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The Suburban Connection

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From the Pastors Desk: Our Year Verse 2019

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.”

2 Corinthians 8:9

Save the Date!

AWANA Resumes

January 6th

Normal Sunday night activities resume at 5:00 pm

Life Groups

January 17th

Leader/Host Meeting at 7:00 pm
Contact Pastor Todd for more info.

AYM Chili Cook-Off

January 20th

After the Worship Service

Senior Breakfast

January 26th

8:00 am
Please sign up on the AYM board

OVERFLOWING GENEROSITY

Overflowing generosity is what Paul wants to see from the Corinthian church. Paul is taking up a love offering to help the impoverished church in Jerusalem. The churches in Macedonia have responded with overflowing generosity (8:3) and now Paul wants to see the Corinthians respond in similar fashion.

In II Corinthians 8: 9, Paul points the Corinthians to the overflowing generosity of Jesus. He wants them to meditate on the Gospel generosity of Jesus. No one has overflowed with generosity more than Jesus. Jesus who was rich became poor so that we by his poverty might become rich. The glory of heavenly existence with the Father is immeasurable wealth and riches. Jesus chose to set all this aside and become poor through his earthly existence, which involved his birth, sinless life, rejection, death on the cross, and resurrection. He did this so that we who were poor and lost in our earthly sinful existence might become rich in eternal salvation. Jesus saw our sinful poverty and gave everything to save us. There is no clearer picture than this of what a life of overflowing generosity looks like.

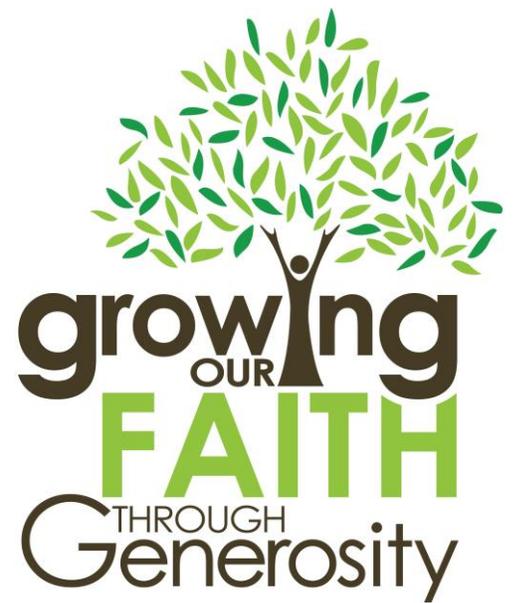
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Paul believes that as the Corinthians live in the overflowing generosity of Jesus that it will produce a lifestyle of overflowing generosity. This is what I believe will happen at Suburban in 2019 if we will live daily in the Gospel generosity of Jesus. I believe that as we rest daily in who Jesus is and what Jesus did, that He will produce a people overflowing in generosity...He will make us like Himself, ever generous with our time, talents, and resources for His glory and for the eternal good of others.

Would you join me in praying that God will generously pour out His Spirit upon us in 2019? Would you pray that God would set us on fire...a fire overflowing with generosity just like Jesus?

To God Be the Glory,
Pastor Todd

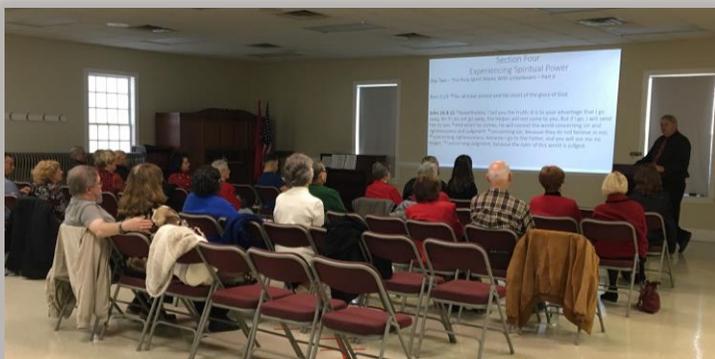


Sunday School News

Do you know there is a group of people in our midst that spends their time mining every Sunday morning? They come here at 9:00 to dig for treasures in God's Word. Our new 2019 year verse says that Jesus became poor so that we might become rich. That truth certainly speaks to our eternal inheritance, but Jesus also opened the door to spiritual riches for His people here and now. We have two adult Bible study groups that meet each Sunday to discuss and lay hold of some of those truths. Please join us as we experience Jesus' grace in sharing His riches with us.

