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The Suburban Connection

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In Loving Memory

Mrs. Velma Walton Meads



“Keep your heart
with all vigilance
for from it flows
the springs of life.”

Proverbs 4:23
(Mrs. Velma's Life Verse)

Save the Date!

“Belong”
Worship Night

April 6th
7:00 pm
Childcare
provided

MDO Spring
Break

April 12th – 19th

Easter Cantata
April 14th

During 10:15 am
Worship Service

Easter Egg Hunt
April 20th

10:00 am
“Walk With
Jesus”

OCC Concert
April 25th

Music provided
by the Young
Musicians of
Virginia

Secret Church
April 26th

Prayer, Fasting
and the Pursuit
of God with
David Platt

Mrs. Velma Walton Meads

October 27, 1931 – March 22, 2019

Our hearts are filled with a mixture of joy and sadness over the loss of Mrs. Velma. We rejoice in knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, but we grieve because we are going to miss her.

Velma walked with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Proverbs 4:23 commands us to guard our hearts as a prison guard guards the prisoners in his custody. The prison guard does everything in his power to keep the bad guys from getting out and doing harm. Velma gave this type of watchful care to her heart. She guarded her heart with all vigilance. Velma loved Jesus so much, she did not want to do anything that would displease Him or lead others astray. There is much to learn from her life of walking with Jesus.

Velma listened to Jesus in His word and talked with Him in prayer. Velma loved to read her Bible. If you went to visit Velma, you noticed that her Bible was always close by. It was very important that she heard and obeyed God's Word. Prayer was a priority to her. She was quick to pray for the needs in her family and her church.

Velma loved to sing praises to her great God. Praise and worship are more than singing, but it most certainly involves singing. Velma sang in every choir where Pastor Jimmy pastored. She loved to sing in the choir at Suburban. When she got to the point where she was physically unable to participate, she made sure she watched the worship service on her tablet.

Velma loved God's people at Suburban. One of the things that was so amazing about her was that she knew you by name. She not only knew your name, but she wanted to know about you. God placed in her heart a genuine love and care for the people of God. Whether it was serving in the women's ministry or going on a trip with the seniors or church fellowship or having people over and entertaining, Velma was actively involved in the life of the body of Christ.

Psalm 116:15 says, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Velma's homegoing was precious in the eyes of her Savior. Velma is now beholding her Savior face to face. Velma is no longer separated from the love of her life - "Pastor Jimmy." They were married for almost 65 years and now once again they are reunited in the very presence of God. WOW!

We look forward to seeing her again!

Pastor Todd



Sunday School



Do you often think about the leaders here at SCC? Do you pray for them and tell them you appreciate their service? Recently our 2nd and 3rd graders learned that Moses was a really good, though not perfect, leader of God's people. As part of their lesson they thought about what makes a good and godly leader. Ms. Michele and Ms. Dee Dee encouraged the children to write notes of appreciation to Pastor Todd. The children were thankful that Pastor Todd loves and prays for us and teaches us God's Word. We are praying that God will grow our children into godly leaders who will point others to our risen Savior.

Jan Grills

Belong Worship Night

We're created for relationship. Relationship with God and with others. Sometimes it can be difficult to find a place or group of people where we feel comfortable, understood, or accepted. If you're a woman between age 18 and still breathing, you Belong. Come worship, create new friendships, and strengthen current ones.



Belong

THERE'S ALWAYS A PLACE FOR YOU

An Evening of Worship and Friendship

Saturday, April 6, 2019
7pm

Questions?
belonginfoscc@gmail.com

Childcare Provided
Childcare Sign-Up in Foyer



Do you need help around the house, or in the yard clearing leaves, pine needles, or spreading mulch? Whatever your need the students of AYM would LOVE to help! Students are available now to assist any families in our church with needs in exchange for donations towards their Summer Camp or Mission Trip balances. To "Rent-A-Teen", simply fill out a form, sharing the work you need done, address, and phone number. Students will contact you and set up a time to work! Forms are located on the bulletin board in the hall. **Support the youth! Rent-a-Teen Today!**



SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes
Senior Pastor



Sally Harden
Director of Youth Ministry



Sarah Nelapaty
Director of Children's Ministries



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?

