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# The Suburban Connection

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## 2022 Year Verse

“Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may  
rejoice in you?”

Psalm 85:6



### Save the Date!

Food Pantry  
**February 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**  
1:30 – 3:00 pm

Men's Breakfast  
**February 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 am in  
Fellowship Hall

Blood Drive  
**February 1<sup>st</sup>**  
2:00 – 6:00 pm in  
the Fellowship  
Hall

## From the Pastors Desk: “Repentance Prepares for Revival” Psalm 85:6

Genuine confession and repentance of sin are essential ingredients for revival. It is through hearing God's Word, that the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, leading to true repentance. The church in Ephesus was in need of revival. Their love for Jesus had grown cold. They were no longer captured by the beauty and glory of Jesus Christ. The joy of the Lord was no longer their strength. Jesus Christ, through the apostle John, exposes their sin and calls the church to repentance, “But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the work's you did at first” (Revelation 2:4,5). The greatest commandment is to love the Lord our God with our whole being (Matthew 22:36-38). Ceasing to love God with all our heart is a serious spiritual matter, that requires soul-searching repentance. Hopefully the church at Ephesus, heard the Word of Jesus, experienced conviction of sin by the Holy Spirit, leading to repentance.

Another example of God's people hearing the Word, repenting of sin, and experiencing revival is found in Nehemiah. As the Israelites continue to return home from Babylonian exile, they were in need of revival. Nehemiah beautifully captures how through the Word, God graciously convicts his people of their sin leading them to repentance and joy: “They read from the book, from the law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading... And the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, this day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep. For all the people wept as they heard the words of the law” (Nehemiah 8:8,9). A discouraged and disobedient people were brought to joyful repentance as the Spirit of God spoke to the people of God through his Word.

God desires to send revival to his church. He desires to send revival to you and me. So, how can we prepare ourselves for revival? One simple way that each of us can get ready for revival is by daily hearing God speak to us through his Word. It is through the Word that the Spirit exposes our sin, convicts of sin, and grants repentance of sin. Repentance will prepare us for revival!

Praying for revival!  
Pastor Todd



## AWANA Ministry

# Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that our first three months have ended. Earlier in December, we had Bible Hero Night and Declan West absolutely won our hearts by dressing up as his favorite hero – Moses. It is so beautiful to see that even our Puggles know who some of the great heroes of the Bible are.

Thanks to all of you who donated so many thoughtful and wonderful items to our Christmas store. Our clubbers were able to purchase some really great gifts for their families this year. They are always super excited when their parents pick them up and the children want to show off their wrapped gifts – it's really cute. I would like to thank the fabulous wrapping team that volunteered their time: Marsha Utley, Stacey Super, Vanessa Anderson, Betty Langnecker, Vicki Chitty, Susan Williams, and Laura Tyler. I've never seen wrapping go so quickly and efficiently!

If you are interested in participating in our AWANA program, [we are looking for a Games Director](#).

AWANA has entered 2022 with great anticipation! February and March theme nights are coming!

February	March
February 6 <sup>th</sup> – Pajama Night	March 6 <sup>th</sup> – Double Points Night
February 13 <sup>th</sup> – Valentine Night	March 13 <sup>th</sup> – Awards Night
February 20 <sup>th</sup> – Pastor's Popcorn Night	March 20 <sup>th</sup> – Bible Trivia Night
February 27 <sup>th</sup> – Armor of God Night	March 27 <sup>th</sup> – Favorite Verse Night

God bless all who are involved in this amazing children's ministry. Happy New Year!!!

Carol Brooks



## Seniors Ministry

Our December meeting began as people arrived, headed right to the kitchen, and left a dish for the meal following the program. Right at 11:00, Larry Thomas opened the meeting with a brief devotion and prayer. After that Kathy Herring led a hilarious gift exchange, as the packages were passed to the right and left. At the end of the game, people opened the gift that was left in front of them. Next, we all took part in a carol sing-a-long while the food was unwrapped, and then we all enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner. How good was it? Not a bite was left on anyone's plate!

Larry Thomas began the January meeting and the year 2022 with an outstanding devotion. Then Maria Geyer treated us to her homemade, authentic Italian lasagna. What a treat!

Pastor Todd will be the speaker at the February meeting, when he will share his thoughts and plans for 2022.

