

UPCOMING EVENTS

AWANA - Tonight is AWANA Store Night. We are in need of gift wrappers so if you can help, please join us. On **December 18th**, AWANA will be having Family Night.

AYM will be enjoying lunch together in the Fellowship Hall and then head roller skating at Sk8 Dojo Roller Rink in Virginia Beach. (The cost is \$10.00 per skater.) We will return to the church between 3:30 and 4:00 P.M. There will not be AYM this evening due to the skating activity this afternoon.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS COVERED DISH DINNER will be held on **Wednesday, December 14th, at 6:30 P.M.** Please bring your favorite dishes to share.

THE SENIOR MINISTRY will be having their Christmas meeting on **Thursday, December 15th**, at 11:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Ham and BBQ will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

RON RAYMER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will be having a Christmas lunch on **Sunday, December 18th**, after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

AMBASSADOR YOUTH MINISTRY will be having a Christmas Extravaganza on **Sunday, December 18th**, at 6:30 P.M. at the Haynes Home.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT
COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday, December 24th, 6:00 P.M.**

No other service compares to the glow of candlelight and the holy hush of worship on Christmas Eve.

OUR PURPOSE

We exist to make disciples by pursuing:
Intimacy with God,
Community with One Another
and Ministry to Others

Intimacy. Community. Ministry

Our services and programs are working together to move every believer along the process of discipleship as we work together to fulfill the Great Commission.

2022 Year Verse

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

Psalm 85:6



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Presenting Christ Alone as Savior and Lord

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Taught by Ron Raymer

Fellowship Hall B

Church History

Ron Raymer will present a study of the major events in the history of the Christian church from Christ's Resurrection to today. The study is based on information from Justo Gonzalez' "Church History: An Essential Guide," Everett Ferguson's "Church History" and Roger Olson's "The Story of Christian Theology." Examples of major events include ministry of the Apostolic Fathers, expansion of the church under Roman persecution, the church after Constantine, church in the Middle Ages, the Crusades, the Inquisition, the Reformation, the Great Awakening and contemporary church.

***If you would like to join in the Adult Sunday School class via conference call, please call 612-746-7360. The conference code is 809549.**

The Discovery Class

Fellowship Hall A

Taught by Bill Cofer

In December, the Discovery Class will look to the holiness of God and our response to the birth of Christ. In January, we will begin the study of Galatians as we look at Paul's letter of salvation through faith, by grace. Please consider joining our group as we joyfully study God's Word together.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

December 11, 2022

Welcome to Suburban Christian Church!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

HYMN OF PRAISE

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks NO. 203

CHRISTMAS CANTATA *Majesty of Heaven*

INVITATION *The First Noel* NO. 180

CLOSING PRAYER Pastor Todd



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

THE NEXT DATE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY is **Tuesday, December 20, 2022.**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY

9:00 A.M.....Sunday School
10:15 A.M.....Worship and Praise
5:00 P.M.....AWANA

Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Family Christmas Dinner

Thursday 6:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study

"The First Noel" Hymn History

"Noel" is a French word meaning "new birth". In one sense "noel" refers to the whole Christmas season; in another it refers to the good news that Jesus Christ has come. The first Noel, this song says, was sung by an angel to poor shepherds. The chorus rings out like a corner paperboy-shouting "Good News! Good News!. Hear all about it! King of Israel born today!" Early folk carols such as this often had a memorable chorus and many stanzas, each presenting some new aspect of the story. Someone would sing a stanza and a whole crowd could join in on the refrain. The First Noel was first published in its present form by William Sandys in 1833. It is inspiring to think of us all in the last stanza as crossing the boundaries of time. We modern believers join with earlier Christians to praise our Lord, who bought us all with His blood." The Complete Book of Hymns, c. 2006.