

ONE TEAM  
ONE GOD  
ONE GOAL

Sebastian  
Sonrays



## Game Day!



Football season is here! My favorite time of year. I love the sport. I love the action, the hits, the strategies, the touchdowns! I just hate to lose (which being a Browns fan happens more often than not). But man, I love football!

Being the "church", we are on God's "team". He is our coach. His Word (the Bible), is our playbook, and He has put the ball in our hands to go out and execute the plays. His game plan is a simple one:

**Luke 19:10** For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." NET Bible

God's game plan is all about redeeming His creation and presenting us to Him as a spotless Bride (Rev. 21:2) so that Christ will be glorified. But the clock is winding down. The end of human history as we know it grows closer every day. Jesus Christ is coming back soon! We can't afford to fumble and drop the ball. Too much is at stake!

This September marks the one year anniversary of us kicking off our *Boldly Pursue* campaign. God has called SCC to *engage* one another by growing in leadership & discipleship and then to *engage* our community thru evangelism. This past year has seen us take steps to reach that goal. Here is a sampling of what has been accomplished so far in 2013:

- A student leadership team has been created within the student ministry where students are challenged to grow in their personal discipleship.
- We are launching our new small groups ministry (called E-Groups) in September.
- Eight Deacons have been appointed to carry out works of service within the church, as well as, the creation of several new ministries.
- Our church had a float in the July 4th parade and passed out 1500 footballs with our name and web site on them so that we could communicate to the community that we are here for them.
- We have created an email account that allows our people to share what God is doing in their lives. Several have already taken advantage of this opportunity. (pastor@sebastianchristian.org)
- We are launching a new *Foundations* class for new Christians this Fall.
- Much spiritual fruit has happened as God has blessed us. We've had 6 baptisms this summer.
- We just added a part time children's director as we endeavor to engage our children in a more intentional way.

This is just a partial list of what has been transpiring here at SCC over the past year with much more to come.

Team, God has called His Church (us) to *get in the game* so that through our efforts we can continue to see lives transformed for Jesus Christ! Suit up and let's play some ball! Get **ENGAGED** this Fall for the Kingdom!  
See you Sunday!

# A Little Look Into... September

September is Better Breakfast Month, Classical Music Month, Fall Hat Month, International Square Dancing Month, National Courtesy Month, Baby Safety Month, Little League Month, Honey Month and Self Improvement Month!

Some special and/or silly days to celebrate this month are: 9/2 Labor Day, 9/4 Newspaper Carrier Day, 9/5 Be Late for Something Day, 9/6 Fight Procrastination Day as well as Read a Book Day, 9/8 International Literacy Day, 9/11 911 Remembrance Day, 9/13 Defy Superstition Day, 9/16 Mayflower Day, 9/17 Citizenship Day, 9/19 International Talk Like a Pirate Day, 9/20 POW/MIA Recognition Day, and 9/28 National Good Neighbor Day.  
... just to name a few. **Have a great September!!** [www.holidayinsights.com](http://www.holidayinsights.com)



August Budget.....	\$17,000
August Giving.....	\$17,436
August Missions .....	\$2,267
YTD Budget .....	\$160,900
YTD Giving .....	\$164,138



Discover **SCC** Sunday, Sept. 29th,  
During Sunday School Hour!

Please see your bulletin for more info, or contact Pastor Todd.



Intercessory Prayer Group 

Intercessory Prayer Group meeting dates and times are changing. We will meet the first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am, as well as, the 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am. At this time, we will only be meeting twice a month.



**Come Worship With Us**

Join us for our Combined Service, 9/29.  
Sunday school: 9:30-10:30am.  
Worship service: 11:00am.



### **Communion setup and clean up help needed.**

Please sign up at "The Hub". See Richard Festa (setup) and Lee Paver (cleanup) if you need assistance. **THANK YOU!!**

### **The Cleaning Ministry has a wonderful service opportunity.... For you?**

There are openings in the cleaning schedule for all buildings for the months of October, November and December. Sign up sheet is located at "The Hub".

**Congratulations!!!** We are SO happy to announce new commitments to Christ! Won't you take the time to express your joy and congratulations to **Linda McQuin, Cat Butsch and Arran Thacker**, as well as pray for their Christian journey.



*Expectations* is a weighty word. Child-development experts say teenagers will either live up or live down to parents' expectations. The trick is to set expectations high enough but not too high. The "Love and Logic" parenting approach, for example, maintains that kids should be respectful, responsible, and fun to be around. Other parents set expectations about grades, household chores, curfews, and other rules.



Although adolescence is a time for increased freedom, students crave boundaries and expectations. Parents need to keep communication open, offer to negotiate when appropriate, and be willing to serve as the "bad guy" when kids are disappointed or angry. Giving teenagers some say in determining consequences can also make expectation-setting more effective.

