

# THE SUMMIT

## JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2012

Monthly Newsletter

January 2012

### New Series: Living Life in the Zone

Beginning Sunday January 8, 2012

Don't you hate it when your life feels completely out of control, and chaos becomes a normal staple in your home? How do you feel when every aspect of living is a daily 'reaction' to the situation at hand? You start to believe that having balance and sanity in your routine, your family life, your time, your finances, your everything is merely a myth, a hollywood fantasy of real life. If you're here, then hopefully this series will be able to encourage you how to start **Living Life in the Zone**.



### Life Groups Resuming for 2012

See dates, times, & hosts on back calendar

It's a new year and a new start for our Life Groups that take place throughout the week. This is a great way to be "the church" beyond a Sunday attendance. The Summit's Life Groups are meant to allow you to connect with one another and share life together - your victories, your struggles, your learning, your questions, etc.! If you've not chosen a Life Group, this is a GREAT time to do so.

Be sure to check out the back page for all the details on who is hosting each Life Group!

## Pastor's Note

*No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. Philippians 3:13-14 (NLT)*

I don't know about any of you, but this verse gives me great confidence as I prepare to embark on a new journey called '2012'. When I look back and see my failed attempts at physical health, my wrong attitudes towards people and situations, my disobedience to God's plans, I'm encouraged that there's still hope to finish this journey strong.

Paul understood something very important; the road we're on requires steady endurance. There will be many potholes and detours

along the way; that's a given, the question is whether or not we'll keep moving forward in order to finish this marathon we've begun. I know that when we look back over 2011 many of us see a few great accomplishments, some half finished tasks and even more failed attempts. What's very natural to many of us is to focus on the failed attempts and use that as our decision to not try again. What I often wonder is how many people miss what lies just around the corner because they have their eyes keenly focused on the past.

I truly enjoy teaching people, and one of the gifts God has given me is the opportunity of investing in young lives through volleyball. For me it's never been just about the game, volleyball merely provides me with a practical tool to encourage people to walk forward on their life's journey. As I coach, my athletes make lots of mistakes; I actually prepare them by telling them they will fail from time to time, but that this is nothing to worry about. The

key focus I want them to zero in on is what will they do once they fail. Will they dwell on what went wrong and use that as a crutch to never try again? Or will they merely look at that moment, learn what they can and move forward.

Now please don't miss what I'm saying, this isn't a Dr. Phil self help technique. No, Philippians is very clear that the past with all its discouraging failures is not where our eyes should lie. Allow me to prepare you a bit... you will fail at times on this journey, it's a given. But you don't need to dwell on it, potentially causing you to quit this marathon called the 'walk of Christ'. The road ahead with all that Christ has in store for us as we run, walk or crawl to the finish line is what we should keep in our sight.

"No matter what a man's past may have been, his future is spotless."  
—John R. Rice

# Family Matters

Looking for some fun activities for the family?  
Some community happenings in January:

## Family Skate Days

- \* January 1 2-4pm (doors open at 1:30) - the Celebrate100! Official Kick-Off Event. Free Family Skate including balloon magic, face painting, hot chocolate and cookies! Check out <http://www.essarcentre.ca/events.aspx?ID=427> for more information.
- \* January 2 @ 1-3pm McMeeken Centre - Tim Horton's Free Holiday Skate
- \* January 3 @ 7-8pm John Rhodes Arena 1 - Tim Horton's Free Holiday Skate
- \* January 4 @ 3:30-5:30pm John Rhodes Arena 2 - Tim Horton's Free Holiday Skate
- \* January 5 @ 12-2pm John Rhodes Arena 1 - Tim Horton's Free Holiday Skate



## Greyhound Games for January

If you're wanting to support our very own Sault Greyhounds this January, you have many opportunities to do so! Here is the home schedule for our Soo Hounds:

- \* January 4 @ 7:05pm Essar - Soo Greyhounds vs. London
- \* January 6 @ 7:35pm Essar - Soo Greyhounds vs. Windsor
- \* January 7 @ 7:35pm Essar - Soo Greyhounds vs. Guelph
- \* January 13 @ 7:35pm Essar - Soo Greyhounds vs. Saginaw
- \* January 15 @ 7:05pm Essar - Soo Greyhounds vs. London
- \* January 27 @ 7:35pm Essar - Soo Greyhounds vs. Erie
- \* January 29 @ 7:05pm Essar - Soo Greyhounds vs. Plymouth

