

AUGUST 2021

The Suburban Connection

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DISCOVERING JESUS! Vacation Bible School - 2021

We were so blessed to have the youth volunteers of Christian Evangelism Fellowship come and teach our kids about how Jesus loves us, protects us and saves us. These teens volunteer to go to camp in Lynchburg, VA and receive training on how to deliver the good news of Christ to younger children. They played games (boys' team vs girls' team was ALWAYS popular), sang songs and learned verses all with hand motions and learned about the missionary story of Mary Slessor.

We had between 17- 22 kids per day and even though they were here for only 90 minutes, the interaction was purposeful and constant. On Friday we had a visit from the Kona Ice Truck which was certainly a hit with everyone! I want to thank all who helped out with the preparation, check in, snack creation and clean up; Wendy, Stacey S., Kathy H., Charlotte, Dana, Phyllis, Marsha, Emma, Nick, Nyssa and Liana. More importantly, I would like to thank all of you who prayed for a successful week and asked that God would do a mighty work in the lives of the kids who came. It is your support, prayers, donations, and volunteer time that makes Vacation Bible School not only a reality but a huge success every single year. We may be a small "country church" but we are a mighty one because of our love for the Lord! Carol Brooks



highlights inside

Save the Date!

Men's Breakfast
August 7th & 21st

8:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Senior Luncheon
August 19th

11:00 am
Fellowship Hall

AWANA
August 21st

AWANA Connect
for leaders and
volunteers

From the Pastor's Desk:

Who has believed that this is the Arm of the Lord? Isaiah 53:1

Isaiah has been promising that God will save, not only his people, but also the nations. One of the pictures that Isaiah uses to describe this mighty salvation, is the Arm of the Lord. When the Bible speaks of the Arm of the Lord, the emphasis is on God's mighty power and strength.

We see an example of this in Isaiah 51.

Isaiah 51:9,10 is a prayer for God to awake and for the arm of the Lord to save just as he did in Egypt. "Awake, awake, put on strength, O Arm of the Lord; as in days of old,...Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the Great deep, who made the depths of the sea a highway for the redeemed to pass over?"

The Arm of the Lord was so powerful in saving his people from Egypt, that he single-handedly overthrew this mighty nation. God's mighty arm dried up the Red Sea and turned the ocean floor into a highway for his people to walk through.

In Isaiah 52:10 we are told that, "The Lord has bared his holy Arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." God has rolled up his sleeves so to speak, and he is on the move, bringing his salvation to the ends of the earth. We are a testimony to the truth of the verse, for God's mighty arm has reached to Virginia Beach Virginia and saved us!

However, when we come to Isaiah 53:1 the Arm of the Lord is met with unbelief. Isaiah 53:1 says, "Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" John quotes this passage as he describes the unbelief that characterized Jesus's ministry. John 12:37, 38 says, "though he had done many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled." And then he quotes Isaiah 53:1.

The people in Jesus' couldn't believe that someone like him could be the arm of the Lord. After all the arm of the Lord was not supposed to look like a root out of dry ground. The arm of the Lord was not supposed to suffer but to impose suffering on others. The Arm of the Lord was not supposed to be from Nazareth, after all can anything good come out of Nazareth.

Oh, how his ways are far above our ways. It was God's plan that Jesus, the mighty Arm of God, would come in great humility and die upon a cross, to powerfully save sinners. That the mighty Arm of the Lord was at work on Mount Calvary never entered into the minds of men. It was in the moment of Christ's greatest weakness, that his greatest power was displayed. For it was on the cross where sin, Satan and death were destroyed. Only the mighty Arm of the Lord could crush these enemies for us.

Praise God that he has revealed the Arm of the Lord to us, and his name is Jesus!

God is so good,
Pastor Todd

Sunday School News

Middle School – do you remember it? An exciting, confusing, challenging time of life when you started “figuring things out for yourself”. We are so blessed to have a terrific group of middle schoolers and 2 dedicated teachers that spend time each week together looking into God's word for direction and wisdom. Jim Fry and Nancy Daniels are our teachers – a dynamic duo of father and daughter. In addition to teaching Sunday school, Jim serves our church family in many ways—especially overseeing our HVAC. (Thank you, Jim!) Nancy has been a language teacher for 31 years and is teaching Spanish at Indian River High school this fall. This summer they are leading the middle schoolers in Bible discovery – how we got the Bible and how it is put together, why it is worth studying and how we can be sure it's true. Nancy says: “As our tweens are moving from childhood into the teenage years it's exciting to see them developing their own relationship with the Scriptures and deepening their faith in God and His Word. We want to make the Scriptures approachable as the kids' needs are changing and they are learning to trust God in new ways.” We are believing God for great things for these students!

Jan Grills



Operation Christmas Child Corner

Good News. Great Joy.



