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The Suburban Connection

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Fall Family Festival 2020

Saturday, October 31

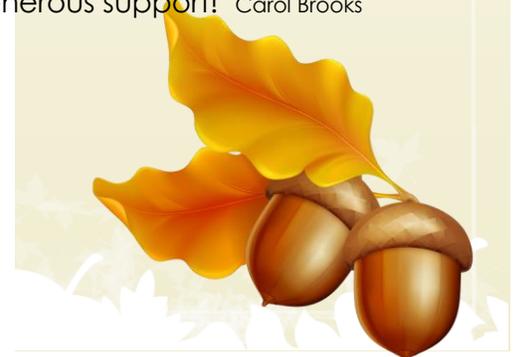
5:00 – 7:00 PM

Fall is officially here and once again it is time for our Fall Festival! Despite all the “treats” 2020 has given us, we are prepared to press on and give our community a little bit of normalcy. We are asking for full size candy bars (but will not turn down donations of any kind) to make up for the lack of traditional trunks & treats this year. Each child will receive a pre-made bag of candy & goodies when they stop by. There will be games and crafts instead of our bouncy houses and the chance to win prizes in our costume contests. We will have food available but it will be pre-packaged in a “to-go” box.

We will still need volunteers to man the games and crafts stations, to greet visitors, to monitor food distribution & packaging and especially to set up & break down everything. There will be a sign-up sheet out in the foyer soon for those who want to help that night.

If you do not feel comfortable volunteering in person, there is still something you can do...Pray! We are asking for everyone to pray. Please pray for the festival itself that it is a success despite the current challenges. Pray for our volunteers that they will be able to interact with someone who needs to hear God's Word. Pray for our community that they will feel comfortable enough with Suburban to come out and participate even if it is only for an hour or so. Pray for the children that they will find us to be a beacon of God's light in the darkness of the world. Finally, pray for the safety of all involved, not just at SCC but across the nation.

Our church family ALWAYS pulls through to make events special and meaningful, so we are certain this year will be no different. Thank you for your generous support! Carol Brooks



From The Pastor's Desk:
Whoever Captures Lives Is Wise!

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life and whoever captures souls is wise.” Proverbs 11:30

This verse teaches us that the righteous live in such a way that they produce life-giving fruit...the fruit of a righteous person literally is a tree of life. When we follow Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit produces fruit in us...the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, and self-control. This fruit is the life of the Holy Spirit in us. Paul describes this life in us as, “an aroma of life leading to life.” (2 Corinthians 2:16)

This verse also teaches that this life-giving fruit is so attractive that it has the effect of capturing lives. When our family and friends see the beauty of Christ in us, it draws them, it captivates them, it captures them. In other words, God works through the fruit that He produces in our lives to bring others to Himself.

People are watching us. Our children are watching. Our co-workers are watching. Our neighbors are watching. By God's grace may we walk in righteousness and be a tree of life that God uses to capture their soul!

By God's Grace,
Pastor Todd



What's Happening In ... Sunday School

It has been so wonderful to welcome our families back to Sunday school! We have had five families participate - temperatures taken on arrival and socially distanced- but smiling and happy to be together again. We have music to "get the wiggles out", hands-on activities for the family to do together at their table, and Bible lessons about Jesus and His teachings. We have focused on the verse: "He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves; in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:13-14

AYM Sunday school has been meeting upstairs with Sally and her team. The teens are learning about Jonah and what he discovered about God in trying times. Lively discussion and thought-provoking questions keep the half hour class moving quickly!

We are praising God for His faithfulness, protection, and love.

Please join us - Adult Sunday School- 9:00-10:00

Families and Teens – 9:30-10:00

A big thanks to Ron's class who led the way and made room for us by moving to the other side of the fellowship hall – THANK YOU ALL! Jan Grills



October is

Pastor

APPRECIATION MONTH

SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes
Senior Pastor



Sally Harden
Director of Youth Ministry



Sarah Nelapaty
Director of Children's Ministries



MISSION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

To glorify God, by making disciples of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

VISION: WHAT WILL THAT LOOK LIKE?

A growing faith in God
A growing love for God
A growing love for others

ACTION: HOW WILL THIS HAPPEN?

