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# The Suburban Connection

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## From The Pastor's Desk: Rise and Shine!

**"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will rise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising." Isaiah 60:1-3**

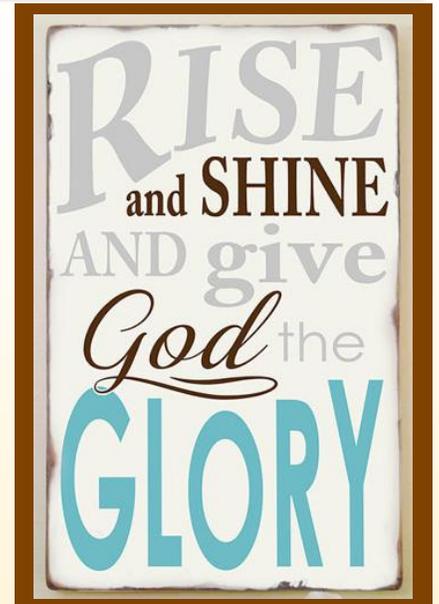
This past Saturday we celebrated the life of Al Grills, and what a celebration it was! One of the many heartwarming stories that was shared, had to do with Al's morning wake up calls during AYM's annual mission trip. Each morning Al would wake up the students by loudly singing, "Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory!" Al was only singing out what God had already written out and His word.

**In Isaiah 60, God is calling His people to rise and shine!**

### **1. We are to rise and shine for our light has come! (60:1)**

The light that has come and is none other than Jesus Christ himself. In Isaiah 49:6, God says his Servant Jesus will be the light of the world.

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## Save The Date!

OCC Packing  
Week

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>**

Sign-up for a time  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Congregational  
Meeting (Fall)

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm

OCC National  
Collection Week

**November 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Suburban Kids Area

Thanksgiving  
Service

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

In the Sanctuary  
at 7:00 pm

Sanctuary Decorated  
for Christmas

**December 1<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 am

Rise and Shine continued...

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Jesus understood that he was the light to come, that he was the light for the nations. Jesus said in John 8:12, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John would say earlier of Jesus, in John 1:9, "The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world."

Jesus has come! He came as The Light! He is the one and only source of light. As the church of Jesus Christ, his light must shine through us.

## **2. We are to rise and shine because darkness covers the earth. (60:2)**

Isaiah 60:2 says, "For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples."

Jesus said in John 3:19-20, "And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light lest his works should be exposed."

As Christians, we find ourselves living in a world of darkness. Satan, the god this world is doing all that he can to blind the minds of unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. (2 Cor. 4:4)

The only hope for this sinful world, is for the church, for you and me, to shine brightly with the light of Jesus Christ.

## **3. We are to rise and shine, to attract sinners to Jesus! (60:3)**

Jesus told his followers in Matthew 5:14-16, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven."

Isaiah gives examples of the good works that will reflect the light of Christ in Isaiah 58:7,8 when he says, "Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard." When we love one another, and care for one another's needs, we reflect the light of Jesus Christ in a dark world. This kind of loving service has a way of drawing people to Jesus.

God has strategically placed every one of us to shine, to reflect the light of Jesus Christ in our families, our jobs, our neighborhoods, and our communities. May we, each and every day, rise and shine and give God the glory!

Shining the light of Jesus with you!  
Pastor Todd

# What's Happening In ..... Sunday School



As our children and young people continued their study of Genesis and how God created everything for His glory and our good, they learned the definition of sin and how it entered into God's perfect creation through Adam and Eve. Sin continued to spread throughout the world, as we learned in the stories of Cain and Abel, Noah's Ark, and The Tower of Babel. Yet, although we all deserve punishment for our sins, God still loves us! God's Son Jesus came to take the punishment that our sin deserves. One day, Jesus will gather all of God's people and we will worship Him together! <sup>mj</sup>

## Suburban Kids AWANA Ministry

In October, we learned about the Fruits of the Spirit and how we can apply those fruits in our everyday lives. We also learned how Christians are just like pumpkins! Thankfully, the weather has cooperated, and our clubbers have been able to enjoy our new game square out in the parking lot.

