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**STAND STRONG FOR GOD!**

**JUNE 9–14**

**6:00–8:30 PM**

**GRADES K–5TH**

**REGISTER BY GOING TO [WWW.SEBASTIANCHRISTIAN.ORG](http://WWW.SEBASTIANCHRISTIAN.ORG)**

**ATTENTION PARENTS!**

SCC will be offering a special elective for adults during the week of VBS. It is called *Foundation For Families*. The purpose of the class is to help equip parents with the tools to raise Godly children and to be engaged in the spiritual formation of their lives.

Class will begin at 6:30 and end around 8:15, June 9 -13 in Building A. Each participant will receive a booklet. There is no charge for the class. Please just sign up at **The HUB!** Pastor Todd will be facilitating the class. Please email Pastor Todd with any questions.

Our *Foundation for Families* class will be offered again following VBS for any who would like to participate, but are unable due to VBS.



### *In Sympathy . . .*

Our deepest sympathies go out to Armand Zarella, Lynn & Steve Salvail and family at the passing of their dear wife and mother, Rita Zarella this past Monday. A memorial service will be held here at SCC on Saturday, June 29th at 10:00 am.

May God bring comfort and peace to the family.

### *Ladies, You're Invited. . .*

Every Thursday through July @ 10:00am, we will have Bible Study in the church social hall. Please bring a favorite devotional to share with everyone. We will meet for about an hour (maybe a little longer). If you know anyone you think would be interested, please invite them!



### **The 2013 hurricane season is approaching fast.**

With it brings the task of putting up those dreaded shutters. The good news is SCC **Men at Work** would like to help!

**Men at Work** is a new group of men of the church who would like to lend their services.

If you would like our ministry to assist in this project, please see:

Skip Odess: 772-581-4069, sonshines4linda@bellsouth.net;

Norm Howard: 772-202-7202, howard\_norman@bellsouth.net

Rod Revels: 770-500-7594, rodrevels@yahoo.com

We would love to help!

Also, pick up one of our flyers from the Hub to see other projects we may be able to offer our assistance.



#### May 2013

May giving \$19,576

May budget 17,000

May missions 2,586

YTD Giving 105,453

YTD Budget 107,900

## **DID YOU KNOW ?**

### **Graduation Sunday is June 9th!**

This year we are celebrating our one and only graduate Ashley Montgomery!!

Ashley graduated June 1st from Indian River Charter High School.

Ashley will attend Indian River State College in the Fall; she plans to pursue a Business degree.

Congratulations Ashley on your great accomplishment!

With Love, Your SCC family!!



. . . will be taking a break for the summer. We will resume in September. See you soon!

### *A Little Bit of..*

# **June**

### **Betchya didn't know . . .**

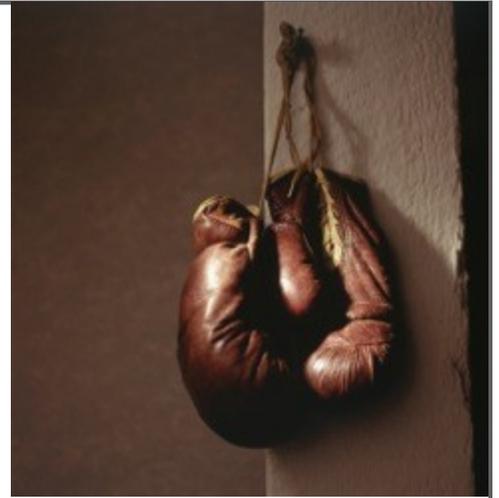
June is National Accordion Awareness month, as well as, National Aquarium, Candy, Dairy and Fresh Fruit & Vegetable month!

Some special and/or silly days to celebrate this month are:

6/1 Flip a Coin Day, 6/4 Hug Your Cat Day, 6/6 Nat'l Yo-yo Day, 6/13 Sewing Machine Day, 6/14 Flag Day, 6/15 World Juggler's Day, 6/16 FATHER'S DAY, 6/18 Go Fishing Day, 6/26 Forgiveness Day and 6/28 Paul Bunyan Day . . . just to name a few.

**Have a great June!!**

(Article written by: [Carey Nieuwhof](#))



So when you first became a family, you likely thought that you would never have a fight. You would be a perfect couple. Your son would discipline himself, and your daughter would, well, never sin because she's your daughter.

*How's that going?*

Hasn't really turned out that way, has it?

The sad reality is that every family fights. As much as we don't like it, we do. Most of us realize fighting is destructive and likely unChristian, but we don't know what to do about it.

And the stakes are high.

**Families, break up or break down as a result.**

So what do you do about fighting?

Well, if you're going to fight, just fight differently. There are actually two ways for a family to fight.

You can fight **with** your each other. Or you can fight **for** each other.

These two small words— for and with—represent a **world of difference in how you fight.**

Most of us have only ever had someone fight **with** us.

If someone fights with you: It's a zero sum game.

They need to win and you need to lose and you need to win in order for them to lose.

The people who fight care more about themselves than anyone.

Both walk away feeling diminished—usually even the 'victor' does over time.

Contrast that with fighting for someone. When you fight *for* someone:

You're fighting *for* them so you want to see them better off.

The fight is happening because you want to see *them* win, not because you want to win.

You care more about their interests than you do about yours.

Both walk away replenished— with the relationship stronger in the short and long term. Even if the other person doesn't respond well, you have done everything in your power to help them, not hurt them.

**Fighting for your family means you want their best interests to prevail, not yours.**

**It means that when there's conflict, the conflict is about moving through an issue so the person you're fighting with is better off, not that so that you are right or feel vindicated.**

And finally it means that everyone leaves better than before the fight rather than depleted. Relationships are stronger and the issues got dealt with in a way that actually helped your family move forward.

You know who taught us this? Jesus.

No one modeled fighting for someone (rather than with someone) better than Jesus. As his enemies nailed him to the cross, he said "Father forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."

**What they didn't realize of course, is that this Jesus they were killing was dying for them. He was fighting for them while they were fighting with him, and it changed the world.**

So what do you think would happen if families started fighting **for** each other rather than **with** each other.

**Question....when was the last time you fought for your family rather than with them?**

This week, fight for your spouse. Fight for your kids. Fight for the relationships that matter most. It could change your family forever.

A great lesson for all of us. Thought this was too good not to share. :)

Be God's,

Mr. J