Drawing near to God
Pursuing community
Reaching our world

Visit us on Facebook! Search for "Suburban Christian Church" on www.facebook.com

We want to hear from you! Contact us at newsletter@sccvb.org

Suburban Mothers' Day Out Kids

Suburban Kids

Registration Open!

MDO

Ages: 2 1/2 to 4

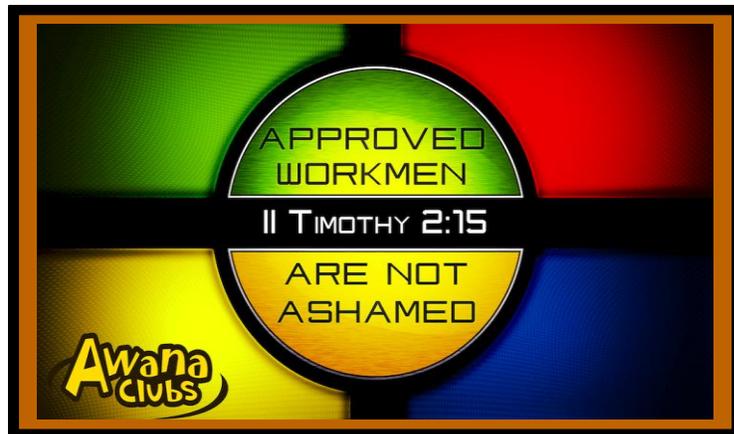
Programs:
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesday - Friday

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AWANA Ministry – Registration begins October 4th!

Welcome Back Clubbers, Leaders, and Parents the best part of the year is coming back AWANA TIME!!!!!!!!!! I know that after this year I am excited to get back to a somewhat normal schedule. I think that it is the perfect time to begin club. I know that I am really looking forward to seeing everyone again and hear about everyone's summer. Ms. Carol and I have been working hard to create an amazing club with fun theme nights.



It is going to be a lot different than years in the past, but we are still going to be blessing these clubbers with the gospel of Jesus Christ. So, please join us and kick off a great AWANA YEAR!!!!

At this time, please remember we are only having the **Sparks and TNT Clubs** until further notice. Please continue to pray for our AWANA kids and volunteers. Pray that we all remain focused on helping the kids grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. Pray also that all that we do will be for God's Glory, and not our own.

Liz Bonnett

Date: October 4th

Place: Suburban Christian Church Fellowship Hall

Time: 5PM-6PM



Operation Christmas Child

The time is fast approaching for the collection of the shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child. We are now accepting any items you have been collecting at home to help fill the boxes. You can bring them by the church on Sundays or during the week when the office is open.

We will not be having a "Packing Party" this year. Instead, we will have the tables set up in the Mother's Day Out area filled with the donated items, the empty shoeboxes, labels and rubber bands so that individuals can come in during office hours and fill some boxes. There will be a sign-up sheet available on-line to reserve a half-hour space per family. This way, we will not take any chances of infection with COVID 19. Your family can come in safely and fill as many boxes as you wish during your time slot until we run out of supplies. The dates for this are **Tuesday, November 3rd through Friday, November 6th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.**

Our church is again a Drop-Off Collection Site for the filled shoeboxes from others. The National Collection Week is November 16th – 23rd. This will be a contactless curbside drop off this year.

The items we need the most for our collection are soft toys, soap, and washcloths. Any other items you have or want to donate will also be accepted.

Call me if you have questions and know that I am praying for you and for the ministry. Thank you for all your help. Lynn Cooke, 424-9869.

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School Class taught by Ron Raymer has been meeting in person since late June at its normal time of 9:00 am. The class members truly appreciate the opportunity to fellowship with one another and have a bit of normalcy in the midst of the pandemic. The class usually has 20-25 members in person that exercise social distancing and another 10 to 15 usually join the class on a conference call telephone line. The class is in the middle of a study of the book of Acts and is learning a lot about Christian witness from the examples of the apostles.

Ron Raymer



Music Ministry



First a great huge thank you to the praise team singers and musicians for keeping the music going all this time. We are going to attempt to prepare some Christmas music for the choir to present in December. I have ordered music and will be contacting you concerning how we will be learning our parts and when and how we will be able to rehearse. Please let me know if you are still interested and able to sing with us. God is in control as always, if it is meant to be, we will be able to present some music to His glory again this year.

