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The Suburban Connection

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Calling All Dads, Moms, Grandparents!!

In our new "Covid 19 world", do you feel confused about who to listen to or what to believe? With so much conflicting information, it can be hard to know what to do. It is important to keep ourselves well physically, but even more so spiritually during this time.

Jesus told us, **"You will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free."** **John 8:32.** In the little book of 2 John, the apostle John wanted the "chosen lady and her children" to be assured of the Truth – not just knowing the Truth, but that she and her family would live in the Truth and the Truth would live in them. He wrote about teaching the Truth and being on guard against error and deception. John saw the family as integral to living a Christ honoring life and ensuring that the pure Gospel message was going forward.

So – not knowing what the future holds for us and our church, my challenge to you is to commit to Sunday school in your own home during this time. God has given parents (and grandparents) the awesome privilege and responsibility to pass on His Truth to the next generation. I cannot think of anything more powerful than a Dad or Mom sitting down with the Bible and reading it aloud to their children, and then talking about it together. The kids may ask you questions you cannot answer (kids are good at that!). It is ok to say, "I don't know, let's see what we can learn about that". Pray and ask God for wisdom and insight. He delights to lead us as we lead our children to Him. We will be praying for you and getting Scripture and discussion questions out to you each week to support you as you lead your family.

Jan Grills

Save the Date!

Communion

July 5th

More information
to come!

***"Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work in us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen."* Ephesians 3: 20-21**

From the Pastor's Desk: RESTORATION

“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.” Colossians 1: 19-22

There are a lot of ways you can describe God's work of redeeming sinful humanity. One word that has stuck out in my mind in these last few days is the word, **restoration**.

When you think about it, sin destroyed mankind's relationship with God. The intimacy that Adam and Eve once enjoyed with God was lost because of sin. No longer were they able to enjoy walks with God in the garden of paradise. No longer did they enjoy the sweetness of his fellowship. No longer were their hearts filled with joy as they anticipated their time with God. All of that was lost because of sin. It was because of sin that they were cast out of the garden away from the presence of God.

Ever since that fateful day God has been at work to restore. Everything will eventually lead to the glorious work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Everything in the Old Testament is pointing to the work of restoration that Jesus will accomplish in his death and resurrection. Jesus will come and pay for our sins so that we can experience reconciliation and **restoration** with God. It is only through faith in Jesus Christ that our relationship with God is **restored**.

Not only did sin ruin our relationship with God, it also wrecked our relationship with one another. It didn't take long to see how sin would affect our relationship with each other. Cain would murder his brother Abel because of anger, pride, and jealousy. As we look around our country today, we see how sin has affected our relationships with one another. Anger, pride, jealousy, and racism - all of these sinful attitudes are alive and well. So, what's the answer? The better question is, who is the answer? His name is Jesus!

Yes, just as Jesus came to restore our relationship with God, he also came to **restore** our relationship with one another. It is only through the grace and love of Jesus that we will truly come together and experience the type of human relationship God intended for us. There needs to be a lot of soul searching, confession, and repentance. Only Jesus can bring these about. Politics can't solve these problems, only the person of Jesus. Heaven is going to be a place where we will love God perfectly and love one another perfectly. People from every tribe and tongue and nation will be in heaven. There will be no racial division whatsoever. If that's what the kingdom of God is going to be like, shouldn't we be praying and working for that type of kingdom to come right now? Oh, may we see the kingdom of God come in greater ways. May the Lord be pleased to send revival. May we see the Lord do a mighty work of **restoration** - restoring both our relationship to God and one another.

**Praying for restoration,
Pastor Todd**

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study – June 20th!

Now that the church has resumed Sunday morning services, the Saturday morning Breakfast and Bible Study will also resume. It will meet again on June 20th and will meet once a month on the third Saturday of each month until further notice.

The expository study in the Acts of the Apostles will continue with a brief review of events after Paul's return to Jerusalem at the completion of his Third Missionary Journey. Those events included his report to James and other church leaders, his testimony before the Jewish leadership, his arrest by Roman soldiers, and his defense of false accusations that resulted from Jewish opposition. While under arrest, the Lord appeared to him and with words of encouragement and direction saying, "Take courage, for as you have testified in the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome." (Acts 22:11)

When Roman officials learned of a plot to kill him, they spirited away at night and took him to Caesarea to appear before Felix, the Roman governor. We will study and discuss that in chapters 24 and 25.

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.

Breakfast begins in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am and is followed at 8:30 with Bible study and prayer. It concludes around 9:15 am, leaving plenty of time for most Saturday morning obligations.

Bob Grymes

COVID 19 PROTOCOLS, INCLUDING SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE OBSERVED.

