

Do you want it all? Do you want to be the best parent, teacher, employee, spouse you can be? I'm considering myself on my way to having it all. Not that 2012 has been very fun, it's actually been incredibly challenging. It all started in January when our oldest son Tyler landed in Children's Hospital with a brain bleed. He is doing great now, but he was required to avoid activity for 3 months. A week after Tyler was cleared to return to action our family vehicle burst into flames and completely burned up. (Yes seriously!) It still has been a stressful event to the kids who witnessed the van we had spent so many years in, burn up before their eyes. In the Bible James says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." I don't wanna lack anything. I want to be the best! I pray that God helps me be the best I can be. So I guess even though 2012 has been a very challenging year so far, I feel extremely blessed because I know that I'm gaining perseverance that is helping me to lack nothing. I'm on my way to being a better father, son, husband, teacher, sports minister. That is pure joy!

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Duck Derby

The Skybacher Ministries Fund-Raising Committee is super excited about this summer's 2nd Annual Skybacher Rubber Duck Derby!

The Derby will be held during New Sewickley Community Days at Green Valley Park on July 28th.

Ducks can be purchased at summer camps, online, through staff members, or online @ www.skybacherministries.org, or call Jennette at 724-847-1755

First prize will receive \$150 and the first ten ducks to finish will all receive prizes.

This year we will also have a 5k race in the morning at Community Days look for more info soon!



Things kicked off in January with the Dodgeball Arctic Blast weekend. Nine teams from different areas, and different denominations all over Beaver County came to battle it out. In the end it was two teams from Freedom battling for the title as The Dub Club took down the Beast Squad to take home the Arctic Blast Trophy. Along the way students were encourage to not try to do things on their own, but to find their hope in the Lord.

The following day it was the elementary students turn. It was another packed house as kids battled it out in high action dodgeball and heard a message about how our help comes from the Lord. To finish it off kids got to battle their parents in a dodgeball showdown for a great close to the night.

In March it was time for the March Madness 3-on-3 Celebration It was one of the best turnouts we've ever had for this event. Nine teams battled it out in the Sr. Division with the Blue Savy's taking home the title. In between we had a knock out contest, half court shot, and a 5-on-5 frenzy. At the break students were challenged to see people as God's creation and sow good things (Gal. 6:9-10) instead of the name calling, trash talking, gossip that we so often get caught up in. In other action the middle school tournament ended up as a 2-on-2 affair with the Pink Strawberry Ponies taking the title, and in the elementary division it was the Crazy Lookin Things who took home the trophy. It was another amazing night of Good Sports, Good Times, and Good News!

Next up is the Dodgeball Smackdown on April 21st and 22nd! See you there!

FEBRUARY LOVE

February is the month that we put down the sports equipment and spread the love. On February 10th it was the 2nd Annual Someone Special Valentine's Dance. It was an amazing turnout as over 80 kids turned out with their special guests and packed the Big Knob Elementary Gym. D.J. Chuck Spiker got the evening started with some great jams to dance to. Guests could take a chance at one of several beautiful prize baskets, have their photos taken, grab some snacks and cookies, or dance! And there was plenty of dancing. Guests were invited to do the hokey pokey, the chicken dance, a dance contest on newspaper, conga lines, and so much more! It was an incredibly fun time and a picture of what Skybacher Ministries is all about; allowing kid's to be who God created them to be!

On the 18th of February it was the Great Big Group Date that saw 25 students go ice skating at PPG Place, dinner at Dibella's Subs, and a Ride and Tour of the Duquesne Incline. It was a great time of fellowship and hanging out with no dodgeballs involved.



Skybacher Ministries mission is to give young people a picture of who they were created to be in Christ Jesus



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- June 11-15 Basketball I - Freedom Middle School
- June 18-20 Flag Football - Green Valley Park
- June 25-29 Soccer I - Green Valley Park
- July 9-13 Basketball II - Unionville Life Center
- July 16-20 Soccer II - Green Valley Park

All Camps run 9a-12 Monday - Friday
Cost is \$30/session.

All campers receive a t-shirt
Scholarships & Discounts for multiple children or sessions may apply

This summer the Skybacher Sports Camps return!! More of the crazy characters, like Mobacca, Papa G, and Cranky D! More team building, virtues, and snacks! More fundamentals, faith & fun! Don't miss out and register online today. The camps are for any student in Kindergarten thru 6th grade!

BIG THANK YOU'S

- **Marti Aiken Photography** (provided photos above) and Someone Special Dance photographer
- **Chuck Spiker** - D.J. for Someone Special Dance
- **Good Sports** - Named us their Organization of the Month in February and also donated 25 basketballs for the Hang Time Basketball Program
- **Unionville United Methodist** - collected money for soccer equipment lost in the vehicle fire.
- **Dick's Sporting Goods** - for summer camp prize donations.
- **Tickets For Kids** - for donating tickets for the Great Big Group Date

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