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

Dana Mosteller



## 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

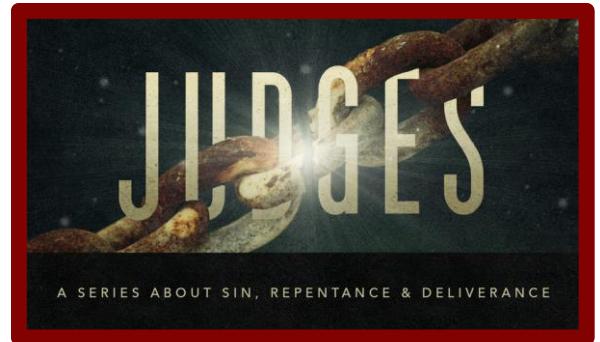
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## Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

The Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study will meet in February on the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> and will continue with the study on the **Book of Judges** that was begun last month. As usual, the study will feature a chapter by chapter, verse by verse, word by word, comprehensive Bible study.

The study began on January 8<sup>th</sup> with introductions to the function of the mid-14<sup>th</sup> – mid-13th century BC Hebrew Judges (to judge, to govern, to be a law giver) and to the compilation of the book itself (involving 12 leaders provided and used by God between Joshua [c.1375] and Samuel [c.1051], with some serving simultaneously at different locations). The recorded events probably did not occur chronologically. The Book of Judges was authored by various unknown writers (some sources attribute the book to Samuel).

The study follows the downward spiral of Israel's national and spiritual life into cycles of chaos and rebellion and punishment and repentance and deliverance; and the restoration of mercy, grace, and forgiveness of God. Its purpose was to demonstrate that God keeps His word: He will not overlook sin, it will be punished, but He will always forgive those who repent and seek His forgiveness.



On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, and in Chapter 1, the narrative explained that after the death of Joshua, who had succeeded Moses as the Israelite's leader and led the Twelve Tribes' conquest of Canaan, the Israelites found themselves leaderless and inquired of the LORD, "Who shall go up first for us against the Canaanites, to fight against them?" (1:1)

God provided the answer and the leadership. The chapter described the Israelites' occupation of Canaan and their continued failures to follow His direction to drive the inhabitants out of their lands. And it listed the consequences of their disobedience.

In Chapter 2, God reminded them that He had rescued them from their Egyptian captivity. He also reminded them of the conditions of their covenant obligations. "But," He declared to them, "you have not obeyed my voice." (2:2) And the Book's cycle of disobedience, punishment, repentance, and deliverance began.

In Chapter 3, God's promised that He would raise up judges "who (would save) them out of the hands of those who plundered them" (2:16) was fulfilled with the raising up of the first judge, Othniel, by whose actions "the land had rest forty years," (3:11) He was followed by Ehud because "the people of Israel again did what was evil in the eyes of the LORD" (3:7). The narratives of their service will be fully discussed.

The Men's Prayer 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 homemade breakfast consists of eggs (scramble and fried), sausage, corned beef hash, pancakes, waffles, biscuits, grits, sausage gravy, fruit, orange juice, and coffee. Come and enjoy good fellowship, and the Good News found in God's Word. It all begins at 8:00 AM and concludes around 9:30, or so.



Right now, the American Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis – our worst blood shortage in over a decade, posing a concerning risk to patient care. The Red Cross has had less than a one-day supply of critical blood types in recent weeks. They work with hospitals around-the-clock to help meet the needs of patients, but blood product distributions to hospitals are currently outpacing the number of blood donations coming in. The situation is dire. They are issuing a plea for full support of eligible donors to make an appointment.

**Blood Drive  
Suburban Christian Church  
Fellowship Hall  
5132 Bellamy Manor Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23464**

**Tuesday, February 1, 2022  
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit  
RedCrossBlood.org and enter: SCC to schedule an  
appointment.**

## Operation Christmas Child Corner

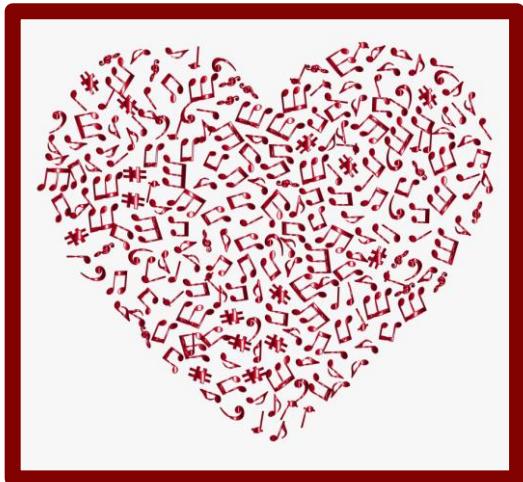
What a wonderful year we had in 2021 for the collection of shoebox gifts. Over 900 from Suburban and of those, all 900 were fully funded for shipping. That is an amazing accomplishment for our church. Thank you from all the children who received boxes this past year. We have already had someone receive confirmation of where their box was delivered. A child in Honduras got a box from our church. What a blessing!