In November, we will start by packing some Operation Christmas Child boxes, bringing Food Pantry items and holding our first awards night.

Thanks to all for your support and prayers, we are still holding steady with over 30 clubbers each night! Be thinking about coming out in December to help wrap gifts on Store Night. It's a really busy night, but so worth it! They love being able to bless their families and you get to hear some very interesting stories about why they chose the gift they did.

Carol Brooks

**Being a Christian  
is like being a  
Pumpkin**

God picks you from the patch and brings you in. (John 15:16)

Then He washes all of the dirt off of you. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. (Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling face. (Psalm 71:23)

He puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16)



We would like to sincerely **THANK YOU** for all the support you showed through donations of either your time or candy for our Fall Festival this year. Every year we are humbled by how generous our church family is. We are truly blessed here at Suburban and in turn can bless others. We will have pictures available for the December newsletter.



## SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes  
Senior Pastor



### 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](mailto:newsletter@sccvb.org)

## Saturday Morning 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. In November, we will meet on the 6th and the 20th.** As always, it will be a chapter by chapter, verse by verse, word by word, comprehensive study.

During those sessions we will begin a study of **Paul's letter to Titus**. Titus, a Gentile convert, was one of Paul's disciples, a trusted coworker and the leader of the church Paul had established on Crete.



The letter, one of Paul's Pastoral Epistle, was written around 64-65 sometime after Paul's first imprisonment in Rome. In it, Paul provided the same counsel that he had given to Timothy regarding false teachers and false teachings, because those in the church on Crete were just as susceptible to them as were those in Ephesus. In fact, they were already influencing the church. Paul encouraged Titus to develop a church faithful to doctrinal purity and proper conduct.

Like with Timothy, Paul gave Titus instruction on qualifications and roles of various groups of people; elders, overseers, older and young men, older and young women, and slaves; as well as encouragement to all believers: *"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people . . . (2:11)*

He also wrote about the *"blessed hope"* of Christ's Second Coming and eternal life for the believer, emphasizing the *"renewal of the Holy Spirit" (3:5)* that prepares believers to be *"made heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (3:7)*.

**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 (scramble and fried), sausage, corned beef hash, 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.**

Bob Grymes



# JUST FOR... Suburban Kids

Name some things you are thankful for:

Acorn	R	L	E	A	V	W	S	T	P
Apples	P	P	T	S	E	V	R	A	H
Autumn	A	P	U	N	V	B	V	A	N
Crisp	P	S	Y	M	Y	T	Y	M	M
Fall	P	I	N	G	P	R	B	L	U
Hayride	L	R	C	R	I	K	L	M	T
Harvest	E	C	J	D	O	A	I	Y	U
Leaves	S	W	E	P	F	C	C	N	A
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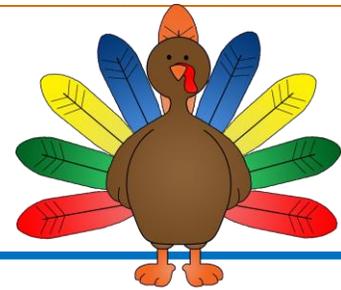
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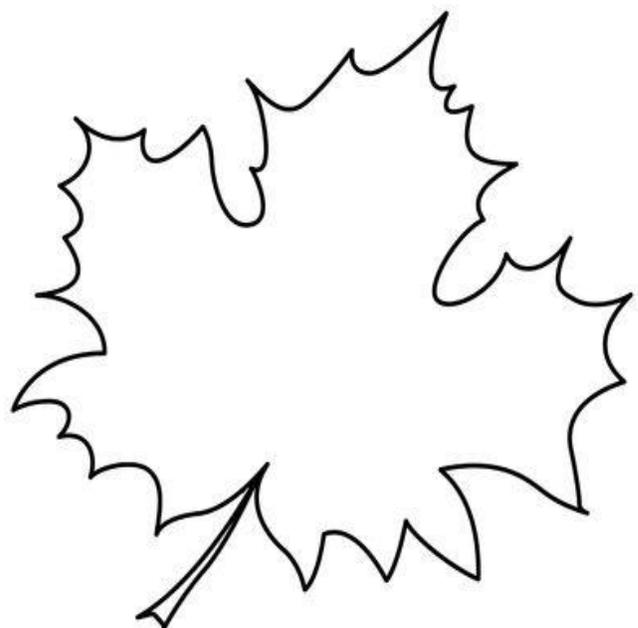