## Other Ideas for Fun Family Activities

- \* Child Care Algoma's [21st Season of Community Christmas for Children](http://www.childcarealgoma.ca/UploadedFiles/File/CCC-2011%20calendar%20FINAL.pdf) has many FREE activities for children and families alike. Check out the calendar of activities by clicking the link above or visit: <http://www.childcarealgoma.ca/UploadedFiles/File/CCC-2011%20calendar%20FINAL.pdf>
- \* Spending some time outside in the snow this month? (If the snow ever comes!) Check out this fun game to play outside in the snow: <http://rhythmofthehome.com/2011/11/snow-play-game-with-children-fox-and-geese/>
- \* Too cold to go out in the snow? Don't want to bundle up? Bring the snow inside! Here are some ideas, parents and caregivers: <http://rhythmofthehome.com/2011/11/snowball-curriculum-snow-teaching-tool-kids-different-ages/>

## An Old Favourite with a New Twist!

Warming up after playing in the snow? Have Mom and Dad help you add these twists to your cup of hot chocolate:

- \* garnish your cocoa with a candy cane which can double as a stirrer
- \* top with whipped cream and coloured sprinkles
- \* make a 'milky way' drink by adding caramel topping
- \* place chocolate chips in the bottoms of a clear glass mug. Add steaming hot milk and stir the melted chocolate
- \* top hot cocoa with whipped cream and cinnamon
- \* drop a scoop of peppermint ice cream into a mug of hot chocolate

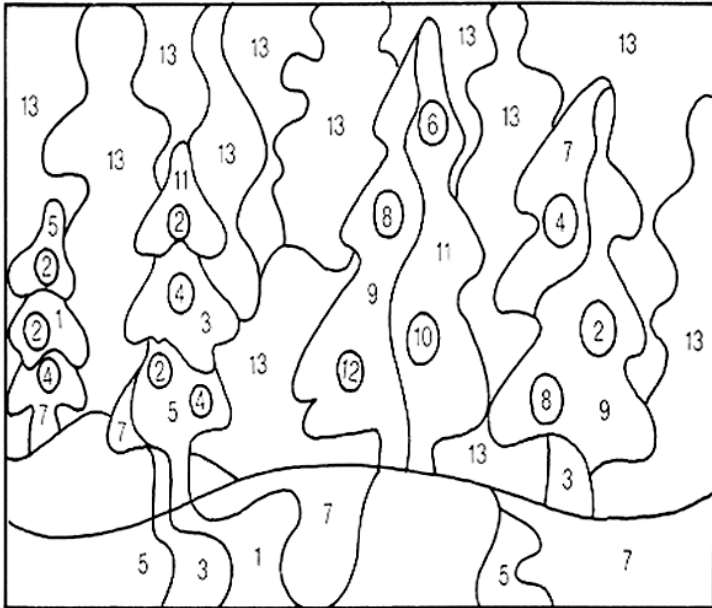
Yummy - enjoy!



# Kid's Corner

Enjoy colouring these winter scenes!

## Holiday Color-by-Number



Color: -the odd numbers green  
 -the even numbers red  
 -the number "13" sections blue



## New Year, New Start

### A New Year With The Lord

A new year is about to unfold  
 With new opportunities to explore  
 Doors will open for new experiences  
 New adventures with the Lord

