

# THE SUMMIT

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### UPCOMING SERIES: *Living Life in the Zone*

Finances are such an everyday part of living. Does God have anything to say about how we should handle money? Does he care about our bank accounts? Does he really expect any of it to be given back to him? This month we'll be beginning a series on *Living Life in the Zone ... God's healthy financial zone.*

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## Pastor's Note

*\*It was an essay originally prepared by the police department of Houston, Texas and appeared in Ann Landers' column back in 1959.*

- Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.
- Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they won't be so shocked when the home is broken up later.
- When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute.
- Give the child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own.
- Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is twenty-one and then let "him decide for himself".
- Satisfy his every craving for food, drink, and comfort. See that his every sensual desire is gratified.

- Avoid the use of "wrong". He may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.
- Let him read any printed material, and listen to any music he can get his hands on. Be careful that the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feast on garbage.
- Pick up everything he leaves lying around. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.
- When he gets into real trouble, apologize to yourself by saying, "I could never do anything with him."
- Take his part against neighbors, teachers, and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.
- Prepare for a life of grief. You will likely have it.

Of course we realize this is all tongue in cheek, but the reality is that 'Raising Children' is far different than 'letting them grow up', and far too often some people

don't see the different...one involves parenting, the other ... not so much.

Proverbs 22:6 tells us to "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Now as some of you know, this isn't a promise that if you train your child in biblical and godly ways, they will never walk away from Jesus when they come to an age to choose for themselves. But it is a mandate to us as parents to train them in all things 'right, moral, godly, spiritual' and to the consequences of failing to live in these wise ways. So that as they grow, and begin to make their own decisions concerning life, that they will be fully aware of the consequences of all of their decisions.

This being Family Month, let's be conscious of the tremendous blessing and responsibility the Lord has given us ... children! Whether we have our own, or act as surrogate parents to the children all around us, remember the great impact we all have in shaping these blessings into men and women who are both upstanding people in society and pleasing in God's sight!

# Family Matters

10 Easy Ways to Show Kids How Much You Love Them  
Adults, try out one or two of these great ideas on one of your kids, or a kid in your Summit Family this month:

## 1. Take Them On A Date

- Find a local restaurant with a discount for kids, have the elementary equivalent of chatting over coffee.

## 2. Tell Them Stories About Themselves

- Fill a simple photo album with pictures of the child in different stages of their life - kids love to hear what they were like as babies, toddlers, etc.

## 3. Leave Them Love Notes (especially good this month!)

- Try leaving a note under their pillow or just under their blanket. Try this when you're out for the evening and won't be in until past their bedtime.

## 4. Wait for Them At The Door

- A cab driver in Toronto tells the story that having his mom hug him everyday when he got home from school meant more to him than anything else in his entire childhood.

## 5. Put a Funny Picture in Their Pocket

- Or in their backpack, wherever you know they'll look. Maybe in a mitten. They can either keep it all to themselves or show it to their friends - before soon, they'll have an entire collection.

## 6. Brag About Them

- Tell other grownups on occasion something wonderful the child did when you know they can hear you. Sometimes having them right by you as you talk them up can make them uncomfortable, but having them within earshot lets them know how proud you are of them.

## 7. Make Fun Sandwiches

- You could get a fancy sandwich cutter, or you could just use a cookie cutter. Even better? Just use a knife. A heart shaped sandwich can make any day better.

## 8. Have a Post-It Note Scavenger Hunt

- Put one on the mirror, one on their toothbrush, one on the front door - wherever you know they'll look in the morning and stand back while they find them all

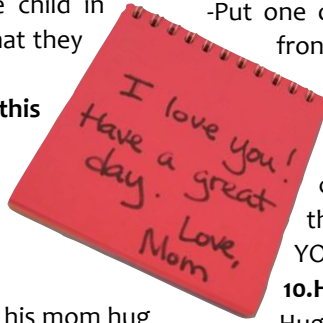
## 9. Ignore the Phone For Them

- One of the blessings of caller ID is you know who is calling and you can easily call someone back. Ignore the phone and if the child asks why, respond "I'm with YOU right now" - bet you see a smile!

## 10. Hug the Daylights Out Of Them

- Hug your kids so tight they complain! Get down on their level to hug them. Get down on their level and wrap your arms around them as far as they will go - the hug you will get in return will be even more awesome!

\*\*adapted from <http://blogs.babble.com/kid-scoop/2012/01/09/simple-ways-to-show-kids-love/>



# Yummy Treats!

By Danielle Desmarais

Since it's February and we all know what special event happens in this month, I thought it'd be nice to give you an easy "festive" recipe to use for friends and loved ones.

It's very simple and I do it every year. All you need to do is take your favorite sugar cookie recipe, roll out the dough about a 1/4" thick and using 2 heart shaped cookie cutters (one larger than the other) cut out large hearts then cut the center out with the smaller cutter. Lay them out on a baking sheet covered in parchment paper (this is key!) then drop a half or a whole (depending on the size of the hole) Jolly Rancher into each cookie center. Bake as the recipe says to bake, cool so you can peel them off the parchment and voila! Stained glass cookies, they're just too cute.



