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# The Suburban Connection

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## Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week a Huge Success!

The greatest journey has begun! We started collecting items to fill GO boxes, **G**ospel **O**ppportunity Boxes, better known as shoebox gifts, in June of this year. We then got together on November 4<sup>th</sup> to pack as many boxes as we could. We viewed the OCC video, prayed over the boxes and the children who would receive them and started to work. We had a great group of packers from little children to grandparents working to spread the word and love of Jesus to the ends of the earth. We packed 188 GO boxes that day!

With the additional boxes that arrived throughout the month of November, we met our goal of 400 shoebox gifts easily. We then continued to fill boxes with more donations through the week of National Collection (Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>) while we were serving as the drop off collection center for OCC in Kempsville. Our count continued to rise with a grand total of **531!!!** THANK YOU – everyone who participated in any way to make this ministry such a far-reaching success.

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### Save the Date!

#### Christmas Dinner

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm in  
Fellowship Hall.  
Bring a dessert to  
share.

#### Christmas Cantata

**December 17<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 am in  
Sanctuary - Only one  
service

#### Christmas Eve

**December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Candlelight  
communion at  
6:00 pm in the  
Sanctuary

# One Name Is Not Enough To Describe Him

## Isaiah 9:6

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

This verse helps us to see the Glory of Christ with four beautiful descriptions. One is not enough.

### **Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor that we need.**

Jesus doesn't need any other counselors or advice. We are the ones in need of his wisdom. In our chaos and confusion Jesus provides the wonderful counsel we desperately need.

### **Jesus is the Mighty God that we need.**

Not only are his plans perfect but because he is the Mighty God he is able to execute his plans for our good. No matter how difficult life is, Jesus the Mighty God rules and reigns on high for our good.

### **Jesus is the Everlasting father that we need.**

As our Everlasting father Jesus will always protect, provide and care for his children. It will be his great joy to lovingly spend eternity with you.

### **Jesus is the Prince of Peace that we need.**

Unlike the kings and rulers of this world who are unable to deliver "world peace," Jesus will bring his perfect peace first into our hearts and then one day into the new heaven and earth.

During this Christmas season may we behold The Glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, leading us to fall at his feet in worship, praise and adoration.

Looking to Jesus with you,  
Pastor Todd

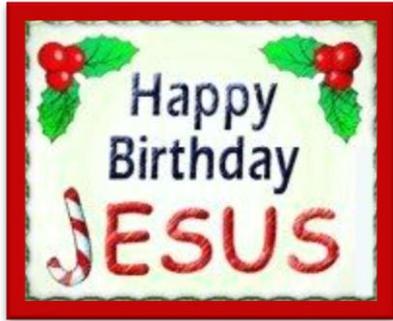
November just flew by and culminated in an evening of little pilgrims and Indians spending some time with one of Virginia Beach's finest, Officer Steve Swartz! All the kids got to wear his very heavy flak jacket and play with buttons and knobs of his police car. As we move into December, the Christmas season promises lots of activities designed to give the kids the real meaning of Christmas. Just before going on our Christmas break, the kids will have a special store night (December 17<sup>th</sup>) where they will get to purchase gifts for their families. This special AWANA store night is done every year in which the entire SCC family can donate gifts in the marked box in the foyer. In addition, we will be providing pizza and cookies, so no need to feed the little ones before AWANA that night!

As we look forward to 2018, we will be shortening our AWANA nights a bit. Beginning in January, our new AWANA time will be from **5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.**

# AWANA



# Suburban Kids



## What's Happening In.....

### Children's Church

Such an exciting month for Suburban Kids! There will be a very different schedule this month so keep reading! On December 3rd, Suburban Kids will remain in the service for Christmas with the Pastor. December 17th will be the cantata and the children will either be participating or in the service with their families. Our annual Children's Church Happy Birthday Jesus party will be December 24th during both services. They won't want to miss this! Finally, there will be **NO** children's church on **December 31st**.

### Sunday School

Sunday School is not just learning, fun and fellowship – sometimes it includes feasting too! Recently the Middle School Class celebrated Thanksgiving with a breakfast meal together. Mr. Tim manned the grill and made pancakes and Mrs. Kathy made sure everyone got their fill. They also learned that the Holy Spirit fills each of them to be a witness for Jesus. As they read about Jesus' "Great Commission" of His disciples, the students learned how they can share the gospel too.



