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The Suburban Connection

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**“The joy of the Lord is
our strength.”**

Nehemiah 8:10



Save the Date!

Food Pantry

April 7th & 21st

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Mid-Week Power

April 8th

7:00 pm on
Facebook
Live

Easter Worship Service

April 12th

10:15 am on
Facebook
Live



From the Pastor's Desk: THE LORD IS A SHIELD ABOUT ME!

“But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.” Psalm 3:3

David is focusing on God, on His power and protection, not in his own strength or abilities. In contrast to ordinary shields which protect only in one direction, God's shield “completely surrounds us.” Psalm 5:12 says, “For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him favor as with a shield.”

Lord, we praise you, that your shield of protection covers us front and back, from head to toe, inside and out. Thank you, Lord, that there is not one square inch of our being that is not under your watchful care. Lord, I pray that all your people will take refuge in YOU! No matter what is going on around us or within us, remember this from Zechariah 2:2, “I will be to her a wall of fire all around, declares the Lord, and I will be the glory in her midst.” Think about a wall of fire surrounding us and glory indwelling us! God is so good!

Taking refuge in Jesus with you,

Pastor Todd



Sunday School

“So is my Word that goes out of my mouth...it will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” Isaiah 55:11

Even during this time when our excellent teachers can't be meeting with their students each week, God is not frustrated. His Word is not bound by our physical limitations. This is an opportunity for each of us to use our extra time to dig into the Bible, read it, and to share it with the children and young people in our lives. God's Word is living and active and will transform our hearts and minds to be more like Jesus. God is always giving us opportunities to influence and disciple those around us – even when that circle becomes very small. 😊 Let's be obedient and intentional and make the most of this most unusual time. “Sanctify them by the truth; your Word is Truth.” John 17: 17

Grills

Jan

Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Our chapter-by-chapter, word-by-word study in the **Acts of the Apostles** will continue when next we meet.

After a brief review of Paul's return to Jerusalem at the completion of his Third Missionary Journey to report to James and the church leaders, and of his testimony before the Jewish leadership there, the study will resume with **Chapters 22 and 23** which describe his arrest by Roman soldiers, his defense of false accusations resulting 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)**.

As a result of a plot to kill him, Paul was spirited away by Roman soldiers at night and taken to Caesarea to appear before Felix, the Roman governor. We will study and discuss that in Chapter 24.