# The Love Gurus

By Paul Quesnele

Earlier in January, I interviewed some of the very committed and in-love men who are a part of The Summit and asked them what their ideal Valentine's Day plans would look like if they were able to choose without taking any time to think about it. I think the responses I received would have intrigued you, however, technology has let me down and the recording did not work! One memorable response was "box seats to a Canadian's game!" Other than that, I can't remember! But don't worry guys, I did some research for you to show you some of the most common mistakes that men make on Valentines Day. Avoid these, and it should be smooth sailing:

- \* Forget that Valentine's Day is on Feb. 14
- \* Get you words of wisdom from a corner store
- \* Let a stuffed bear do your bidding
- \* Declare Valentine's Day a ploy for consumers
- \* Share the day with your Smart Phone
- \* Expect her to make the plans
- \* Under-dress for your romantic evening

# Ministry Highlight: campus ministry

by Danielle Desmarais

You've probably heard talks of ONE Campus Ministry and may know that the Summit donates some funding towards us, but that may be the extent of your knowledge.

We've decided that it was about time that our Summit family knew more about us and what we do!

It's pretty self-explanatory who we are from the name, but what you probably don't know is how much we do on campus, both at Sault College and Algoma University.

Each year ONE hosts weekly gatherings that we call Life Pods. We offer students snacks, friendship and an open time to discuss and learn about God and the Bible. This year we've not only been blessed with local students but also an influx of international students who we've grown to know and love. We've also had enough students attending this year to be able to run on two different nights of the week; one group hosting at Sault College and one at Algoma U.

Throughout the year we aim to plan monthly events and what we call "Action Pods" as well, to promote ONE and interact with the students. Some things that we have done around campus are:

- Set up a large Kraft Dinner box tower and asked students to guess the number of boxes
- Gone door to door at Algoma U's townhouse residence asking to come in and clean their kitchens for free. You can imagine the response we get!
- Each semester we give out approximately 300 "Stress Kits", care packages stuffed with goodies to love on the students during exam times and lessen their stress.
- We set up a table at Algoma U pubs, called Hydration Stations, and serve water to the students there in attempt to lessen the effects of the alcohol they would be consuming during the evening.
- Hosted a Q&A night for students to ask a panel of pastors and life-long Christians questions that they may have and gain answers that they can relate to.

We also run monthly events such as sleigh rides, our yearly banquet, skating nights, Searchmont ski night, video game and board game nights, and last year we even hosted a Paint War (it was very messy!)

So there you go. That is who ONE Campus Ministry is and what we do to serve the students of Sault Ste. Marie just as God has asked us to do in the most loving ways we can think of. I hope you enjoyed getting to know us!



## Family Day Activities











Try one of these activities on Monday February 20, Family Day:

1. Make Breakfast together - try something that lets each member of the family participate, like pancakes, or scrambled eggs. One person can do the mixing, one can do the pouring - everyone can do the eating
2. Make short movies using the family video camera or smartphone. Make popcorn and watch the movies together as a family.
3. Hold a Guinness-style records breaking competition. Who can stack the most (unbreakable) cups? Who can balance a book on their head the longest? Let the youngest in the family come up with the challenge. Make a trophy for the winner and have everyone try again next Family Day!
4. Devote the day to loving on your neighbourhood. Try one, or some, of the following as a family: walk around your neighbourhood with trash bags and clean up any litter you find, shovel your neighbour's driveway or sidewalk without letting them know, leave a smiling snowman on your neighbour's lawn - just for fun, what other ways can you love on your neighbours?

**Meals on Wheels**  
A local program that delivers nutritionally balanced meals to vulnerable people that are house bound or unable to cook for themselves.  
Volunteers Needed ASAP!  
Call Donna Boston @  
705-256-4239

# HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP

## FEBRUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>If we missed your birthday, please email <a href="mailto:info@thesummitcommunity.com">info@thesummitcommunity.com</a> to let us know!</p>	<p>Click on the dates below to find out more about what is happening for Bon Soo this year!</p> 	1	2	3	 David Kars	4
5 SUPERBOWL on the BIG SCREEN - bring your own snacks. - Doors open @ 5:30pm	6 Life Group: • Bishop's @ 6:30pm • Murdoch's @ 7:30pm	7	8 Life Group: O'Laney @ 7:30pm	9 Life Group: Dundas' @ 7pm	10	11
12 Life Group: Smith's @ 7:00pm	13 Life Group: • Bishop's @ 6:30pm • Murdoch's @ 7:30pm	14 	15 Life Group: O'Laney @ 7:30pm  Marleen Bedryk & Brew McBride 	16 Life Group: Dundas' @ 7pm	17  Stelina Nardi	18
19 Life Group: Smith's @ 7:00pm   Ashley McMinn	20 Life Group: • Bishop's @ 6:30pm • Murdoch's @ 7:30pm   Braeden Davey & Rowena Kirk	21	22 Life Group: O'Laney @ 7:30pm	23 Life Group: Dundas' @ 7pm	24	25 Family Afternoon of Fun @ 3pm -meet at Finn hill for some snow fun  David Helwig & Katie Bedley 
26 Life Group: Smith's @ 7:00pm   Kevin Dundas & Laura O'Laney	27 Life Group: • Bishop's @ 6:30pm • Murdoch's @ 7:30pm	28  Laura Prieb	29 Life Group: O'Laney @ 7:30pm	<p><b>Do you want to join a life group? Just give any of the leaders a call to find out more information!</b></p> <p>Laura O'Laney - 175 Woodward Ave - 705.206.6616            Gerald &amp; Claudette Murdoch - 126 Denis St - 705.942.4894            Heath &amp; Diane Bishop - 20 Pelican Dr - 705.946.1341            Nathan &amp; Ali Smith - 26 The Crescent - 705.253.4789            Kevin &amp; Krista Dundas - 945 North St - 705.759.1619</p>		

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