Operation Christmas Child Corner

June is here and we are gearing up for a great year for Operation Christmas Child. Our monthly collections have begun. June's items are **FLIP FLOPS, JUMP ROPES and SUNGLASSES**. If you have not saved up your washcloths, soap, and toothbrushes, yet, you can still purchase them, too. Since we are still sheltering at home, we have a little hoard of donations for the shoe box gifts stacked in the utility room! As far as we know, the boxes will be distributed this year as usual, so keep them in the back of your mind when you do get a chance to get out and shop, or order some things online. The restaurant and hotel supply web sites will let you order from them and the items are much cheaper than the Dollar Tree. Also, Oriental Trading online is a great place for jump ropes. Keep praying for the ministry, the children and each other. Stay safe and well and when you go out, wear your masks to keep others safe, too. I hope to see everyone soon.

Lynn Cooke



Belong Women's Ministry

**"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."
Proverbs 19:21**

Without a doubt, not one of us has escaped feelings of disappointment that were brought on by the cancellation, postponing, or rescheduling of plans that were/are to take place over the last and coming months. Dinner with a friend, birthday parties, concerts, anniversary trips, proms, graduation ceremonies...the list goes on. Plans are needed and it is right and good to make them. What is also right and good, is remembering that the Lord's purposes prevail when our plans do not go as we imagined or perhaps do not happen at all. Even in our disappointment, frustration, anger, confusion, etc., we can take comfort in the knowledge that His purposes are perfect. His timing and plan are always the best because He sees the whole picture, we can only see but a fraction.

One of the numerous things that had to be postponed amid the emerging COVID-19 pandemic, was the women's retreat scheduled for March 26-28 in OBX. And while it is not yet known when the retreat can be safely rescheduled, what **is** known, is that we are thankful for Holy Spirit's guiding wisdom in the decision making and His gracious protection.

While we continue to navigate the many unknowns, we wait prayerfully and patiently, remembering that the Lord's purposes prevail indeed!

The Belong Gang

SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes
Senior Pastor



Sally Harden
Director of Youth Ministry



Sarah Nelapaty
Director of Children's Ministry



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

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

Congratulations 2020 High School Graduate!



Mr. and Mrs. Karl Otto are thrilled to announce that their son, Levi Jacob Otto, will be graduating from Salem High School with an Applied Studies Diploma on June 12, 2020. Levi, who was diagnosed with autism at age 3, is part of an elite group of individuals with autism who graduate from high school. During his time at school, he enjoyed math, puzzles, and building. He is also an excellent reader.



Levi has been part of Suburban Christian Church since 2011. During his time at Suburban, he accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized by Pastor Todd, and was part of AWANA and AYM.



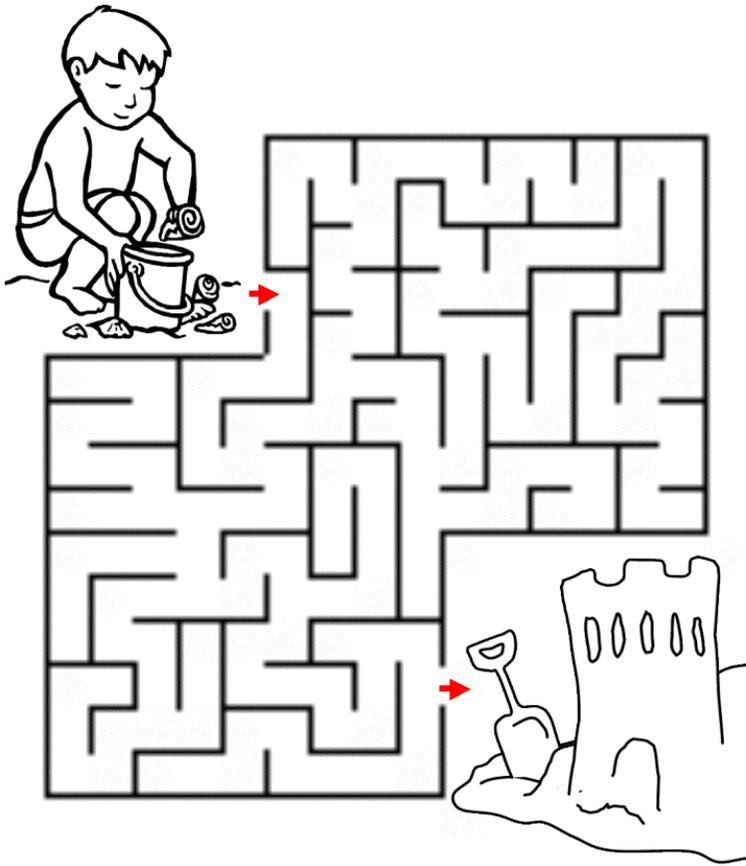
Levi will be moving to Alexandria, VA, with his parents and sister, and will be applying for admission at Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center for vocational training.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

