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The Suburban Connection

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EASTER 2020

Easter was a little different this year because of the Covid-19 situation. We were not able to have our annual Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt with the children of our church and community. So, Pastor Todd and Wendy had the idea of bringing Easter to the families with children who had registered with us. Parents were called and alerted that Pastor Todd and Wendy were on the way with a surprise. They quickly hid 12 eggs (one being empty symbolizing the empty tomb), taped a sign on the door, rang the doorbell or knocked, and RAN! They enjoyed spreading fun and the Easter story with our children. A big **THANK YOU** to the parents for allowing Pastor Todd and Wendy to have a little fun with your children during this unique time in our country.



Save the Date – TO BE ANNOUNCED

Congregational Meeting

TBA

The Spring Congregational Meeting has been postponed until the COVID-19 gathering restrictions have been lifted. We will let you know the date for this meeting as soon as we can.



From the Pastor's Desk:

THE LIFE-CHANGING POWER OF THE NEW COVENANT

In Hebrews 8: 8-12, the author of Hebrews is comparing the limited nature of the Old Covenant with the life-changing power of the New Covenant. He highlights three ways that we see the power of the Gospel to save. We are going to look at these in the reverse order than how they are given in the text.

1. REMOVAL OF SIN - HEBREWS 8:12

"For I will be merciful toward their iniquities and I will remember their sins no more." It is only through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ that there can be complete and forever forgiveness. The Old Testament sacrifices were unable to do this.

2. RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD – HEBREWS 8:10b,11

"And I will be there God and they shall be my people. And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother saying, 'know the Lord,' for they shall all know me from the least of them to the greatest." This type of personal, intimate relationship was not possible through the sacrificial system under the law. But now, through the shed blood of Jesus, God has promised that we will know him intimately forever.

3. RENEWING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS - HEBREWS 8:10

"I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts." The Old Testament was characterized by the law being written on tablets of stone. But now, through the death of Jesus, the Holy Spirit has been poured out upon God's people. It is through the indwelling Holy Spirit that our minds and hearts are renewed to love God and to love our neighbor.

The Old Covenant was limited and provisional. It prepared the way and pointed us to the ultimate sacrifice of God's son, Jesus Christ. It is through the power of His sacrifice that we experience the removal of sin, and intimate and eternal relationship with God, and the inward transformation of heart and mind through the Holy Spirit.

Praising God for the Power of the Gospel!
Pastor Todd



What's Happening In... Suburban Kids

AWANA

A LOOK AT OUR CUBBIES CLUB

At SCC AWANA Club we are so lucky to have a club dedicated to preschoolers, The Cubbies Club. This club is amazing, and we are blessed to have two of the kindest leaders out there Ms. Michelle and Ms. Donna. They both have such a passion for teaching our littlest clubbers.

"Cubbies® celebrates the spiritual potential of preschoolers (ages 3 to 5) by helping them develop respect for God, His Son and His Word.

Preschoolers can hardly wait for their next Cubbies club meeting. Whether it is the fun puppets, the exciting games or all their Cubbies friends, they simply love it. At Story Time each week, preschoolers learn about God – the greatness of His love and His Word – and about His Son, Jesus Christ, the promised Savior. Non-competitive games build excitement and reinforce Story Time lesson themes. Cubbies helps lead your child to God early so your child will respect and trust Him for life.

The Cubbies curriculum features two handbooks. Both are written in a fun, storybook style with read-aloud stories and lovable characters that appeal to preschoolers.

The AppleSeed and HoneyComb handbooks combine basic Scripture memory with parent-child activities to help Cubbies grasp simple biblical truths. Each Cubbies handbook contains a helpful review CD to use at home. One handbook is completed in a club year.

Liz Bonnett



Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

Suburban Kids Mother's Day Out is now enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year.

Children ages 2 ½ - 4 year olds

Tuesday – Friday (9:00am – 1:00 pm)

We offer Bible, Music, & Spanish along with STEM activities daily.

We are also looking for a mature, nurturing and patient teacher for the 2-year-old class. If you have any questions, please call the church office (757-495-0352) or Andrea Hoover (757-575-2670).

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12



Life Group Update



One way several of our Life Groups are staying connected despite the COVID 19 situation is through Zoom. Ron and Stacie Raymer's group meets on Friday evenings, Pastor Todd and Wendy's group meets on Thursday evenings, and the McGrady group meets Tuesday mornings. They have continued their studies and have encouraged one another during this unusual time in our country. As Pastor Todd has said, "Thank you guys for your continued faithfulness and meeting together. I believe the Lord is definitely working through all of this. Please continue to pray for God to pour out His Spirit on Suburban."