Thanks again to all who have been working so hard and to those of you who have been waiting so patiently for a chance to sing to the Lord again.

Hope to see you soon.

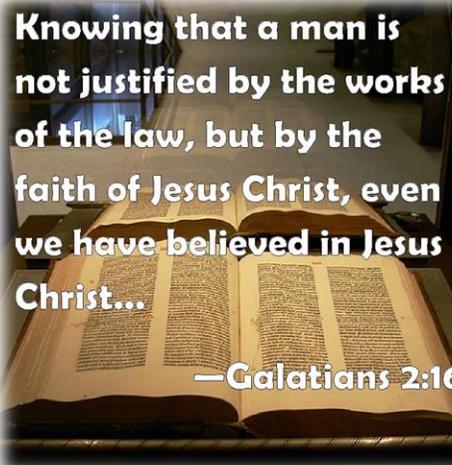
Lynn Cooke

Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord. Psalm 150: 6

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

The Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study will meet on October 3rd and again on October 17th. Breakfast begins at 8:00 AM and the Bible Study begins at 8:30 AM.

We will continue our study of **Paul's letter to the Galatians** and the truth that we are "*justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law*" (**GAL. 2:16**). Included will be a study of "faith" as the essential factor in the salvation of mankind by presenting an in-depth discussion of Paul's comparison of "faith" and "law."



Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ...

—Galatians 2:16

The law, according to Paul, only identifies mankind's sins, it does not remove them. Paul's letter then explained why only faith in Christ can do that. The two sessions in October will explore his explanation.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study is an outstanding opportunity for the study of God's Word, for prayer and for fellowship. **It is open to men of all ages; church members and non-members.**

A "home-made" breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, sausage gravy, biscuits, fruit medley, orange juice, and coffee begins in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM and is followed at 8:30 with Bible Study and prayer. It concludes by about 9:15 AM, leaving plenty of time for most Saturday morning obligations.

Bob Grymes

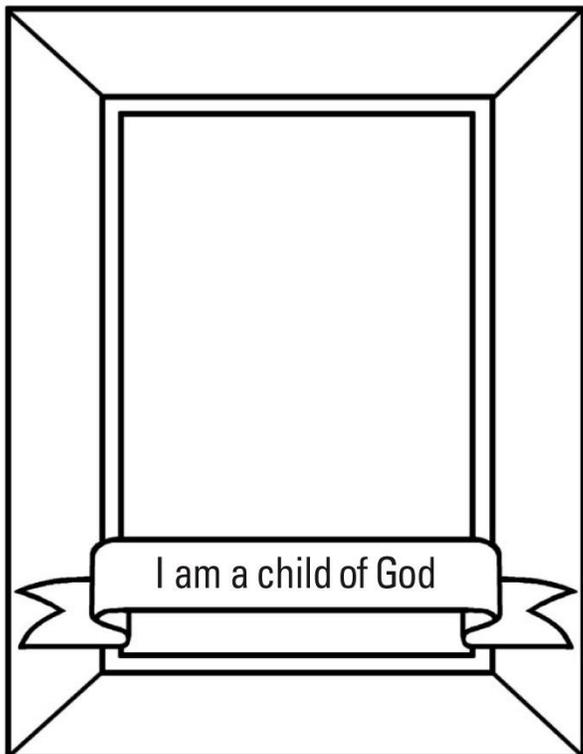
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

COVID 19 protocols including social distancing and masks will continue to be observed, as appropriate.

JUST FOR...

Suburban Kids

Directions: Draw your picture in the center of the frame and color the frame.



Directions: Answer the questions below.

Why do we go to church?

What do you like about Sunday School?

How can you serve others at home or at school?

What is your favorite praise song?

Scrambled Bible Verses
Directions: Look up the Bible verse and put them in order. Sometimes only a portion of the verse is used.