**Directions:** Fill in the blanks of the following verse.

He \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_; the \_\_\_\_\_  
 knows it's \_\_\_\_\_ for setting. Psalm 104:19



Imagine you were walking through the woods in the fall and found the most unusual leaf you'd ever seen. Color in the leaf to show what it would look like.



# Operation Christmas Child Corner

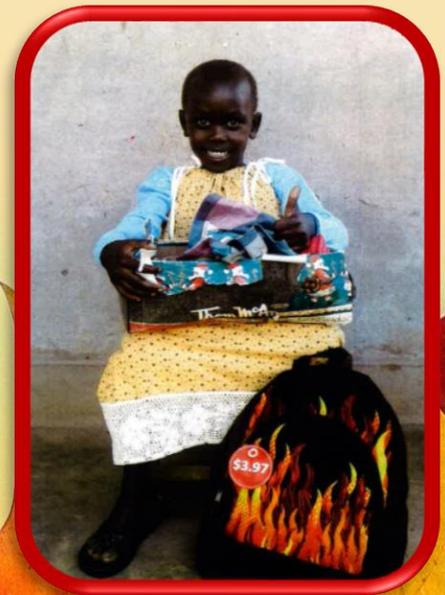
Our shoeboxes are beginning to come in. At this time, we have 149 filled shoeboxes already at the church. Watch the flip chart at the front of the sanctuary for the updated count each week. We also are working toward funding for all the filled boxes we receive this year. The poster in the hallway with Recho's picture from Uganda shows how much money has been received to help with shipping the shoeboxes. Our goal is 800 shoebox gifts. Please pick up empty boxes at the church in the front of the sanctuary (or see me with your request and I'll be sure you get the empties) fill the box at home and return by November 14.

Our November collection items must be received by November 14 in order to be included in the boxes this year. The items are **gloves, jump ropes and yo-yos**. These three items are in short supply for the boxes we are filling at the church.

The packing week is November 1-6, from 10:00 - 2:00 daily. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table, or you can use this link to sign up online:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aaa\\_b28a75-shoebox1](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aaa_b28a75-shoebox1)

Thank you for sending God's love to all these children. Lynn Cooke



Hi! Grace and Tommy,  
 Thank you for my gifts. Thanks to Operation Christmas Child. My name is Recho. I am 5 years old. I live in Soroti Municipality in Uganda, East Africa. My favorite: Drink is corn porridge, color is blue, food is cabbage and corn, game is skipping.  
 I play with my brother Jacob. I love Jesus because he loves me. I have 1 brother and 1 sister.  
 Recho

## Music Notes from the Music Ministry

Christmas music is in the works. If you'd like to sing with the choir, come to the choir room on Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Music is one of God's gifts to us; our song is one of our gifts to Him. See you in church. Lynn Cooke





## New Fellowship Book Coming in 2022!

We are updating our church fellowship book! We encourage all who fellowship with us to participate. Please fill out a Fellowship Book Information Form, found in the foyer, and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the church office. All forms must be returned by December 15<sup>th</sup> if you wish to be included in the directory.

## Seniors Ministry

Ross Winfield was the guest speaker at our October meeting, and he gave an outstanding presentation covering things we all need to consider in retirement. Then everyone enjoyed a lunch of chili and time of fellowship.