So, now, what are you going to do for OCC this year? Are you going to hand make some toys or clothes? Or watch the markdowns and clearances in the stores for toys or school supplies? Or start saving your spare change to help pay for shipping? Or, put the children and the ministry on your personal prayer list? All these things are so important, and our collection last year shows how much we can do when we work together. Thanks again to everyone who packed a shoebox or helped to get those boxes to the hands of children worldwide.

Lynn Cooke



## Music Notes



First, thanks to everyone who made our Christmas Cantata so beautiful and meaningful. We are beginning work on special Easter music. I know with the widespread infection rates for COVID, some of you are hesitant to be in a large group, and some of you are or have been sick. I understand. We suspended the Senior Adult Choir through January and hope to be able to begin again in February. Watch the bulletin and your email to get the start date. Our Adult Choir has continued rehearsals and the leading of our worship services even though we have had small groups at times. God blesses us every day and accepts our praises from whomever is singing to Him.

We are social distancing and masking when needed during rehearsal so we can remain as protected as possible. If you would like to start learning the Easter music at home with a cd and a singers' book, please let me know. We'll do what we have to keep music a part of our worship this winter. Lynn



## Belong Women's Ministry

All ladies are invited to attend a baby shower hosted by  
The Belong Women's Ministry  
honoring

### Mason and Ravyn Thomas

Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 2:00 pm  
Suburban Christian Church Fellowship Hall  
5132 Bellamy Manor Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Registered at Target – It's a BOY!

## Ladies Conference at River Oak Church

On March 5, 2022, all ladies are invited to join the Belong Women's Ministry Leadership Team as we spend A Day with Lisa. The conference will take place at River Oak Church in Chesapeake, VA. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Doors open at 8:00 am and a light breakfast and lunch will be served. If you would like to go, please sign up in the foyer near the church office. If you would like to carpool, ride in the church van, or meet us at the venue, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet.

A Day with *Lisa*  
LISA HARPER AT RIVER OAK CHURCH

MARCH 5, 2022 // 9AM - 2PM  
WORSHIP CENTER

JOIN US FOR A DAY-LONG CONFERENCE WITH SOUGHT-AFTER BIBLE TEACHER AND SPEAKER LISA HARPER! DOORS OPEN AT 8AM, EVENT BEGINS AT 9AM. A LIGHT BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT RIVEROAKCHURCH.ORG/EVENTS

## Ambassador Youth Ministry

# THREE THINGS TRUE LOVE IS

We live in a world that gives us all kinds of messages about what true love is. The TV shows, movies, and books we read all portray love in so many different ways. Sometimes with all the different portrayals of love, it's hard to really determine what true love is. So, to help clear it up, we're going to talk about three things true love is.

1. **True love looks out for the best interests of the other person** – This means thinking about what is best for the other person. Many times, dating relationships are centered around selfish motives. For example, someone might date the starting quarterback in high school because it helps their popularity, or it makes them look good. This isn't true love because true love looks out for what is best for the other person. True love puts its own best interests on the back shelf and is looking out for the needs and interests of the other person.

*"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." – 1 Cor. 13:4*

2. **True love is based on friendship NOT the physical** – a relationship based on the physical stuff won't last. Any relationship should focus on getting to know the other person long before the physical comes into play. That's why God asks us to wait to have sex before marriage. It's one of the best ways to make sure your relationship will last, because it is based on something deeper than just the physical. Physical attraction isn't a good judge of love. Attraction can fade, but a relationship built on a solid foundation of friendship will be much more likely to succeed.

*"A friend loves at all times." – Proverbs 17:17*

*"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." I Timothy 4:12*

3. **True love has its foundation in Jesus** – The most important thing in a relationship is the other person's feelings toward Jesus. If the person you're dating doesn't love Jesus like you do, run away from the relationship. It is never a good decision to become involved with someone that doesn't love God like you do. This will set you up for lots of heartache in the future.

