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The Suburban Connection

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GOD DELIGHTS IN DOING NEW THINGS!

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

Isaiah 43: 18,19

How many of us like to try new things? Or maybe a better question is, how many of us like change? There is a sense in which we are all creatures of habit. We have our patterns, our way of doing things and we are not too happy when something new comes along and changes our comfortable routines.

In March of 2020, God in His providence brought change, as He allowed a global pandemic known as Covid-19. For most of the world, things changed drastically. For almost 3 months there was a total lockdown. We became acquainted with new terms like social distancing. I remember the first time going into a store where people were literally turned away if they didn't have a mask on. This was all **new** to us.

March 15th was the first Sunday that church was canceled in the sense that we were not allowed to gather together. For the next month, I preached from my dining room table (along with the help of Jessica). We became familiar with a **new** thing called “Facebook Live.” April 12th, Easter Sunday, was the first Sunday that we worshipped from the sanctuary as the praise team led worship. I was so thankful for the praise team and our audio/visual team. Each week their faithful service allowed people at home to join us in worship. We still were not allowed to have more than 10 people gather together. That was the first time I had preached in an empty sanctuary. This was all **new** to us.

Sunday, May 31, 2020, was the first Sunday we were allowed to have worshipers in the sanctuary. Everyone was required to social distance and wear a mask but at least we were able to gather together. I can't tell you how excited I was to see some of your faces in the pews. It was very emotional for all of us. For the past year this was the **new** normal for Sunday worship.

Not long after that, Ron Raymer started teaching one of our adult Sunday School classes which also allowed those still at home to join in a conference call to listen to the class. This **new** thing was a tremendous blessing to our church family. On the first Sunday in September, we started something new called the Family Sunday School Class. This is something that we had never done before. But God used this **new** thing to be a blessing to our families.

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“New Things” continued...

Toward the end of September, AYM and AWANA started meeting again. In order for these ministries to meet, they had to change and adapt. They had to do **new** things in order to minister to our youth and children. But God used these **new** ways to bless our families. Our Good News Club that ministers to Woodstock Elementary had to do something **new**. Instead of going to the school and sharing God's Word, we had to meet through zoom. Ah yes, ZOOM - something **new** that most of us have become very acquainted with. But again, this turned out to be a blessing as we were able to develop meaningful relationships with the children who were joining through zoom.

Operation Christmas Child was a tremendous success even with all the challenges. We had to do OCC in a completely **new** way this past year, but God worked through it to bless children all around the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our food pantry has continued to minister to needy families in our community on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, again in a **new** way.

After a year of leading worship, the praise team passed the baton to the choir on the first Sunday in March. As Lynn gathered the choir, they had to practice in a **new** way. But God is working through these **new**, unfamiliar ways to glorify Him and bless His people. I know I'm probably missing some of the new things that took place in the past year, but I believe you get the point. This past year has been a year of change, a year of **new** things.

And now here we are June of 2021, still changing, still adapting, still doing **new** things. This past Sunday was the first Sunday that we took the tape down and put the Bibles and hymnals back in the pews. It was the first Sunday in over a year where most of the congregation were not wearing masks. It feels like a **new** thing. We are becoming comfortable being near other people, giving them a hug, or shaking their hand.

The first Sunday in June, more **new** things will be taking place. No longer will we have the Family Sunday School Class. Instead, we will have two **new** Sunday School classes for children, a **new** middle school class, and a **new** adult Bible study along with a nursery for Sunday School and worship. I am really excited about these **new** things taking place. **This is a time of new beginnings.**

God told his people in Isaiah 43 not to dwell on the past, on the former things, that He was doing a **new** thing. God was going to save his people in a **new** way, through a **new** Deliverer. God's **new** salvation would come through the work of His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus would be the **new** Moses who would save His people from the foreign power of sin and from the kingdom of Satan. Instead of saving them through the sacrifice of a lamb, God would save His people through the sacrifice of His Son. This was a **new** way, or as Jesus said, the **New Covenant**.