1. Psalm 145:9 all good The is Lord to

2. Proverbs 2:6 gives For wisdom the Lord

3. Isaiah 26:4 the forever Trust Lord in

4. Proverbs 30:5 God word of proves Every true

5. Numbers 6:24 bless and the Lord you you keep

6. Proverbs 3:5 heart in all your Trust the Lord with

7. Psalm 119:105 lamp is for Your a feet word my

Fall Harvest

K X H B T C R C G L R T F J S
 U O C G S E V A E L U P T N Y
 H I M Y Y A H A P W U J I A D
 O R T M B J L B P R K K W S S
 Q C R V U V P C Y P P D M F D
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LEAVES
 FALL
 ACORNS
 WIND
 TREES
 APPLES
 PUMPKINS
 MAPLESYRUP
 SCARECROW
 CORN
 RAKE
 SQUIRREL
 HAY
 TURKEY

We appreciate your service to our country!



Peter L. Schnurr
Lieutenant Colonel/ USMC

Lieutenant Colonel Schnurr enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve on June 6, 1996. He graduated from Rutgers University and attended the Officer Candidate's Course, earning his commission as a Second Lieutenant in April of 1999. He attended the Armor Offices Basic Course in Kentucky and reported for Duty to 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division in Twentynine Palms, California in June of 2000. While there, he served as a Tank Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer and participated in Operation Bright Star following the terrorist attacks on 9/11.



In 2002, He reported to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, South Carolina for duty. While there, he served as a Series Officer and Company Commander in 1st Recruit Training Battalion. He then reported to the Urban Warfare Training Center in California and completed a six-month billet as the Armor Instructor. He detached shortly thereafter to return to Kentucky and attended the Armor Captain's Career Course.

In June of 2006, he returned to 1st Tank Battalion and immediately deployed as an individual augment and served as a Senior Watch Officer for Regimental Combat Team 5 in Fallujah, Iraq. Following this deployment, he returned to 1st Tank Battalion and served briefly as the Assistant Operations Officer before assuming command of Alpha Company in July of 2007. He deployed Animal Company to Iraq and led combat operations through Al Anbar Province, to include Falluja, Ramadi, and the Northern and Southern MEF Security Areas. Animal Company returned in November of 2008 and he assumed duty as the battalion's Operations Officer until May of 2009.

In June of 2009, he reported to Joint Task Force North in Fort Bliss, Texas. While there, he served in a variety of billets, to include Future Operations Planner, Deputy Future Operations Officer, and Deputy Current Operations Officer, while working closely with the US Border Patrol, ICE, FBI, DEA, and other interagency partners. He also completed the Command and Staff Distance Education Program, graduating with honors.

In August of 2012, he returned again to 1st Tank Battalion and immediately detached and reported to the I MEF Advisor Training Cell to serve as an Advisor Team Leader. He deployed a 20-man team to Helmand Province, Afghanistan in March of 2013 and served as an advisor team leader with the . . .

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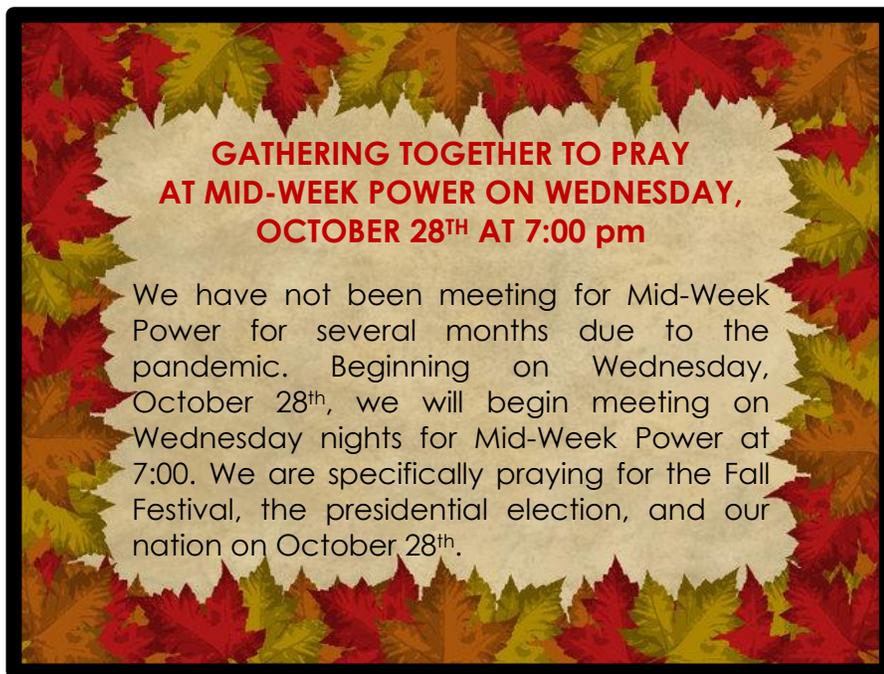
Peter Schnurr continued