### Mother's Day Out Little Lambs

Our big event for the **Mother's Day Out Little Lambs** in December is our very special "Happy Birthday Jesus Party." The party will be Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, with a fun filled morning planned. The children will play the *Snowball Throw* game, do a nativity camel craft, and watch the video "The Crippled Lamb." Refreshments will include a birthday cake for Jesus. As the kids are having their refreshments there will be a special visit from Santa with gifts for them. They also can have their picture taken with him if they want. Mother's Day Out Little Lambs will be closed from December 19<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>. Our first day back will be January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Have a very Merry Christmas and safe and Happy New Year!!

# Down from His Glory

Christmas 2017

It's time to start inviting family and friends for the 2017 Christmas Cantata

Presented By:

The Music Ministry of Suburban

One Service Only

December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am



## SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes  
Senior Pastor



Sally Harden  
Director of Youth 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

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*It's the  
power  
of a  
simple  
gift!*



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The moneys collected in our little truck or airplane goes directly to help with the shipping of the boxes. If any of you have attempted to mail an international gift, you know the expense is great. Thanks to the shippers giving Samaritan's Purse deep discounts to spread the love of God, they are able to ship these gifts at a small price (\$9.00 per box). This also includes processing the boxes, from the local church and collection centers to the national processing centers. Thank you for helping! You may still make contributions to Samaritan's Purse throughout the year if you wish. Go to OCC.com to donate.

The Drop Off Center received 1976 GO boxes to send on their way. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers from the packers to the lifters to the transporters for helping to get these boxes into the hands of children around the world.

We heard a "Full Circle Testimony" in October from a Russian orphan who told us of the wonder of receiving a shoebox gift and how it changed her life to know that God loves her. She is now a missionary herself and shares her story around the country.

We have 10 people from Suburban going with the Hampton Roads Area OCC to Charlotte, North Carolina to work in the processing center from December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. Please keep this group in your prayers for safety and a "mountain top" experience as they see the scope of the shoebox ministry and work and pray for the children.

Thanks again to everyone who shared in the giving of God's love through a simple shoebox gift and keep the ministry in your mind throughout the Christmas season and the new year. If you watch for sales and special offers, you'll have a good number of items saved up for next year's collection when we begin in June.

See you in Church!

*Lynn Cooke*





## Bellamy Women

Bellamy Women will hold an Ornament Exchange on Thursday, December 7th at the home of Andrea Hoover, 608 East Lynn Shores Circle, Virginia Beach 23452 beginning at 6:30 pm. Participation in the ornament exchange is not required, but if you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped ornament (maximum \$10.00 Value). This is a great time of fellowship and fun! Please sign up in the foyer and bring your favorite finger food to share. We look forward to seeing you there. Merry Christmas!

## AYM NEWS

### Where We've Been: November

Whoa! Where did November go? It seems like Halloween was only yesterday and now Christmas is just around the corner. This month was amazing and exciting. So many new things and changes happened. I am so lucky to be here at Suburban Christian Church. In the past month I got to meet so many new students and parents. The Youth Group has also had a chance to talk through Philippians. We spoke about being humble and not complaining. We've got new carpets and a new sofa in the youth room. If you haven't seen it yet, go check it out!

### Where We're Going: December

December doesn't slow down one bit. Saturday, we went to Nonna's for dinner, and Sunday is Youth Sunday! We have so many talented students and we are blessed to have them help out and perform for us. In December, we will be continuing our talk in Philippians; come join us to hear more. Starbucks after school is on the first and third Friday of the month an hour after school (1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>). Come hang out with us for an hour. Be one of the first three students to bring a new friend and win a free tall drink for you and your friends. We will be going to Union Mission on the 9<sup>th</sup> to work in their warehouse sorting food. We are also having a (Christ)mas Party on the 20<sup>th</sup>; come in your ugly Christmas sweater! Then to end the month we will be going to the Fieldhouse for a lock-in (29<sup>th</sup>). No pillows allowed!

I can't wait to see what God has in store for this Youth Ministry! God Bless!

## Seniors Ministry

The Seniors Ministry held their annual Thanksgiving meeting November 16<sup>th</sup>. After we shared our blessings that we were thankful for, we all shared in a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with turkey and all the trimmings.

We invite everyone, adults and children, to join us on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> for our annual Family Christmas Caroling. Come help us spread some Christmas cheer to those who are homebound and/or live alone. If you can, bring cookies, homemade or store bought. We will meet at the church at 6:00 pm and assemble a box of cookies for each home we will visit. Please sign up on the list in the foyer so we know how many will be going.

Looking ahead to next year, the first meeting will be on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Pastor Todd Haynes will present his thoughts and plans for 2018.