It is through faith in Jesus Christ that God does a new work in our lives. Second Corinthians 5:17 says that in Christ, we are a new creation. The old patterns, the old ways of sin are gone. God is doing a **new** work in us. He is conforming us into the image of Jesus. He is preparing us for the **new** Heaven and the **new** Earth.

Praise God for the **new** things He has done, and the **new** things He is yet to do!

By Grace alone,
Pastor Todd

Music Notes

We have begun rehearsals with our Worship Choir and our Praise Team on Tuesday nights (please watch for a schedule) and are ready to accept new voices into the choir. Please let me know of your interest.

We also have begun rehearsals with Senior Adult Singers on Mondays at 1:00. This is a new endeavor, and we are hoping to provide some good music. We have 8 people at the moment and would love to have **YOU** sing with us.

We also have a new pianist, Mrs. Sharon Lewis. She comes highly recommended and has already shown her enthusiasm and her love for the Lord. Our other accompanists are working well together, and I thank God for them all every day. I also thank God for you. See you on Sunday. Lynn Cooke



Operation Christmas Child Corner

Summer is here and we are working hard on our collections for OCC. This month the suggestions are **FLIP-FLOPS, SUNGLASSES AND T- SHIRTS**. We also want to encourage everyone to be saving money to help with the shipping costs (9.00 per shoe box gift) this year. With the number of gifts we are expecting to fill, the shipping costs will surely be needed. I had a yard sale at my home last week and raised over \$200.00 which will ship over 20 boxes. This can be a great project for your group, or you can do something similar on your own. Thanks for participating. The children who receive the gifts also receive the opportunity to hear about Jesus and their lives are enriched and in a lot of cases changed completely. Call me with questions. Lynn 424-9869.



Update from India from Nandu Nelapaty

We recently received a phone call from Nandu Nelapaty with updates from India. They are under strict COVID guidelines, but God has been working despite the restrictions. There have been **62** baptisms to take place in the last 3 months among the tribal and nontribal people. In one of the groups the chief of the tribe was baptized! Nandu is praising the Lord for His grace and mercy and we praise God as well. Our God is alive, and He continues to be faithful!



After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothes in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!". Revelation 7:9

SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes
Senior Pastor



Sally Harden
Director of Youth 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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Congratulations 2021 High School Graduate!



Mr. and Mrs. Karl Otto are pleased to announce that their son, Luke Daniel Otto, will be graduating from Bethel High School in Tipp City, Ohio. During his time in high school, Luke participated in Cross Country and Band. Luke was a part of Suburban Christian Church from 2011-2015. During his time at Suburban, he accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized by Pastor Todd, and was part of AWANA. Luke will remain in Ohio with his mother and stepfather, where he is seeking a full-time job.