The next meeting will be held at **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**. Our Senior Choir will present a musical program. Afterwards we will enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. The church will provide the turkey and gravy; please bring your favorite side dish to share.

In December, the meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar and save this date.

The Seniors Ministry sponsors all of our programs, but they are open to adults of all ages.

Dana Mosteller



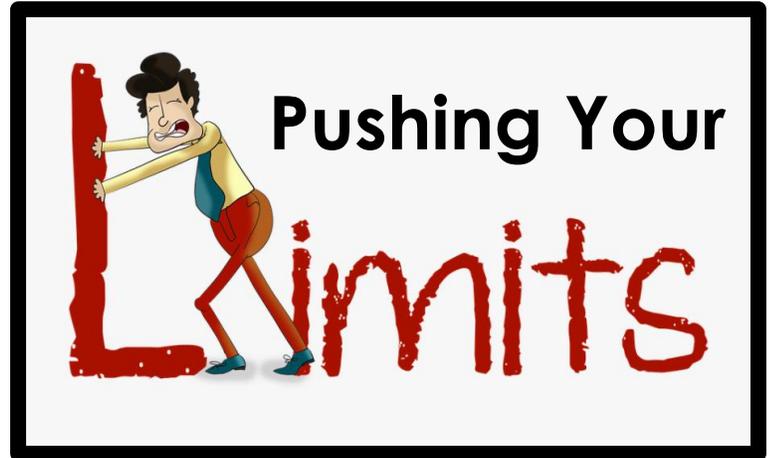
Please join us for our  
Thanksgiving Service on  
Tuesday, November 23,  
at 7:00 pm in the  
Sanctuary.

# Ambassador Youth Ministry

## The Issue: Pushing Your Limits

Far too often we try to push the limits of what we know when we should not do. We often live trying to see how much we can “get away with” without actually crossing the line and sinning. Should we really be flirting with sin and trying to get as close to the edge as possible, or should we have a different focus?

Let's look at what the Bible has to say about the focus we should have:



\*I Chronicles 28: 9 - **God knows our heart. He wants us to see Him.**

\*Psalm 27: 4 – **Our sole focus should be to grow closer to God.**

\*Psalm 139: 23, 24 – **We should ask God to direct us in His ways.**

\*Proverbs 16: 2 – **Beyond just our actions, God looks at our motives.**

\*II Timothy 2: 22 – **Flee the dangers of sin and pursue godliness.**

## According to Scripture, what should I do?

Scripture gives overwhelming support that our focus should not be on pushing the limits, but rather on being committed to doing all things in a way that clearly glorifies God and draws us closer to Him in obedience. Some good questions we must ask ourselves are:

\*How well are my actions **pleasing** God? (I Corinthians 10:31)

\*How well are my actions **drawing** me **closer** to God? (James 4:8)



God is not pleased when our desire is to push to the edge of what we think is “okay” (He does not want us going in the direction that leads us away from Him)! However, God is pleased when we make decisions that draw us closer to Him in obedience. Let us apply these principles to every aspect of our lives, so that in all we do, we will continually be pursuing Him and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33; I Timothy 6:11).

# Afghanistan Project Update



The clothes that were collected from you and the community were delivered to Fort Pickett. They greatly appreciated the sorting of items according to gender and sizes and the baby essentials that were sent. These pictures show the items being loaded and unloaded, the housing for refugees and a distant picture of some who are being cared for. Our prayer is for God to use our efforts in reaching them for His kingdom.



*“Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*

*Matthew 9:38*

## Nursery Ministry November Schedule

Date	Sunday School 9:00 am	Worship 10:15 am	Worship Helper
11/7/21	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Stacie Raymer Samantha Haynes	Samara Saucedo
11/14/21	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Jeff Herring Susan Haynes	Elena Tyler
11/21/21	Melissa Tucker Stacey Super	Nancy Herbst Chris Bulaski	Donovan Saucedo
11/28/21	Melissa Tucker Rebecca Beckner-Driver	Lou & Ara Miller	Nathaniel Schnurr