Afghan National Police in Sangin District throughout the 2013 fighting season. Upon completing this lengthy tour of duty, he returned to 1st Tank Battalion, where he served as the Battalion Executive Officer.

Reporting to the Marine Corps Security Cooperation Group (MCSCG) in August of 2015, Pete was initially assigned as the Training Instructor Group (TIG) deputy. Shortly, he was assigned as the TIG OIC. In December of 2017, he was tasked with forming and training the first brigade-level advisor team to serve in Afghanistan since 2014. He deployed the team in March of 2018 and served as the team leader and senior advisor to the 1st Brigade, 215 Corps, Afghan National Army. Returning the MDSCG in December of 2018, he was assigned as the Group's Executive Officer.

LtCol Peter Schnurr is married to the former Sarah Singh, and together they have five children – William, Nathaniel, Elijah, Evelyn, and Elizabeth. His personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with “C” device and one gold star, Navy Achievement Medal with one gold star, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Sarah Schnurr



**GATHERING TOGETHER TO PRAY
AT MID-WEEK POWER ON WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 28TH AT 7:00 pm**

We have not been meeting for Mid-Week Power for several months due to the pandemic. Beginning on Wednesday, October 28th, we will begin meeting on Wednesday nights for Mid-Week Power at 7:00. We are specifically praying for the Fall Festival, the presidential election, and our nation on October 28th.




Judeo-Christian Outreach Center



FEED THE HUNGRY

On **Friday, October 16th**, we will be feeding the homeless at the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center in Virginia Beach. We will be preparing bagged lunches with sandwiches, chips, bottled water, and cookies and delivering them to the center to be passed out. We will need volunteers to bring cookies, small individual bags of chips (which can be purchased at Costco, Sam's, or BJ's), and monetary donations to help us with purchasing the ham and turkey for the sandwiches. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the foyer near the church office. Volunteers are needed to help Betty Owens at the church at 1:00 pm on that day to make the sandwiches and prepare the bagged lunches for delivery.

Missions Update

Dear Friends of Project Lucas,

We are so thankful to each of you that encourage us, pray for us, sponsor a child, partner with us monthly, share or like our posts on social media, and give financially to Project Lucas. We are overwhelmed at what God has done the last several months during this global pandemic. We have reached more in our community in ways that we were never able to do before. We are feeding hundreds in the community of Ruiru through our monthly food distribution programs. We have been able to share the gospel with hundreds of people. Last month we were able to supply new beds and bedding to families affected by a fire in a slum near our center.

Earlier this month I was talking online with one of the high school students in our sponsorship program. He shared his thankfulness for the food we provide for his family. I asked him if the food was enough for an entire month. He said, "Yes, but it never lasts because my mother (who is a single mother raising seven children) always gives away food to others in our village who don't have any food or support like we do." I was humbled to hear this story about how our families, who have so little, are caring for others who have even less than they do.

Words can't express how thankful we are for our partners and sponsors. Your giving is helping more people than we may ever know. **Thank you so much.** We are hoping that the Kenyan government will open schools very soon. This will help families greatly since children will have access to food and parents be able to look for jobs. We will keep you updated. Thanks again to all who give, pray, and encourage us!

If you haven't been to our website in a while, check it out at projectlucas.org. Also, please follow us on Facebook (Project Lucas Inc) or Instagram (@projectlucaskenya). If you have any questions about our work in Kenya, feel free to email me at scott@projectlucas.org.