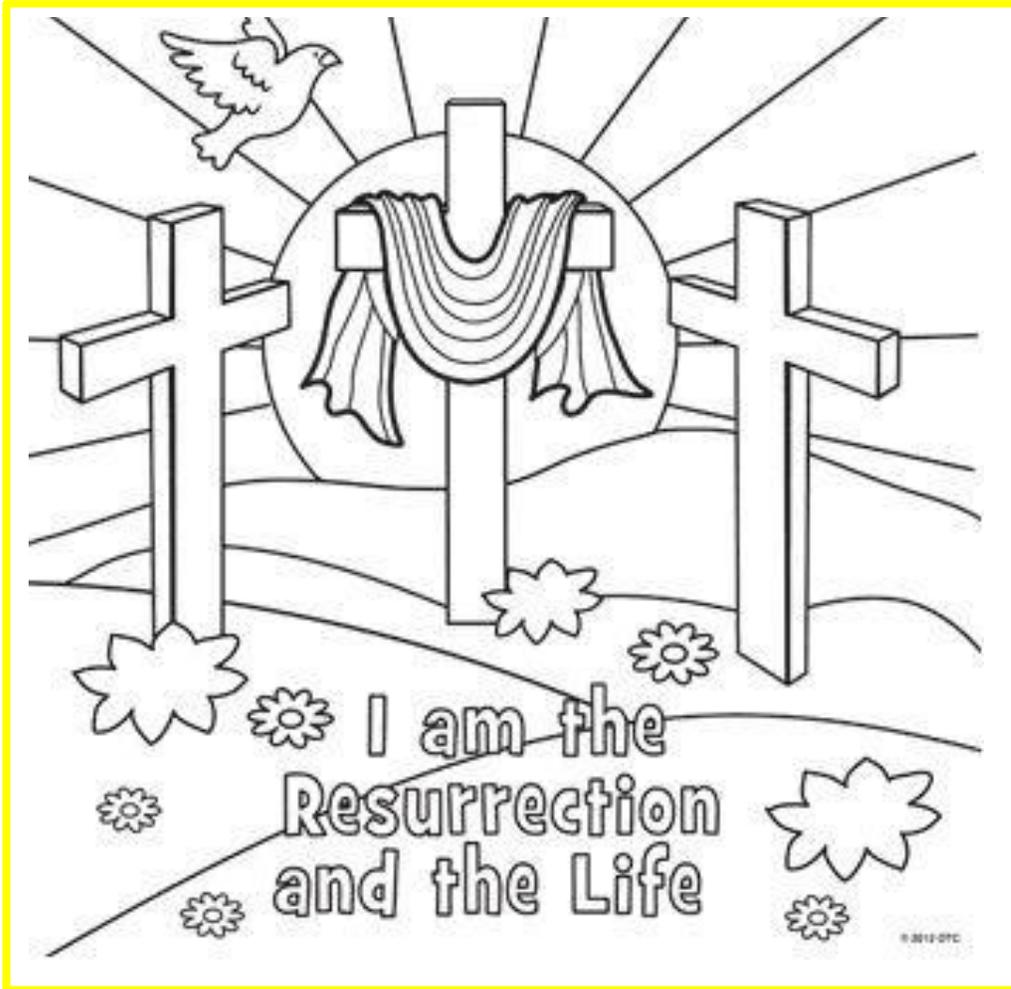
A growing faith in God
A growing love for God
A growing love for others

ACTION: HOW WILL THIS HAPPEN?

Drawing near to God
Pursuing community
Reaching our world

Visit us on Facebook! Search for "Suburban Christian Church" on www.facebook.com

We want to hear from you! Contact us at newsletter@sccvb.org



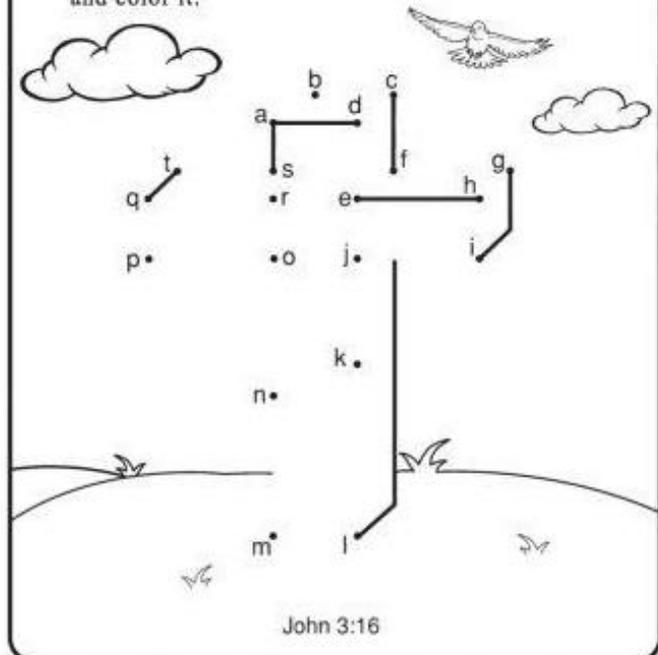
DID YOU KNOW...