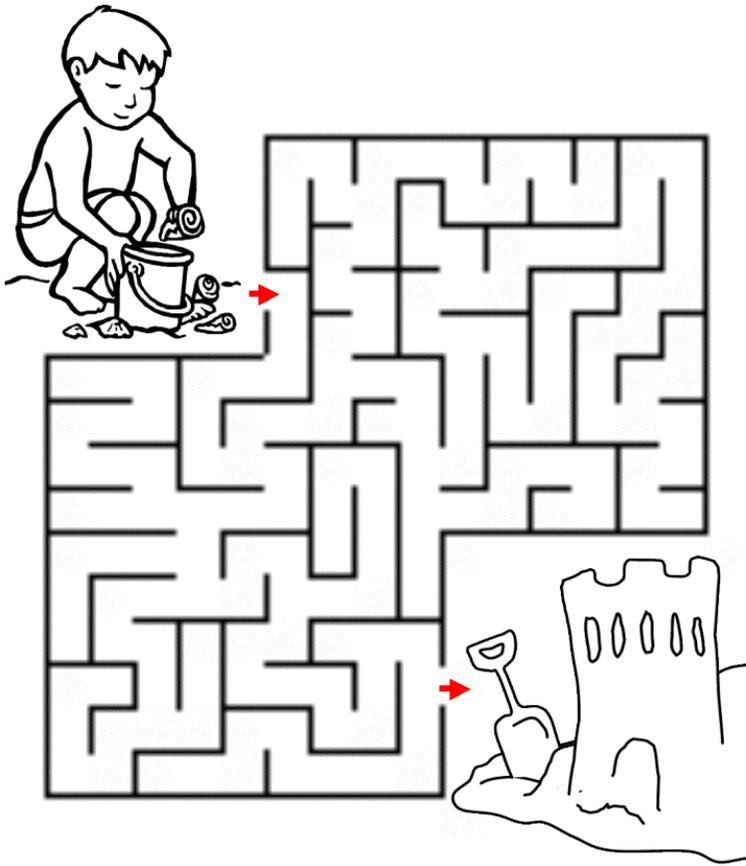
Congratulations

“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

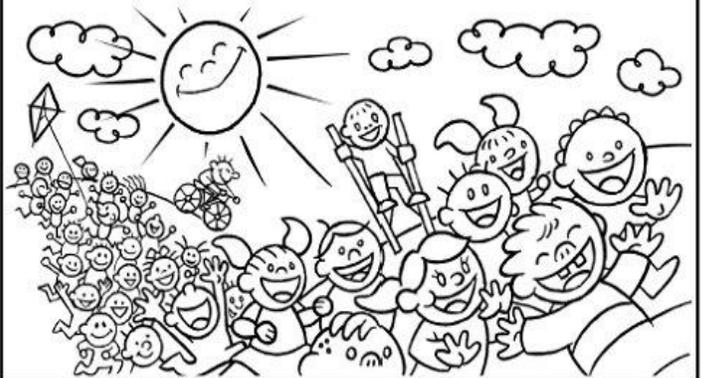
Help the little boy find his sand castle.



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
SUN TAN	S	E	S	S	A	L	G	N	U	S	A	L
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.

Sunday School News



We are **Praising God** for His direction and provision for our Sunday school! This month we start children's classes again and add a Middle school class to the AYM Sunday school. A new adult Bible study is starting using J.I. Packer's classic book, Knowing God. **Classes will meet from 9:00 – 10:00.**

We are so thankful for the teaching teams God has called into this ministry. Teachers are:

Nursery class
4-year-old – 1st grade
2nd - 5th grade
Middle school
High school

Vicki Chitty, Melissa Tucker, Rosalina Duncan
Kathy Herring, Phyllis Wiggins, Ara Miller
Mary Justis, Lou Miller, Carol Brooks, Robert Ramirez
Jim Fry and Nancy Daniels
Sally Harden, Sam Settle, Anna Super

Adult Bible Study:
Study of Acts and Romans
Knowing God

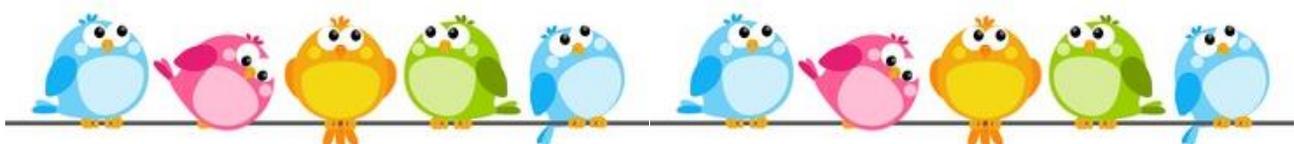
Ron Raymer
Pastor Todd Haynes

May we all "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" as we study together.