Summer at the Beach Maze

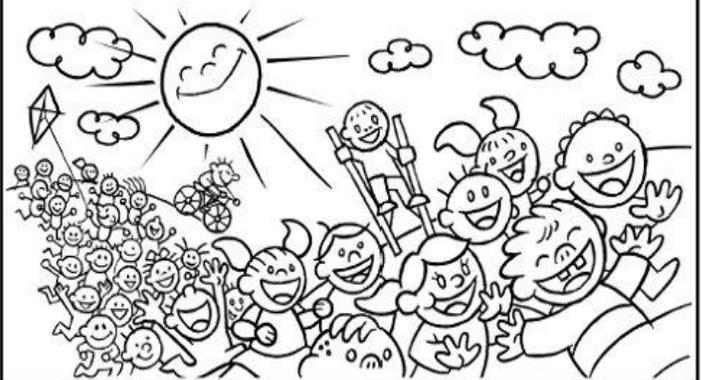
Help the little boy find his sand castle.



Suburban Kids

Summer Word Search

BARBECUE	M	B	P	A	P	N	Z	E	N	B	P	G
CAMPING	X	A	L	I	A	A	U	H	O	F	O	N
FISHING	C	O	E	T	C	C	Q	B	I	R	O	I
FRISBEE	O	A	N	R	E	N	V	V	T	I	L	H
ICE CREAM	X	U	M	B	C	B	I	N	A	S	L	S
PICNIC	S	C	R	P	Q	E	I	C	C	B	R	I
POOL	T	A	S	K	I	A	C	L	A	E	Z	F
SUNGLASSES	B	S	N	N	Y	N	L	I	V	E	Z	T
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VACATION												



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

It is my eager expectation and _____ that..._____ will be honored in my _____, whether by _____ or by _____. For me to _____ is _____ and to _____ is _____.

Philippians 1:20-21

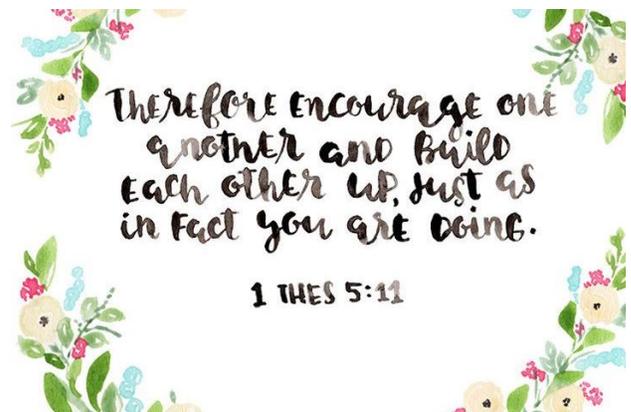


Paul preached the Good News in Jerusalem and in many other cities around the Roman World, and many people became followers of Jesus.

Crisis Pregnancy Center Update



Suburban Parking Lot Fun



Many of our Life Groups have been meeting online during the last few months during the COVID 19 situation. However, one of our Belong groups took this to another level (observing social distancing, of course). Carol Brooks called up her Belong group and they met to chat and encourage one another in our parking lot – Ally Litzenberger, Stacey Super, and Donna and Michelle Hicks. It looks like you all had a great time.

Suburban Kids M D O

There are so many options to get outside and create summer fun right in your own backyard. Try these fun ideas that everyone can enjoy together. Create great summer memories with these cool splashy activities.

Water Balloon Pinata

This is one summer game that will soon become a favorite. Fill some regular-sized balloons with water and tie them to the nearest tree, pole, or clothesline. Then line up the kids, give them a stick (make sure you and the other kiddos keep out of the way) and get them swinging. String up at least six balloons to keep the game flowing and soon they will be giggling and covered in nice cold water.



Ice Painting

Let your kids get creatively messy this summer with an exciting craft that will also cool them down. Simply fill ice cube trays with a variety of washable paint colors, add a popsicle stick to each and freeze! When the ice paint is set, pop your child in some old clothes, grab a huge piece of paper or cardboard box and get them painting with those colorful ice cubes.

Water Blob or Slip 'n Slide

Use plastic sheeting and duct tape to create large plastic pillows (or water blobs) filled with water. Set the blobs up in the yard and allow kids to hop from one blob to another. Or use a plastic tarp and a garden hose to create your own slip 'n slide.

Andrea Hoover



A FEW REMINDERS:

MDO is now enrolling for the 2020-21 school year. Children 2.5-4 years olds Tuesday-Friday 9am-1pm. Our program includes Bible, Music, Spanish, and 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 or are interested, please call the church office (495-0352) or Andréa Hoover (575-2670).