rd  
2nd - 4th grade Tuesdays  
K-1st grade Thursdays

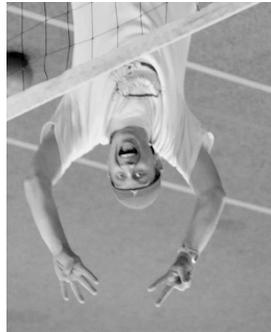


Someone Special Valentine's Dance  
Friday February 10th  
Big Knob  
K-5th grade



“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11  
From Skybacher Ministries

# Merry Christmas



## Skybacher Sports Highlights

**September** Skybacher Ministries kicked things off with the Kickball Kickoff. It was a great way to start the tournament season, as 5 teams battled it out through the night. Everyone was given a lesson on Abraham's faithfulness.

**October** brought the fan favorite Dodgeball Pumpkin Blast. Saturday night 10 teams battled it out for the Platinum Pumpkin trophy. The sportsmanship for the entire night was great, as was the dodgeball action. At the break students were challenged to grade themselves on how they were doing following the 2 commandments (Loving God, and Loving your Neighbor). In the end the White Men in Black were too much to handle as they took home the Platinum Pumpkin.

The next night the nearly 60 elementary students took their turn on the dodgeball courts. The action and energy were high, so was the noise level. It was a great time and students were encouraged that they don't need to wear "masks" when they are around other people but that God loves them exactly how they are

**November** we had two tournaments. The first was the Flag Football Cereal Bowl. God blessed us with a great day for flag football, and it was a great tournament. The most exciting part of the tournament for us was that we collected nearly 40 boxes of cereal for the Unionville Food Pantry, and we handed out 36 Bibles as the students were given a lesson on the power of God's Word. Around Thanksgiving 5 teams battled it out on the volleyball court at the 8th Annual Turkey & Stuffing Volleyball Tournament.



## Christmas Wish List

We've told Santa our wish list, but we thought we would share it with you as well.

- Hockey Equipment (used or new).
- Xbox 360 for Hangar (used or new)
- Fridge
- Sponsors for T-shirts prizes - \$120
- Media Projector
- People to make an end of the year tax-deductable donation
- Sign for new Hopewell site
- Ball Equipment cart
- A grant writer
- Backing from a major sports star!

**Don't forget it's not too late to make your first or last donation for 2011. All checks can be made payable to Skybacher Ministries Inc. and are tax-deductable.**

**Does your youth group, group of friends, or team have what it takes?  
Register for a Tournament today! @  
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