Jan Grills

Nursery News

Date	Sunday School Nursery Hour 9:00 – 10:00	Worship Service 10:00 – 11:15	Service Helper
6/6/21	Melissa Tucker Vicki Chitty	Stacie Raymer	Samara Saucedo
6/13/21	Melissa Tucker Vicki Chitty	Jeff Herring	Donovan Saucedo
6/20/21	Melissa Tucker Vicki Chitty	Susan Haynes	Crystal Bonnet
6/27/21	Melissa Tucker Rosalina Duncan	Ara & Lou Miller	Sophia Deuell



Food Pantry News

Our Food Pantry is going strong thanks to your generosity. This month the needs are Pasta Sauce (totally out), Rice-a-Roni, Hamburger and Tuna Helper, Canned Soup, Canned Vegetables, Jelly, and Peanut Butter.

Amie and Gloria are planning on giving each family that comes to our pantry a special summer basket meal of hamburger meat, hamburger buns, baked beans, chips, and dessert. She may include other items in this basket as well. With summer activities outside, she felt this would be a blessing to our food pantry families.



Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

The Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast and Bible Study continues to meet on the first and third Saturdays of each month. This month we will meet on June 5th and June 19th to study the **Book of 1 Timothy**, the first of Paul's pastoral epistles (letters written to church leaders). As always, it will be a chapter by chapter, verse by verse, word by word, comprehensive study.

Timothy was a protégé of Paul's and the leader of the fledgling Christian Church in Ephesus. Although only a few years in existence, the church had already been influenced by Greek myths and philosophies, Jewish teachings and traditions, and false doctrines.

The study began last month with **Chapter 1** and an introduction to Paul's instructions and encouragement to Timothy to be steadfast in leading the church and to resist the various false teachers. He charged him to oppose all through love, sound doctrine and a sincere faith and gave Timothy clear instructions on how to "fight the good fight."

This month, in **Chapter 2**, Paul urged Timothy to offer prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings for all people for "*God our Savior . . . desires all peopled to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*" (2:3-4). And in **Chapter 3**, he presents qualifications for church leaders. In **Chapter 4**, Paul gives Timothy guidelines on how conduct himself, and in **Chapter 5**, he provides instructions for the church.

The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study is an outstanding opportunity for the study of God's Word, prayer, and fellowship for men of all ages; church members and non-members. Come and enjoy a good, homemade breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, grits, sausage gravy, fruit, orange juice, and coffee.

Breakfast begins at 8:00 AM and is followed at 8:30 with Bible Study and prayer. It concludes by about 9:30 AM, leaving plenty of time for Saturday morning obligations.

PLEASE JOIN US!



THANK YOU, SCC AWANA CLUBBERS!

Hello there SCC!!! SCC AWANA officially ended on May 23rd with our end of the year Award Ceremony and Pizza Party. This year we have been very blessed with 9 amazing clubbers who have been dedicated, disciplined, and driven to learn verses and make lifelong friends. It is always a joyful and fun time!

David Bulthouse -TNT
Elisabeth Bulthouse-TNT
Charis Bulthouse-SPARKS
Brendan Clark-TNT
Bryson Clark-TNT
Victoria Clark-SPARKS
Donovan Saucedo-TNT
Ainsley West-TNT
Blake West-SPARKS

THANK YOU, SCC AWANA VOLUNTEERS!

SCC AWANA could not run smoothly without the amazing volunteers who come and serve each and every Sunday night. The volunteers that I would like to thank for their dedication to this ministry. I am honored to serve beside them! Thank You!!!

Elizabeth Bonnett: AWANA Ministry Director/Sparks Director
Carol Brooks: Co-Ministry Leader/AWANA Secretary
Sally Harden: TNT Ministry Director
Brett Bonnett: TNT Leader/Games Director
Anna Super: Sparks Leader
Crystal Bonnett: Student Leader
Samara Saucedo: Student Leader

I would also like to thank **Emmy Brooks** and **Miki Bonnett** who helped when we needed them and to **Charlotte Liu** who assisted in the Christmas wrapping.