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.

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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 ©

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|  | 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. |

AYM – Ambassador Youth Ministry

Where We've Been: **March**

This past March has been great! We have been working our way through Romans and we are finally at chapter 5! In the last week of March, we talked about the hope and peace that we get from the Lord. We also went to see the new Captain Marvel as a group and I love the Marvel universe. I can't wait to go see the Avengers: End Game with our students. We also had our fundraiser for the month, Arts for Hearts. I just want to extend a special thank you to Karen Meads, Dean Rose, Liz Bonnett, Bonnie Savelle, Steve Swartz, Jon Bonner, Emma Staten, Carol and Emmy Brooks who all donated their time and artwork to the event. You guys made that night a success by helping us raise almost **\$1500.00** for our youth go to camp and on the mission trip. I can't wait to do that again next year. However, I can't wait to see who gets the **FLAMINGOS** first. Remember, if you want to keep the flamingos from landing in your yard get your insurance now!

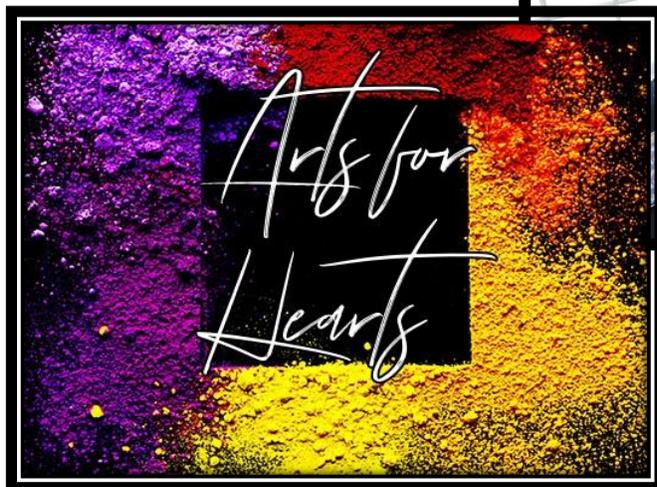
Sally Harden

Where We Are Going: **April**

April 7, 2019: Spaghetti Lunch After Church

April 12, 2019: Field-House Lock-in

April 20, 2019: Easter Festival and Bake Sale



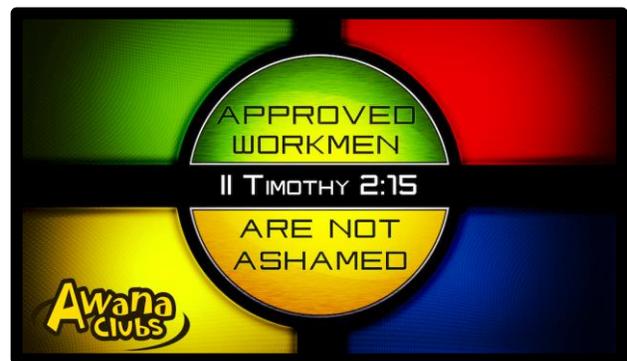
What's Happening In...

Suburban Kids

AWANA

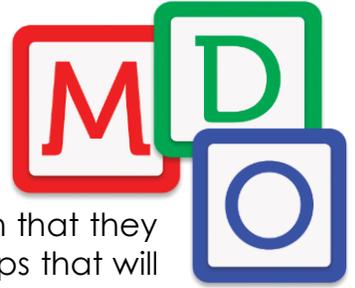
April is best known for Easter, when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In this day and age with all that is going on around us, it seems like it's becoming more and more important for people to see and know the Love of Jesus. But to speak out, especially on some of the current issues, it takes courage! One of the things about AWANA is that it can teach our kids to be courageous. I don't think courage is something that comes natural to any of us, it must be taught and passed on. What if William Wallace (Braveheart) said "Okay guys...go find some courage and be back here in about 10 minutes...alright?" Those men would have run back home very quickly. Courage must be "given, installed, and cultivated in the hearts and minds of our children" It is our AWANA leaders from whom the kids are learning this practice of being courageous. I say all this to try and show just how great and important our AWANA program is. In fact, AWANA has had generational effects for many families and throughout the world. For example, two brothers named Tony and Dave attended AWANA club in Ohio as kids. As adults they often look back and see those early years in AWANA provided a solid foundation, teaching the Bible, and instilling habits of disciplined study that would last a lifetime. As kids, their parents joined AWANA as well and it became part of that family's identity, a way to work together for God. Another story that had a huge impact is about Girma and Bety who left their home country of Ethiopia to attend graduate school at Wheaton College. While in school, their children joined an AWANA club and the whole family fell in love with the program and curriculum. Because of this family, Ethiopia now has nearly 1,000 clubs, reaching around 200,000 children and continues to grow.