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CORNER



May is the month in which we generally begin collecting for Operation Christmas Child. We will start collecting as usual with a few changes. We can keep our donations at home or drop them by the church office until we are able to gather again for services. There are online sources for each of the following items that can be delivered.

MAY ITEMS:

SOAP
WASHCLOTHS
TOOTHBRUSHES



Don't forget to be setting aside money donations to help with the shipping costs.

Also, if you are crafty, you can be making items to help fill the shoe box gifts, too. So far, I know of these things being made at home: crocheted washcloths and toys, sewn pillowcase dresses, skirts, shorts, pajamas, and small quilts, handwritten notes and letters to the children, tic-tac-toe games, beaded "bendy" dolls, and beaded jewelry. If you are working on something, let me know so I can share with everyone what is happening. Keep praying for OCC and for the rest of Samaritan's Purse's ministries and for an end to the virus attack. God always answers prayer.

Hope to see you all soon, Lynn Cooke



Sunday School

As we have been home with more time to read our Bibles, I hope we all have discovered that it truly is God's love letter to us, individually. I pray the following quote from Jim Branch will challenge and encourage you.

“When we read Scripture, we must learn to read with a different set of eyes...we must turn our eyes into ears. For it is through the Scripture that we hear God's voice. The Scriptures are an incredibly beautiful love letter written to us from our God.

I don't know about you, but when I get a letter from someone that is dear to me, I do not read it like I would read a textbook. I take the letter to a quiet place, and I read every single line, every single word. As a matter of fact, I read between the lines. I read it slowly, stopping from time to time to consider the depths of what I've just read. I savor it and try to enjoy every single bit of it. I read it in a way that allows me to hear the voice of the one I love in and through the text. And when I'm finished reading it, I read it again, and again. I read it not for information, but for *formation*; not to work on the text, but to let the text work on me.

I do this because of the love of the one who wrote it. I want to fully know that love. I want to be captured by that love. I want to hear and experience every bit of that love and affection. So, it is with each of us when we read the Word of God. It is God's letter of love and affection to each of us, meant to capture our hearts and kindle our affections.”

As we wait until we can meet together again to read and study God's word, may each of us be captured by His love expressed in His letter to us.

Jan Grills

SECRET CHURCH 2020

GOD, GOVERNMENT, AND THE GOSPEL

There were technical difficulties when Secret Church 2020 was aired Friday night, April 24th and many of those who signed up were not able to log on. The issue has been fixed and has now been made available for viewing. If you would like to participate, we have the material available at the church, along with the log in information.

Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Just for...



Suburban Kids

Directions: Look up this verse in your Bible and fill in the blanks.

Hebrews 11:7

By _____ Noah,
 being _____ by
 God concerning _____ as yet
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 By this he condemned the
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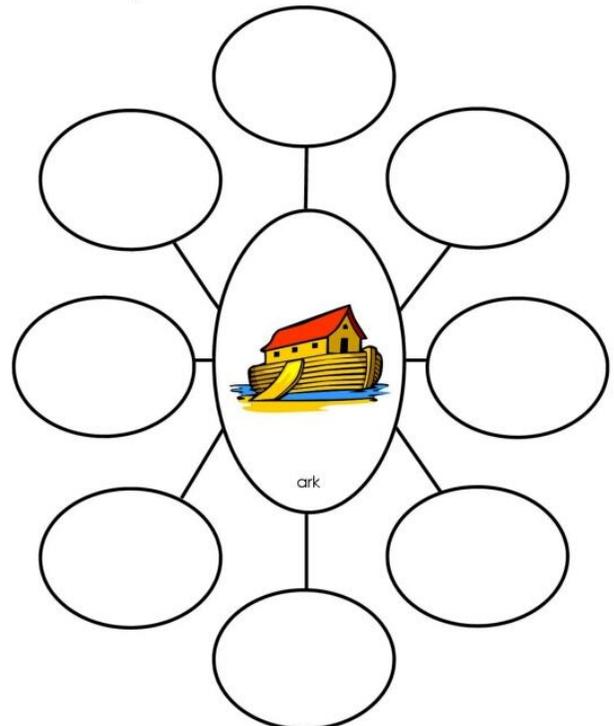
Noah's Ark Word Search

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- evil
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- obedient
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Color Me



Write a word in the circles that describes the picture in the middle circle.