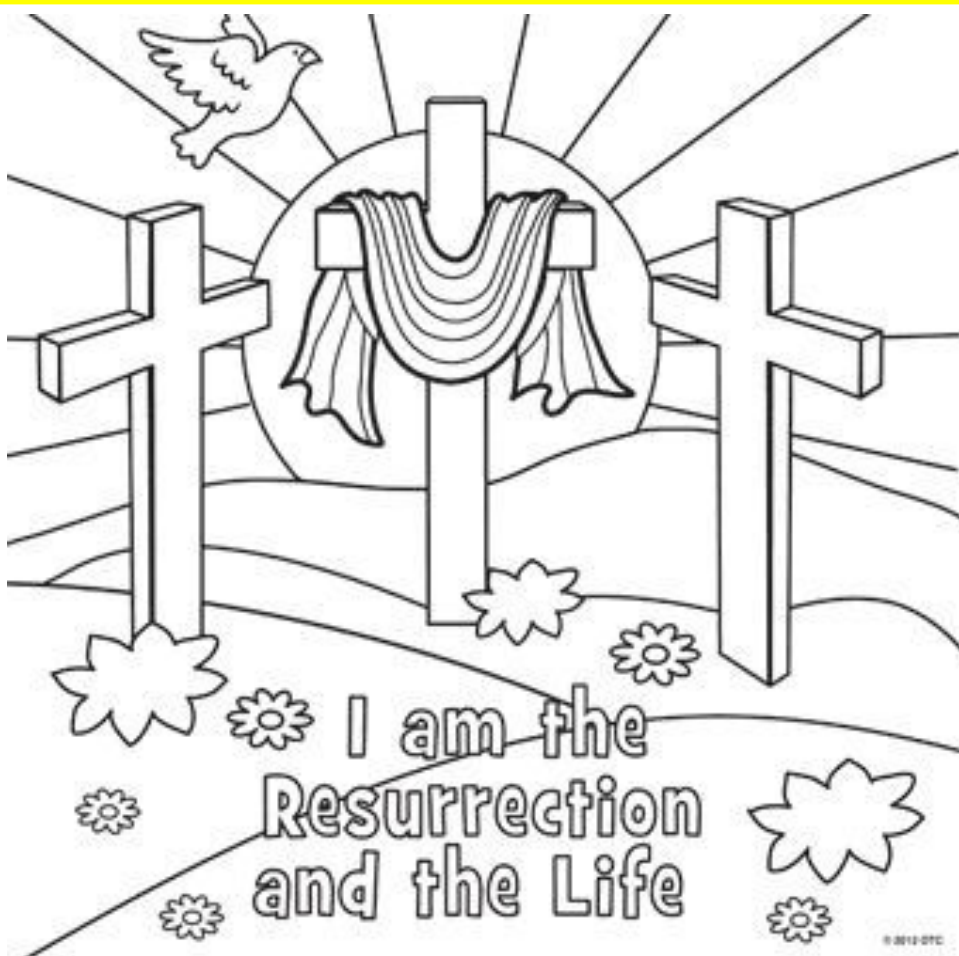
Bob Grymes

Music Notes



Spring is here and new life is beginning. Even though we may be "sheltering at home" and practicing "social distancing", we can still have a song in our hearts. God is good all the time. There are exciting things happening in our music ministry and they will continue when we are together again. Don't let separation mean isolation. Keep in touch with others any way you can safely and keep praying and praising God. See you soon.

Lynn Cooke

**DID YOU KNOW...**

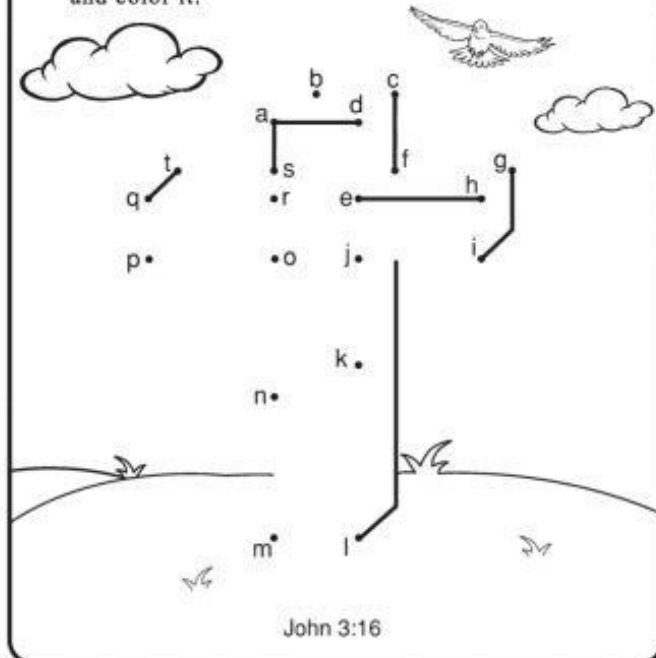
Pastor Todd used to have a car that was green. It was the first car he picked up Mrs. Wendy in to go on a date. See if you can unscramble the letters below to discover what kind of car it was and show Pastor Todd for a prize.

DEGDO

TARD

Dot • to • Dot

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." Follow the alphabet in order and draw a line from dot to dot. Complete the picture and color it.

**Jelly Bean Prayer**

Church House Collection ©



Red is for the
blood He
gave.



Black is for
the sins we
made.



Green is for
the grass He
made.