Tim Jackson



Mother's Day Out

GOOD DISCIPLINE STRATEGIES



Parenting doesn't have to be a battle. Positive discipline teaches children that they can and will behave without threats, bribes, and yelling. Here are some tips that will set you on the path to better behavior and a stronger, more peaceful connection with your child.

***Don't just tell children what you expect, show them.** Teach children right from wrong with calm words and actions. Children learn when we show them kindness, responsibility, generosity, honesty, compassion, in action, every day.

***Set limits.** Limits help your child feel like you care, especially when you share with them the reason why the limit is being set. They will also feel more secure even though the limit isn't enjoyable. Give them fair warning if you expect them to stop doing something since some children have problems with abrupt changes.

***Catch them being good.** This positive feedback is sometimes called descriptive praise because it tells children specifically what they're doing well. Remember that if children have a choice between no attention or negative attention, they'll often seek out negative attention.

***Know when not to respond.** Ignore some small problems or annoying behaviors. Bigger problems need to be corrected, especially if the child's behavior might be harmful or dangerous.

***Teach children how to correct their misbehavior and know that there are consequences.** It's important for children to learn about the consequences to their actions. For example, if a child spills their drink during a tantrum give them a rag and teach them how to clean the mess up. This teaches children about self-control in the future.

***Correct your child soon after the unacceptable behavior occurs but wait until your anger has passed.** Taking a few deep breaths before you say something or do something may help reduce your anger, so you are in control of yourself.

Teaching children about good behavior may be difficult at first. Just remember to be consistent about your rules and instructions and, in time, they will learn to do it all by themselves! The goal is not only to encourage good behavior but also to promote independence, resilience, strength of character and solid values.

Andrea Hoover



Children's Church

Things are moving along in our Children's Churches! Mrs. Laura and Mr. Jeff are now leading as our Junior Suburban Kids continue to grow as they study the events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. It has been such a joy to see these little ones really begin to grasp who Jesus is and what He came to do for us.

Our Suburban Kids have been continuing their study of the Parables as Mrs. Missy and Mrs. Carol are now teaching. It is a blessing to know our children are receiving Biblical truths through lessons that are geared to their age levels.

Please continue to pray for God's provision and protection over this ministry!

If you would like to know how you could get involved as either a teacher or assistant, please contact Sarah Nelapaty, (757)647-3626.

Sarah Nelapaty



Operation Christmas Child

Plan now to come to the concert supporting Operation Christmas Child on **Thursday, April 25th**, at 4:00 pm here at the church. Bring an item to help fill the shoe box gifts as your admittance. There are flyers available at the church to share with your friends and family. We're looking forward to hearing some great music and helping with the OCC ministry, too. Our own Tommy Council is one of the members of the Young Musicians of Virginia Jazz Band and they are planning to bring a great performance. We will also need food for a reception to follow the concert. Please contact me or Ara Miller if you can help with that.

Lynn Cooke



What can go in a shoe box gift?

- *A WOW item: doll, musical instrument (harmonica/recorder), stuffed animal, backpack
- *Personal Care Item: comb, hairbrush, toothbrush, blanket, flashlight, water bottle
- *School Supplies: pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, markers, erasers
- *Clothing/Accessories: flip-flops, sunglasses, hair bows, pillowcase, dress, wrist watch, hat, scarf, mittens
- *Craft & Activities: coloring books, watercolor sets, puzzles, stickers, jump rope
- *Toys: yo-yo, small frisbee, small kite, tennis ball, Etch A Sketch, plastic toys



Worship & Music Ministry



On April 14th, the music ministry will present He Has Overcome. This new musical celebrates the Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and His miraculous victory over death. You'll hear a blend of familiar songs: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today", "Overcome" and "We Will Glorify". Mixed in are a few new poignant tunes, "His Mercy is More", "Glorious Cross, Wondrous Cross" and "Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love". You will be singing along in no time as the new songs find their way into your worship repertoire! Join us for one service at 10:15 am, and don't forget to invite friends!

