

Prayer & Praise Corner

- Praise! Praise! - for our 5 year birthday!!
- Praise for cookies, brownies & miracles
- Prayer for upcoming winter events
- Prayer for the Five Loaves Campaign
- Prayer for favor and guidance.
- Praise for a new Skybacher Kids Newsletter
- Praise for a great fall season of tournaments
- Prayer to be “rebels” and not conform to the pattern of this world

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Upcoming Events

Broomball Blizzard
Friday December 12th

Dodgeball Blast 2
Saturday January 17th

Kids Dodgeball
Saturday January 31st

Whip-It Tournament
Saturday Feb 21st

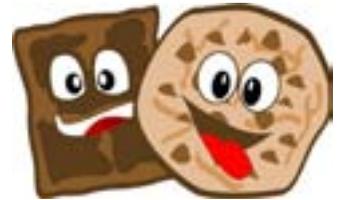
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Cookies, Brownies and a Miracle

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We just celebrated our 5 year birthday. It was 5 years ago that Kristie and I stood face to face with the question, “what if we did what we really felt God had made us for?” The answer was, “That would be completely insane!!! It was a true “Field of Dreams” moment. We felt like God said, “If you start it...kid's will come!!” And nearly everyone we told about our dream smiled and said, “Well gee that's really great.” Wink wink. Then they turned to their friends and asked if we were mentally stable. We don't hold that against anyone. It truly was a crazy idea, but oh what we'd be missing had we not made that decision. We started it...and they did come.



It was a cold, damp, November morning. Cookies, pies, brownies, breads, rice krispy treats filled the table. They appeared to be just simple baked goods donated by friends and family for a bake-sale at Wal-mart that day. But wow did they turn out to be much more than that!!! I don't remember who all made the baked goods. It was just a simple gesture from people to say this is what we can do to help your crazy dream!! But look what God has done with a few brownies and rice krispy treats. We've watched God take us from 6 tournaments that first year to now 12 tournaments this year. He made a way for us to host 5 sports camps for children this summer.

We've had opportunity to pray with, for, and over the lives of hundreds of young people. The word of God has been preached to students from all over the Beaver Valley. And we have seen life after life changed!!! All because a few people were willing to offer what they had to give. Delicious bakes goods that the Lord could use! A true modern day miracle if you ask me!



“When I broke the loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up? ‘Twelve’ they replied.” We know what God can do with 5 loaves of bread, we've seen what he can do with cookies and brownies. What can God do with five dollars? That's the question we are asking in our newest fundraising campaign (Not that we've ever had one before). It's called the Five Loaves Campaign. The idea is that we would get 500 people to commit \$5 for five months. We're not sure we know 500 people, and we haven't had the greatest success at raising money but we've seen what God can do. And that is why we need your

help. Think about it. All that we are asking for is at least \$25 and for you to tell others about how easy it is to make a donation to Skybacher Ministries. This money will help us pay off our debt from the summer camps, continue to fund programs like Pray & Play, Skybacher Sports Tournaments, Taste N.C events, and fellowship at the Hangar. After that who know how many basketfuls we'll pick up, but we look forward to finding out. Won't you please pray about participating in the 5 Loaves Campaign today?

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



Kickball, Pumpkins, and a Dynasty!

There has been a lot of excitement in the Skybacher Sports department. In September we held our first ever Kickball Kick-off. It was a great new addition to our tournament lineup. Four teams battled for the title but it was the Kings who were crowned the champions.

In October we mixed things up a little at the Pumpkin Blast Dodgeball Tournament. Teams could dress up and pick themes for their teams. Over 80 teenagers battled it out throughout the evening but the results were the same as kickball, as the Kings put another jewel in their crown.

This November brought us the Flag Football Frenzy. We have hosted four flag football tournaments and every year it has been the same result. This year would be no different. Seven teams entered the tournament all with hopes of knocking off the



reigning champions- West Side. The Lord blessed us with a beautiful day. There was a lot of amazing football. We also saw some

of the best sportsmanship we have seen in any tournament. As the games went on their were many bumps, bruises, and a few broken

noses but all of the teams showed a lot of heart. In the end the football dynasty continued as West Side pulled out their fourth straight title.

West Side carried that momentum into the Thanksgiving holiday as they picked up their second straight "Golden Turkey" at the Turkey & Stuffing Volleyball Tournament. It was a great night as we celebrated our 5th birthday with some cake and a slide show of photos from past events. Congratulations to West Side and now it's onto the Broomball Blizzard.



Skybacher Ministries and Eat-n-Park Award Good Sportsmanship.

We are proud to announce a new award we will be giving out to the team that models good sportsmanship at each event. We've teamed up with Eat-n-park to create the "Eat-n-Park Make You Smile Sportsmanship Award" Yeah we know that's a long name but it's something that needs to be recognized when we see it. The team winning this award will take home 1 dozen Smiley Cookies. Thank you Eat-n-Park. And congratulations to our very first winner Paradise Youth!!



"...always try to be kind to each other and to everyone." 1 Thes. 5:15

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Encouraging Rebellion

This month at Pray & Play we've challenged students to live out "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world." by challenging them to be rebellious. We think of a rebel as someone who lives on the edge and creates problems. After being challenged by a song from rapper Lecrae we've come to think of a rebel as someone who doesn't conform. And we came up with 4 challenges for students to live out that are different from the way the world around us lives. The first week we challenged students to go one full school day without using negative or hurtful language. The second challenge was to use your cell phone only for purposes that would glorify God. Third we were challenged to turn off the radio any time we heard a song with talk of sex, drugs, love of money. Let's just say we didn't have the radio on very much. Finally we were challenged to not watch movies or t.v. that did not bring us closer to God. It has been great to see students making a decision to be "rebels" in the world around them. Won't you join us in being rebellious.

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The All New Skybacher Sports News-letter for Kids

This month we are also launching the first ever Skybacher Sports Newsletter. It's a newsletter designed for the kids and their friends who participated in Skybacher Summer Sports Camps. It's filled with activities, poems, challenges. If you have a young child who might be interested in receiving this newsletter you can sign up at our website- www.skybacherministries.org



A Sign of Thanks!!

We just wanted to send a big thank you to all of the people who donated funds to help us purchase a new banner and sign for the ministry!! Thank you so much for your generosity!! The banner looks great and the sign is on the way!!



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