White is for
the grace
He gave.



Yellow is for
the sun so
bright.



Purple is
for the hour
of sorrow.



Orange is for
the edge of
night.



Pink is for
our new
tomorrow.

What's Happening In...

Suburban Kids

AWANA

AWANA store night was March 8th and the Clubbers were able to buy many toy, books, and other games with their hard earned AWANA bucks.

How do Clubbers earn bucks, you ask? Well it is simple...they show up to club, go to church or Sunday school, have a Bible, handbook, show up in uniform, participate in the theme, and lastly complete verses in the handbook. I am pleased to say they cleaned us out and I am so blessed the clubbers are finishing up their handbooks and are moving right along.

Liz Bonnett



Children's Church

Hey Kids!

I hope you are all practicing your songs and helping your families remember that Jesus lives, He is the Lord of Life, His grace is amazing, and His love is unfailing! Jesus, You are Lord of all! Mrs. Wendy and I are excited for when we're able to all come back and share this amazingly good news with the rest of the church family.

The past few weeks Pastor Todd has been teaching us about the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11:2-4, and that's just what we'll start talking about in Children's church in April ☺. So, if you want to get a head start on what we'll be learning, re-read that passage! And here's the first memory verse we'll be learning, this is a great one to remember in times like this: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

For you Junior Children's Church kids, ask your parents to read you the story of "The Servant King," "A Dark Night in the Garden" and "The Sun Stops Shining" from your Jesus Storybook Bible. In April we will also read the good news of "God's Wonderful Surprise!"

We are praying for the health and safety of you and your family and can't wait for the time when we'll all be together again. Until then keeping praying and looking for ways to thank God for all His blessings!

Love,

Mrs. Sarah

Mother's Day Out

CHILDREN IN THE GARDEN



Children enjoy being outdoors, love digging in the soil, getting dirty, creating things and watching plants grow. Working in a garden, a child can experience the satisfaction that comes from caring for something over time, while observing the cycle of life firsthand. Gardening is educational and helps develop new skills including:

- *Responsibility – from caring for plants
- *Understanding – as they learn about cause and effect (for example, plants die without water, weeds compete with plants for nutrients)
- *Self-confidence – from achieving their goals and enjoying the food/flowers they have grown
- *Love of nature – a chance to learn about the outdoor environment in a safe and pleasant place
- *Reasoning and discovery – learning about the science of plants, animals, weather, the environment, nutrition and simple construction
- *Physical activity – doing something fun and productive
- *Cooperation – including shared play activity and teamwork
- *Creativity – finding new and exciting ways to grow food
- *Nutrition – learning about where fresh food comes from

Although there are many plants suitable for the young gardener, here are a few which are relatively easy to grow and have short growing seasons and are fun to harvest.

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| 1. Sunflower | 6. Nasturtiums |
| 2. Lettuce | 7. Carrots |
| 3. Herbs | 8. Potatoes |
| 4. Snow Peas | 9. Bush Beans |
| 5. Cherry Tomatoes | 10. Pumpkin |

It is gratifying to watch children's interest and self-esteem grow as their gardening efforts yield good results.

Andrea Hoover

*"For as the soul makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise
spring up before all nations." Isaiah 61:11*



PRAISES AND REQUESTS

*Billy Mitchell is HOME! Praise God for His mercy and loving kindness and Billy's continued healing. Amie has requested that we pray for God to give her wisdom as she cares for Billy at home.

*Lillian Pledger is still very sick and it won't be long before God takes her home. Please pray for her daughters as they care for her and that they will feel comfort and peace.

*God moved upon the staff to get the church website updated before the coronavirus situation in our country. Praise God for His guiding Spirit upon His people.

*Praise God for Karen Nicolas and Lisa Marie Otto who have worked hard to make Bible lessons available to our church family.