Karen Meads

Seniors Ministry



In March our outing was to Smithfield. We ate lunch at the Smithfield Station restaurant, and then we enjoyed a delightful walk around the historical district. The following week we had our regular monthly meeting. Maricel Briones and Dustin Yaworski from Southeastern Physical Therapy were our guest speakers. They talked about fall risks and vertigo in seniors and gave us great suggestions on how to protect ourselves.

This month we will go back to Anderson's on Wednesday, April 10th, and have lunch at the Sage Restaurant at noon. Plan to get together and carpool and meet Vicki there at 11:45. After lunch we will shop until we drop!

Our regular monthly meeting will be held Thursday, April 18th at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Jackie Poutasse will present "The Bodacious Bakehouse Story", the story of the birth of a restaurant. Please plan to attend, invite a friend to come with you and bring a covered dish to share.

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

SECRET CHURCH

KNOW HIS WORD. KNOW HIS PERSECUTED.

PRAYER FASTING AND THE PURSUIT OF GOD

Our culture is constantly telling us that we can achieve anything we set our mind to. Sadly, many Followers of Christ and many churches have adopted this self-sufficient mindset, relying on their own wisdom and abilities instead of relying on God. But what if we were never intended to be self-sufficient? And what if God has designed us so that our greatest satisfaction is found as we depend on Him fully for everything we need?

In Secret Church 19 we'll take an in-depth look at the Bible's teaching on prayer and fasting. We'll see that our inabilities and weaknesses are the very place where God meets us with His strength and sufficiency. We'll also see that faithfulness to the mission of Christ requires depending on the Spirit of Christ. Through prayer and fasting, we demonstrate our need for God's power and our desire for His glory.

Suburban Christian Church
APRIL 26, 2019
7:00 pm ET

WALK WITH Jesus

An EASTER EVENT for FAMILIES

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

PLAN NOW TO JOIN US FOR THIS ENGAGING, MULTISENSORY EXPERIENCE AS WE FOLLOW JESUS' FOOTSTEPS DURING HIS LAST DAYS ON EARTH.

DESIGNED FOR FAMILIES TO EXPERIENCE TOGETHER, THIS PROGRAM WILL TRAVEL TO JERUSALEM, THE LAST SUPPER, THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE, THE CROSS AT CALVARY, AND THE EMPTY TOMB, WHERE THE CHILDREN WILL LEARN THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL.

FOLLOWING THE JOURNEY, THERE WILL BE AN EGG HUNT FOR TODDLERS THROUGH 5TH GRADERS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT AYM MISSION TRIP AND WATERMARKS CAMP THIS SUMMER.

CHECK THE VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE TABLE IN THE FOYER TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO TO MAKE THIS A TRULY MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR THE CONGREGATION AND THE COMMUNITY.



Block out the dates on your calendar now for the adventure of the summer!

Vacation Bible School

July 15 – 19, 2019

6:00 – 8:30 pm

From Haiti to Home



The news that I have to share does grieve my heart, but I want you to know that this decision has been prayed over by Pastor Todd, Sally, and myself. We have decided that with the escalation in violent rioting in Haiti and talk of more rioting to stir up in May, that it is important for our safety to cancel our plans to travel to Haiti.

The U.S. government has removed all non-emergency officials and their families from the nation and has recommended a travel ban; a warning which we have decided to heed. We serve a God that is able to do far and above all that we could ever ask or think, and so we are trusting that this change in direction is all in His perfect plan.

With that being said, we still want to help the YWAM base in St. Marc as much as we can, so we have decided to send them all of the money that we have raised so far, and we are brainstorming other things that we could do for them.

God has put a renewed burden on our hearts for our city in the midst of all of this change. Pastor Todd, Sally, and I are excited about planning a Week of Service in our own city! The week of July 1st we will be doing different service projects across Hampton Roads that we will be planning in the coming months. I am excited about this new opportunity because I believe the Lord is making a way for more members of our congregation to join. We have this opportunity to bring to life last year's verse, "Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45, ESV); we have this opportunity to now do this as a Church Family. As well, I believe that through this serving, the Lord will help us have a greater revelation of 2019's year verse (2 Corinthians 8:9), and His grace over our lives.

As I have mourned the ending of one trip and simultaneously celebrated the new vision, the Lord has put this verse on my heart: "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43: 18-19, ESV).

He is doing a new thing in our lives, in this church, and in this city. I am ready to welcome His Spirit in a new way, and I am excited to see who will join us on this new adventure.

With love in Christ,
Rebekah Pencook

More information will be coming soon regarding the **WEEK OF SERVICE** in July. In the meantime, be praying about how the Lord is leading you to be a part of serving at home.