*"Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?" – 2 Cor. 6:14*

The Bible gives us the best picture of what true love is. If you want to really understand what true love is, you will find it by reading your Bible. A good place to start is by reading 1 Corinthians 13, which talks a lot about what love looks like.

## Updated Church Doctrinal Statement

1. We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament as verbally inspired of God inerrant in the original writings, and that they are of the supreme and final authority in faith and life. (*2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Matthew 24:35*)
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (*Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:13-17 and 28:19; John 1:1-3 and 14:25-26*)
3. We believe that in His incarnation, Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit, was born of the Virgin Mary, and is truly God and truly man. (*Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; Romans 9:5; Titus 2:13*)
4. We believe that man was originally created in the image of God as a sinless being. By voluntary transgression, he fell from that sinless state by rejecting God's word and submitting to the deception of Satan. As a result, all mankind are now sinners by nature and by conduct and thereby incur not only physical death, but also that spiritual death, which is separation from God and are justly under His condemnation. (*Genesis 1:26-27, 2:16-17 and 3:6-7; Psalm 51:5; Romans 1:18-23, 3:9-18, 23 and 5:12-19*)
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, that He arose victorious from the grave on the third day, that He ascended into heaven, and that His present life there for us is as High Priest and Advocate. (*Isaiah 53; Matthew 28:6; John 3:16; Acts 1:9; Romans 3:24-25; 1*)
6. We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. (*John 5:24, 6:37-40, 10:27-30; Romans 5:9-10, 8:1 and 31-39; 1 Corinthians 1:4-8; Ephesians 4:30; Hebrews 7:2; 1 Peter 1:5; Jude 24*)
7. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood and thereby become children of God. True faith is always accompanied by repentance from sin. Repentance is agreeing with God that you are sinful, confessing your sins to Him, and making a conscious choice to turn from sin and pursue Christ and obedience to Him. (*John 1: 12-13 and 3:3, 5; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Luke 13:3, 5; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; Matthew 11:28-30; John 17:3; 1 John 2:3*)
8. We believe that every saved person is involved in a daily conflict – the new creation in Christ doing battle against the flesh – but adequate provision is made for victory through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. The spiritual struggle never completely ends. Eradication of sin is not possible in this life, but the Holy Spirit does provide for victory over sin. (*Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 4:22-24; Philippians 3:12; Colossians 3:9-10; 1 Peter 1:14-16; 1 John 3:3-9*)
9. We believe that God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth which is our blessed hope; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord. (*John 5:28-29; Acts 1:11; 1 Corinthians 15; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Titus 2:13; Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 20:11-15*)



## Sunday School

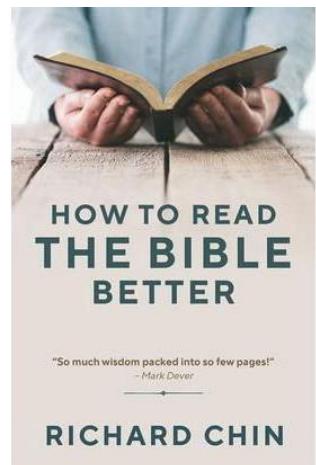


new courage and a new mission. Jesus came to give us a new covenant and new birth.

In this New Year, may we each ask God to give us new passion for Him and His word, new faith to trust Him more, and new courage to tell others about the God who gives new life.      Jan G.

## Pastor Todd's Sunday School Update

Excited? Daunted? Curious? How do you feel about the Bible? No matter how you feel about the world's bestselling book, we can all use a guiding hand to help us make the most of our Bible reading. In this short, readable book, pastor and Bible teacher Richard Chin offers you a step-by-step guide to better Bible reading: how to make sense of the Scriptures, how to avoid the most common pitfalls, and how to let God's Word shape your life. **YOU** are invited to join Pastor Todd as we dive into this new study. Books are available in the Church Office or in the Sunday School class.



Your 2021 giving statements were made available after the church service on January 30, 2022. If you did not receive your statement that Sunday, they were mailed on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, to the address we had on file. To update your address, phone number, or email address, please notify the church office.

Also, if you would like to give to Suburban Christian Church, you may do so by placing your offering in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, through your postal service, or through our website: [sccvb.org](http://sccvb.org).