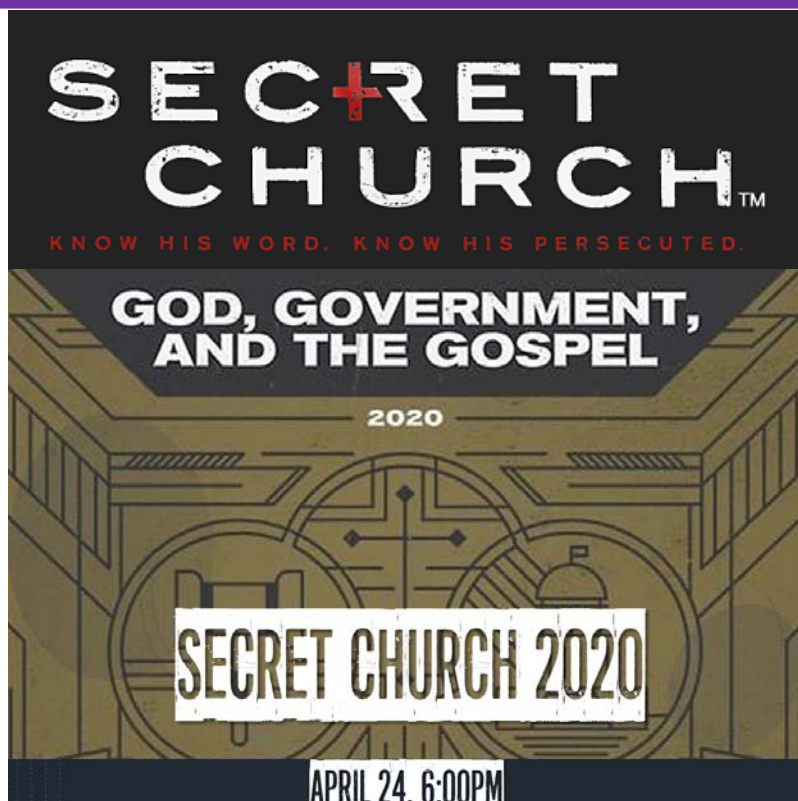
*Praise God for prayer, that we have a direct line of communication with the Sovereign Lord of the universe when our little world is shaky.

*Praise God for technology that enables us all to stay connected, through FaceTime, calling, texting and the Facebook Live videos when we are all apart, and the extra time and motivation to actually do so.

*Praise God for allowing us to continue our Food Pantry ministry during this time and for the donations that are still being dropped off at the church.

*We give thanks for committed caregivers who cheerfully care for infants and young children in the nursery each month. Praise God that we have children to care for each week! And we praise God for new moms who entrust us with their little ones. More babies are on their way!

*Praise God for Lisa Marie Otto who is working to keep our website current and is posting the videos of our services on the website to make them available to those in the congregation who don't have Facebook as well as people from the community.



Due to recommendations and regulations from the CDC and US governing authorities, Secret Church will be online this year. This means you will be able to live stream the event in your home.

If you have already signed up at church or would like to, simply let the church office know. (Cost is \$10.00) We have already received the material for registrants. You would simply need to drop by the church to pay and pick up your notebook and instructions for setting up the simulcast in your home.

We are very thankful Radical.net is making this available to people around the world during this unusual time.

Operation Christmas Child Corner

During the coronavirus crisis, Samaritan's Purse is sending medical response teams and supplies to those hardest hit. The ministry asks for prayer for the workers and the people in need. Operation Christmas Child volunteers are praying that the missionaries and contact people who distribute the shoe box gifts each year remain strong, healthy and in God's hands.

We can still help further the ministry. While we wait to leave our homes, we can **PRAY**. We can write notes or letters of encouragement to place in the shoe box gifts or to send to first responders and health care workers in our area. We can make or craft items to share with the children when the time comes to pack the shoe boxes.

Remember God is always with us. He always cares for us. He always responds to our prayers and supplies our needs. Keep up the faith and pray without ceasing.

Lynn Cooke



SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes
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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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