In His Grip,



Scott Dishong





God is STILL NOT in Quarantine! GCRI Fall 2020 Project

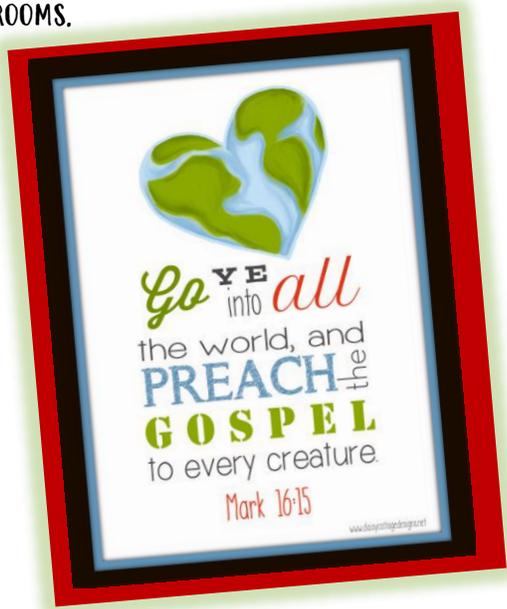
MYANMAR BIBLE / MISSIONARY TRAINING CENTER

ROMANS 15:20-21...AND THUS I MAKE IT MY AMBITION TO PREACH THE GOSPEL, NOT WHERE CHRIST HAS ALREADY BEEN NAMED, LEST I BUILD ON SOMEONE ELSE'S FOUNDATION, BUT AS IT IS WRITTEN, THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN TOLD OF HIM WILL SEE, AND THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD WILL UNDERSTAND.

GCRI INVITES YOU TO JOIN IN FOUNDING A BIBLE/MISSIONARY TRAINING CENTER IN NORTHEASTERN MYANMAR. MYANMAR NATIONAL OUTREACH (MNO) HAS A VISION TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL AND PLANT CHURCHES AMONG THE UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS IN MYANMAR. THE MISSION LEADER, JOHN LUNG, FELT GOD'S CALL TO LEAVE HIS POSITION AS A BIBLE COLLEGE TEACHER IN 2014 TO BEGIN THIS MISSIONARY WORK AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE NO ACCESS TO THE GOSPEL.

THE BIBLE/MISSIONARY TRAINING CENTER IS CURRENTLY OPERATING FROM RENTED HOUSING. BUDDHIST LANDLORDS PUT RESTRICTIONS ON WHAT THEY CAN DO. HAVING THEIR OWN BUILDING WILL GIVE MNO FREEDOM TO INSTRUCT CLASSES AS THEY DESIRE AND HAVE WORSHIP WITH MUSIC. THEY WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO TAKE IN GREATER NUMBERS OF STUDENTS. TRAINING REQUIRES 2-4 YEARS. PROJECT COST TOTAL: \$70,000 TO INCLUDE DORMITORY, OFFICE, DINING HALL, KITCHEN, AND BATHROOMS.

GCRI Website



Ambassador Youth Ministry



KNOW *the* TRUTH

AYM has Youth Sunday School! On Sunday mornings our teenagers have been meeting in the Upper Room. After a song of worship, we start our group discussion of Jonah and his life running from God, then to God, and finally Running with God to fulfill God's plan. In October we are starting a new lesson. If your student thinks they know what truth means, then we challenge them to join us Sunday mornings at 9:20 AM and tell us what they think!

AYM NIGHTS ARE BACK!

Ambassador Youth Ministry is beginning to make its way back into a normal weekly meeting! Even though it is beginning to get chilly, this past Sunday we celebrated getting back together with a bash at the beach. The day was perfect.



What we are the most excited about is meeting back in the Upper Room of the church for Sunday night youth group! On **Sunday, October 4th**, AYM will be meeting at 6:45 PM until 8 PM. We will have a time of worship, a Bible lesson, followed by discussion. Doors will open at 6:35 for students to arrive. Please be praying for our students. They are balancing school, jobs, extracurriculars, and youth groups. While most of their schooling is online, there is something to be said about in-person meetings and building relationships face to face. We hope that having youth group meetings in person can help students thrive in a time where it seems hard to do so.

Sally Harden

LIVING AS AMBASSADORS
FOR CHRIST

2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-21