Our contributions are growing! We have a lot of gifts building up and are looking forward to stuffing the shoe boxes soon. This month's needs are **1 SUBJECT SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS** for school, **CHILDREN'S SAFETY SCISSORS**, and **WASHCLOTHS**. We have plenty of pencils, erasers and sharpeners already. Thank you so much for all you've been bringing into the church. The ongoing need is for money to help with shipping of the boxes. It is suggested to donate \$9.00/shoe box gift to "fully fund" the box. If we fill as many shoe boxes as I'm expecting, that will be a lot of money. So, save your change, put aside the cost of one cup of coffee or soda a day and put that toward the shipping costs, or have a yard sale to raise funds for Operation Christmas Child. Use your imagination to think of some other ways to help. The ministry is one that helps children around the world hear about the love of Jesus. Thanks for helping.

Lynn Cooke



PROMOTION

SUNDAY

We're Moving Up!

September 5, 2021

More information to come

SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes
Senior Pastor



Sally Harden
Director of Student 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

Men's Ministry

The Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast and Bible Study meets on the first and third Saturdays of each month. This month we will meet on **August 7 and August 21** and as always, it will be a chapter by chapter, verse by verse, word by word, comprehensive study.

This month we will complete our study of **Paul's First letter to Timothy** with his instructions for the Church at Ephesus.



After his warnings about false teachers, Paul told Timothy to counter them with the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. and encouraged him to pray for people because "*God our Savior . . . desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth*" (2:4). He then issued instructions on proper conduct in the church and qualifications for overseers (ministers) and deacons, as well as encouragement to serve as a good servant to Christ Jesus.

The letter concludes, as will our study, with Chapters 5 and 6 and Paul's instructions for the church regarding the elderly and slaves and an admonishment to Timothy to avoid (flee from) controversies and quarrels, but "*Pursue righteousness, gentleness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith*" (6:11-12).

Paul's Second Letter to Timothy will be introduced and studied next month.

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. The breakfast and the Bible study are open to all men, and all are invited to enjoy a good, homemade breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, grits, sausage gravy, fruit, orange juice, and coffee. Come and enjoy good fellowship, and the Good News found in God's Word.

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!

Bob Grymes

AWANA UPDATE & SAVE THE DATE!

Did you know we have an amazing AWANA program at Suburban? Do you know what the program is all about? AWANA is being used to reach 4 million kids every week in 120 countries, giving children and youth from every background an opportunity to know, love, and serve Jesus for a lifetime. We also have dedicated leaders who commit during the school year to serve those who come to our program. But we need **your help**. We need more AWANA leaders for **just 1 ½ hours a week**. You may say, "I don't know anything about AWANA. I may be too old to be part of a program with



children." Well, you are in luck! This is the type of ministry that's easy and **anyone** (young or old) can help. Our AWANA leaders and new volunteers will be attending an AWANA Connect event on **Saturday, August 21st** at Hickory Ridge Community Church in Chesapeake, VA. Registration is free! AWANA Connect teaches you all the ins and outs of AWANA. If you would like to join our amazing program, we are asking that you contact Carol Brooks (cubrooks20@gmail.com) or the church office (757) 495-0352 or office@sccvb.org.

Music Notes

Both of our choirs are growing! We have 2 new singers in the Senior Adult Choir on Monday afternoons at 1:00 pm and 4 new singers in the Worship Choir on Tuesday nights. If you like to sing, please feel free to come to either or both of the rehearsals and join in the praise.

Our Senior Choir is enjoying singing together some of the old hymns we don't hear often anymore and is working to be prepared to sing whenever we are given the opportunity. We will soon begin some Christmas music, also.

The Worship Choir is preparing for the worship services in August and September and will also be working on special music for the Christmas season. Don't miss out on singing to the Lord with us.

Our Praise Team has been sharing inspiring music recently. We are blessed to have so many talented people helping to lead our worship services.

I thank all the singers and instrumentalists who are doing such a good job for the church. Our worship would not be the same without music. Music is what God gives to us to help share His love with others, and it's what we return to Him as an expression of our love for Him. See you in church. Lynn Cooke



Nursery News

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service
8/1/21	Melissa Tucker Vicki Chitty	Stacie Raymer Crystal Bonnett
8/8/21	Melissa Tucker Vicki Chitty	Jeff Herring Sophia Deuell
8/15/21	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Nancy Herbst Abby Deuell
8/22/21	Melissa Tucker Rosalina Duncan	Susan Haynes Samara Saucedo
8/29/21	Melissa Tucker Stacey Super	Lou & Ara Miller Donovan Saucedo



The Suburban nursery is bustling once again during the Sunday school hour and the 10:15 church service. Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who care for the young children. Anyone who is interested in helping one Sunday per month during Sunday school or church service, please contact Stacie Raymer (sraymer@odu.edu; 757-589-5731). Young teenage helpers are also welcome to help.