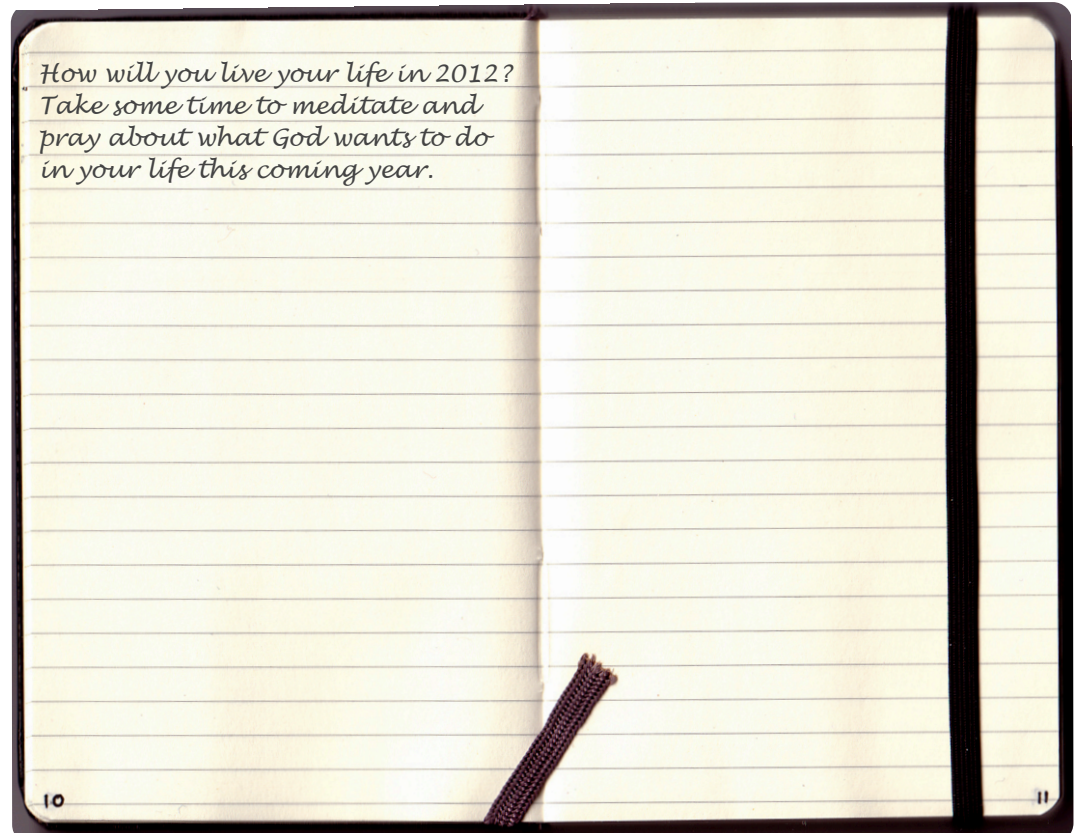
Remember not the former things  
 The things of this past year  
 The Lord will do new things in us  
 Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us  
 As we put our trust in Him  
 And He will guide our every step  
 By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts  
 We find we'll be able to do  
 If we look for the opportunities  
 We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back  
 But rise up and take our place  
 And be all that God wants us to be  
 With a fresh touch of His grace

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# HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP

## JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  	2 Life Group: O'Laney @ 7:30pm  Chris Bedley 	3 Life Group: Myers @ 7:30pm 	4 	5 Mark Pritchard  	6  Brad Davey	7
8 Life Group: Smith's @ 7:00pm	9 Life Group: • Bishop's @ 6:30pm • Murdoch's @ 7:30pm	10 Life Group: Myers @ 7:30pm	11 Life Group: O'Laney @ 7:30pm  Cody Jones	12	13	14  Evan Smith
15 Life Group: Smith's @ 7:00pm	16 Life Group: • Bishop's @ 6:30pm • Murdoch's @ 7:30pm	17 Life Group: Myers @ 7:30pm	18 Life Group: O'Laney @ 7:30pm  Gerry Kirk	19	20	21
22 Life Group: Smith's @ 7:00pm	23 Life Group: • Bishop's @ 6:30pm • Murdoch's @ 7:30pm  Stephanie Bell	24 Life Group: Myers @ 7:30pm	25 Life Group: O'Laney @ 7:30pm	26	27 Family Night of Fun @ 7pm - Details TBA	28
29 Family Sunday - No Service  Life Group: Smith's @ 7:00pm	30 Life Group: • Bishop's @ 6:30pm • Murdoch's @ 7:30pm	31 Life Group: Myers @ 7:30pm	If we missed your birthday, please email <a href="mailto:info@thesummitcommunity.com">info@thesummitcommunity.com</a> to let us know!	Do you want to join a life group? Just give any of the leaders a call to find out more information!  Laura O'Laney - 175 Woodward Ave - 705.206.6616 Gerald & Claudette Murdoch - 126 Denis St - 705.942.4894 Gary & Cathy Myers - Location TBA - 705.254.6541 Heath & Diane Bishop - 20 Pelican Dr - 705.946.1341 Nathan & Ali Smith - 26 The Crescent - 705.253.4789 Kevin & Krista Dundas - 945 North St - 705.759.1619		

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