Not only do parents have expectations for and of their teenagers, but society and peers cause teenagers to develop their own expectations about what life should be like. Expectations from society and peers often involve entitlement. Many teenagers expect easy success and praise, as well as happiness and wealth without excessive effort. God's expectations of Christian, however, are radically different. He expects sacrifice and selflessness. He warns we'll suffer—but says we'll be blessed for it.

The world has great expectations for young people, and they're so cunningly and effectively marketed to students that they breathe them in almost as unconsciously as they do air. Dreams of power, money, and glory often morph into unrealistic or misguided expectations, leading kids to be or do things that God never intended for them to be or do. In the quest for meaning and significance, students easily come under the influence of expectations from media, friends, parents, and teachers. Many of these people may even have the right intentions, but all of the pressure potentially creates an insanely stressful weight.

The only way out is found at Jesus' feet, laying down the burden of expectation and being reminded of God's definition of success, which is foreign to this world.

- The world expects us to "Get rich and seek power," but **God says**, "I will provide your needs and to become a servant."
- The world expects us to "Win at all cost" but **God says**, "Show mercy."
- The world says, "Seek fame and glory" but **God says**, "Choose humility."

God's greatest expectation is for us to love Him and that we would receive what he freely offers us. And what he offers is far beyond what we could possibly think or imagine.

Be God's,  
Jim





— Beginning September 8th!!! —

As we gear up this year for KidCoast I would like to thank you for your support of not just KidCoast, but for all of the ministries of our church.

We are looking forward to what this year holds. We have some really cool things included in our first 4 week segment and we are excited for this series to get underway. Our first series we will be speaking about King David.

We are also excited about our new Challenge series, where this year we are challenging the kids to learn the books of the Bible. I would like to encourage you to take this challenge with them as well. We will have our first challenge night October 13th to see how far we've come.

Brand new this year are service opportunities we haven't been a part of before. The KidCoast volunteers and myself will be acting as the church as we actively Engage our community.

There are many exciting things happening, and we hope to see you throughout the year with our events.

Parents if you haven't already, please check out our Facebook page, and encourage your fellow parent friends to do the same.

Please keep all we do within the Sebastian Christian Church family in prayer.

Sincerely,  
Coach Dave

BONUS: Some fun places to visit on the web.

<http://www.funbrain.com> for elementary ages

<http://funschool.kaboose.com> for preschool ages

E-Groups are small groups of people who study God's Word together, and help one another to understand and apply its message to our daily lives. We share our burdens and triumphs, celebrate victories, pray for one another and intercede in prayer for others. E-Groups provide a place for sharing life together as well as reaching out to others. Each participant will receive a study book that will focus on personal, spiritual transformation.



The purpose of E-Groups is to boldly pursue discipleship through connecting and engaging the participant and by helping to strengthen his/her life in Christ and to share their lives with others within the group.

E-Groups are open to individuals as well as couples.

E-Group's mission statement is to *grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord through encouragement, edification, and evangelism.*

To get started, stop by **The Hub** and fill out an *E-Group Connect Card*. Our coordinator, Carl Anderson, will then contact you and have you placed in a group.

# September Serving Schedules:

## 8:45AM Worship - Nursery

- 9/1 Linda / Judi M.
- 9/8 Becky E.
- 9/15 Melissa Ferris
- 9/22 Maria Casserly
- 9/29 Jacque M. / Danielle M. (9:15)

## Sunday School - Nursery

- 9/1 Cathy T. / Morgan A.
- 9/8 Jacque M. / Danielle M.
- 9/15 Terri M. / Megan B.
- 9/22 Niki S./ Shamira L.
- 9/29 Combined Service

## 11AM Worship - Nursery

- 9/1 Janice Vicars / Connie Morgan
- 9/8 Susie & Alley Duffany
- 9/15 Tammy G. / Miranda
- 9/22 Judy L. / Jodee Caskey
- 9/29 Janet Achin

## 8:45AM Worship - 3, 4, 5 & K Class

- 9/1 Marcia P.
- 9/8 Michelle R.
- 9/15 Terri M.
- 9/22 Gayle G
- 9/29 Karen G. (9:15)

## 11AM Worship 3, 4, 5 & K Class

- 9/1 Sharie B.
- 9/8 Cheryl Z.
- 9/15 Ann W.
- 9/22 Brandi B.
- 9/29 Paula E.

Please see Janet Achin with any questions. :)

### Other Misc. Helps

Communion — 8:00 Ellen Fulks  
12:00 TBD

Sanctuary — Jill Barnett

Fellowship Bldg. — Margie Lockhart/ Regina Marshall

Edu. Bldg. — Duke and Judy Heffer

### Servers

Copies of the September serving schedule will be available in the servers room.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Yates.

Thank you  
for your service!!

As always, in a family household there are chores to be done; this is the way it is for our church 'household', as well. Won't you prayerfully consider how you can help out around the 'House'?

Thank you!!!

- Communion servers / Prep & Clean-up.....Tom Yates / Lee Paver
- Child care / teaching / assistance.....Janet Achin/Jim Adams
- Cleaning .....Bob Bell/Kenny Peterson
- Grounds keeping.....Norm Howard