Stacie Raymer

“But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” (Matt 19:14)

Ambassador Youth Ministry

Where We've Been - JULY

July has been such a blast! This month AYM welcomed our rising sixth grades into the youth group with our tradition of kidnapping night. Every year our returning students and leaders hop into the church van. We drive to each student's house and pick them up for their first night with AYM. Returning students love it and it makes our new sixth grades feel special and welcomed to the group! We also had our beginning of the summer bash to kick off a good summer.

AYM also took a trip to Busch Gardens to ride some roller coasters. There is something about standing in line for an hour that just brings students together. Some of our students (and leaders) got over their fear of coasters and we can't be more proud.

To cap off a great July, AYM invited the church and the community around us to watch Pixar's *Luca*. It is such a cute movie, and I don't know if there was a dry eye in the house by the end. I can't wait until we can do it again. Sally Harden



Where We're Going - AUGUST

August 8th – Party at the Fry's home

August 14th – Ocean Breeze

August 27/28th – All-Nighter

Seniors Ministry



After there being no meetings for almost a year and a half, due to COVID-19, the church seniors were finally able to gather again on July 15th. And what a great turnout there was – 37 people attended! Larry Thomas opened the meeting with a few remarks, some announcements and prayer. Then everyone watched an enjoyable Gaither video, followed by a time of fellowship over sub sandwiches and chips provided by the church.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 19th at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Watch the Sunday Bulletin for details concerning the program and the luncheon. The meetings are normally the third Thursday of each month.

These programs are planned and sponsored by the Seniors Ministry, but they are open to all ages. If you have suggestions for programs, please talk to one of the members of the Steering Committee. We are always looking for new ideas!

Dana Mosteller



VBS Highlights



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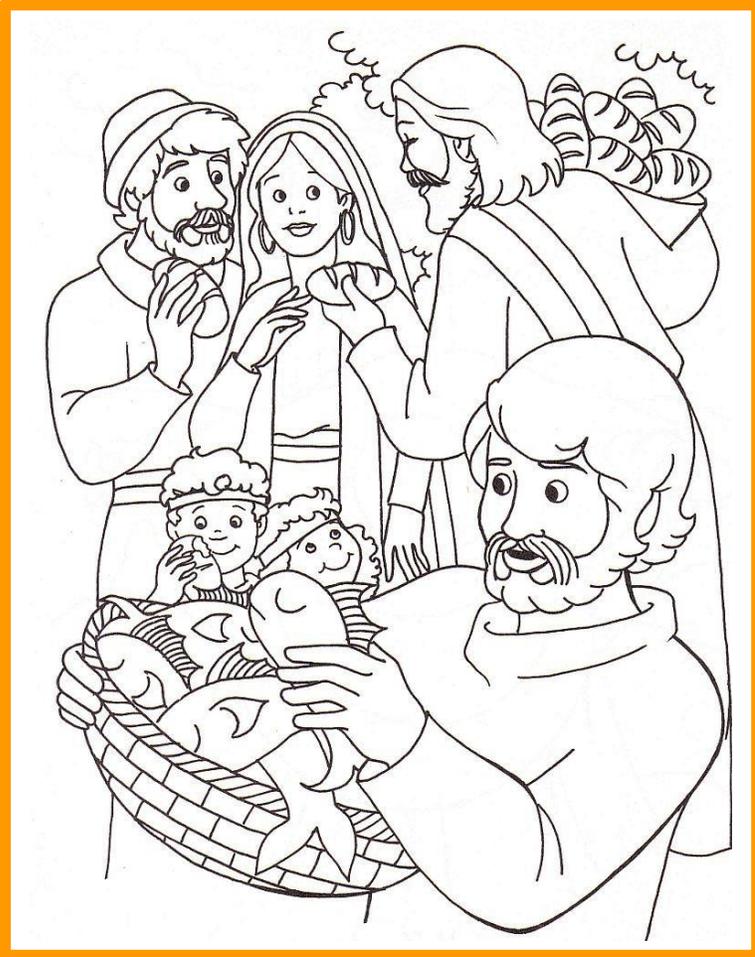
**Mark your
calendars!**

SCC VBS 2022

July 25th – 29th
(HOURS TBD)



Suburban Kids



Jesus Walked on Water Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.

V R L T D R E J I S P P Y N M
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 D E N K J U S C W A Z A W S R
 W A L K E D O C Y M O Y T T A
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 J A D N W I N D G P N O O C L
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| FAITH | MIRACLES | PETER | PRAY |
| WALKED | WATER | WAVES | WIND |

Directions: Look up these Bible verses and fill in the blanks.

Ephesians 6: 1-3

Children, _____ your parents in the _____, for this is _____. Honor your _____ and _____ (this is the _____ commandment with a _____), that it may go well with _____ and that you may _____ in the _____.

Jesus Walks On Water. Matthew 14:25