**"Behold! I make all things new."**  
**Revelation 21:5**

A New Year and new beginnings! We are so thankful we serve a God of second chances and new beginnings. As each of our classes reads and studies the Bible accounts of how God used real people-flawed, doubting, sinful and sometimes unbelieving-we can take hope that He is a God of great patience, wisdom, and power. He called Abraham to a new place and a new life. He gave Jacob a new name and grew him into a new nation. God gave David a new song. God forgave Peter's denial and gave him

## Suburban Food Pantry Helped by Kempsville Elementary

The Suburban Food Pantry helps to meet the needs of our community on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Because of your faithful donations, we are typically able to help about 10 families on a regular basis.

Right before Christmas, Vanessa Anderson, one of Kempsville Elementary's finest, dropped off 300 items that had been collected by Kempsville Elementary students from preschool, K-5, and special education classrooms. Vanessa has been helping our Food Pantry ministry for several years and is now part of our Suburban Family. Thank you Kempsville Elementary for being a blessing to our church and community.



Food Pantry needs are announced almost every Sunday and are listed in the weekly bulletin. On occasion, Amie Mitchell (our Food Pantry Coordinator) is able to provide holiday celebration meals for those who sign up. For Christmas, we were able to serve 20 families. Amie and Gloria are fantastic at finding great deals on food items and at times, grocery store managers give us a good price when they find out what Amie and Gloria are shopping for.

We would also like to thank Nicolas Daniels for volunteering his time to serve in our Food Pantry. He greatly helps by carrying the heavy food bags and escorting our guests to their cars. wh



## Nursery News

If you would like to join the nursery ministry by helping one Sunday per month – during Sunday School or Worship service, please contact Stacie Raymer (757-589-5731; [sraymer@odu.edu](mailto:sraymer@odu.edu)). Young teenage helpers are also welcomed to help.

### February Nursery Schedule

Date	Sunday School 9:00 am	Worship 10:15 am	Worship Helper
<b>2/6/22</b>	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Stacie Raymer Samantha Haynes	Abby Deuell
<b>2/13/22</b>	Melissa Tucker	Jeff Herring Susan Haynes	Sophia Deuell
<b>2/20/22</b>	Melissa Tucker Stacey Super	Nancy Herbst Chris Bulaski	Samara Saucedo
<b>2/27/22</b>	Melissa Tucker Rebecca Beckner-Driver	Lou & Ara Miller	Elena Tyler

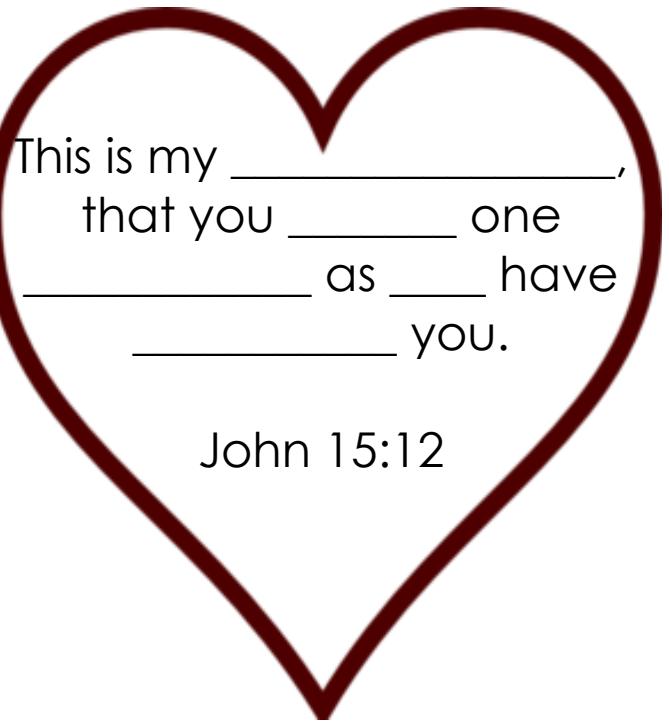
Just for...

# Suburban

## Kids



Directions: Look up the following verse and fill in the blanks.



### Did you know that

your heart beats about **100,000 times in ONE DAY**, it pumps about **1 MILLION BARRELS OF BLOOD** during an average lifetime, it does the **MOST PHYSICAL WORK of ANY MUSCLE** in the body, and that a woman's **HEART BEATS FASTER** than a man's heart?

**WOW!** God is amazing! That's why it's really important to keep our hearts healthy. Start each day with a **grateful** and **healthy** heart.