Jan Grills

The Word of God



Pastor Todd's Christmas with the Children and Youth Sunday

On Sunday, December 2nd, Pastor Todd read to the children "Twas the Evening of Christmas" by Glenys Nellist. It was a wonderful time, a tradition that was started many years ago by our Pastor Jimmy Meads. The children loved it and to top it off each child received a chocolate covered marshmallow afterwards as a treat!



Several of our youth led the worship and served during the worship service by taking up the offering and serving communion. Noah McHugh gave his testimony sharing how God has drastically changed his life. He is praying for God's leading concerning his future.



Christmas Cantata 2018

“All Year Long” was the Christmas cantata for 2018. It’s always a blessing when the children are a part of such a special time. Our actors did such a good job communicating that “all year long” we should be celebrating the gift of Jesus. Special thanks to the choir, musicians, children, parents, sound crew, those who serve behind the scenes, and especially our choir director for another wonderful Christmas cantata! We are blessed to have a choir director who prays over each cantata and goes where God leads!

Warm up your voices! Tuesday rehearsals resume January 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm.



What's Happening In... Suburban Kids

Mother's Day Out

Sitting down with a book provides children with a time for quiet and calmness in their busy lives. Stories can stimulate imagination and play. Reading provides parents with more opportunities to bond with their children. Stories provoke curiosity and discussion. Books provide inspiration, thought and reflection. Picture books help readers to develop an appreciation for art and writing. Reading a variety of books exposes children to a wide range of language and vocabulary. Listening to stories assists in the development of literacy skills and language development. Exposure to books contributes to the understanding of print concepts (left to right, top to bottom). Books and stories fill a child's mind with knowledge. Take time each night to sit and read to your child. If you are interested in being a Surprise Reader for Suburban Kids Mother's Day Out, please come see me. The children really love guest readers!

Andrea Hoover



Children's Church

We are excited to announce that we will be welcoming a new addition to our Suburban Kids ministry! Beginning in February, we will be adding Junior Children's Church to our Sunday morning ministries. Junior Children's Church will serve our 4-year olds through Kindergarteners and Children's Church will be for our 1st through 3rd graders. This will be a much-needed step in better meeting the needs of all of our children. It will enable us to narrow the age ranges being served in both our Children's Churches to more specifically gear teaching and activities to our children in order to help them understand more fully who Jesus is and how His Word impacts their lives.

In Children's Church this month our Suburban Kids will begin exploring the Parables of Jesus and learning how to apply them to their lives. Mrs. Andrea Hoover and Miss Jaimee Park will be the teaching team for this month with Miss Jaimee being joined by Mrs. Missy Hickling for the month of February.

For Junior Children's Church, in February, our exciting adventure into God's true Word will begin through the Jesus Storybook Bible. Mrs. Sarah Nelapaty and Mrs. Laura Tyler will be the teaching team for the month of February. We are looking forward to journeying through the Bible this year with our youngest Children's Church members.

Sarah Nelapaty



AWANA Ministry

As our AWANA Program welcomes in the year 2019, we all hope everyone had a great holiday season. After a short break, we are back into AWANA with some new themes and fun times for the clubbers. As we begin the year, our themes and lessons will be following the Israelites and Moses as they escape from Egypt and wander through the desert and get the 10 Commandments. Also, we will be doing some of our usual stuff in April and May which is collecting coins for the Crisis Pregnancy Center and having a Drive-in Movie night.

Tim Jackson



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

Seniors' Ministry

The Seniors Ministry sponsored its annual evening of Christmas caroling on Friday, December 14th. We traveled to the homes of several of our older church members and we had a wonderful evening, even though our group was small. Please plan to bring your family and join us next year on Friday, December 13th. You have children or grandchildren? Bring them along with you – the seniors love seeing those happy little faces!

Our next meeting will be January 17th, 2019, at 11:00 am. Pastor Todd will share his thoughts and plans for the year. Please bring a soup or salad to share at the luncheon afterwards. Also bring a friend or two!

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!

The Seniors Ministry needs you! Over the years, we have lost a number of our original members due to age, illness and death. Several of these people served on the ministry's steering committee. We are seeking new members with new energy and new ideas, including some who would be willing to contribute their time and talents to the steering committee. If you are interested in serving on the steering committee, please contact Ray McGrady. Dana Mosteller

Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study

During January, the Men's Prayer Breakfast will continue its study of the Book of Acts. The study will center on chapters 6 and 7. Those chapters relate the selection of the fledging church's first deacons and the subsequent arrest and stoning of Stephen, the church's first martyr. Stephen's defense provides a brief synopsis of Old Testament history and a bold, direct accusation of those who were about to kill him.

As we have already studied, the growth of the church in Jerusalem after the Day of Pentecost included numbers of Greek-speaking Jews (Hellenists) from nations surrounding the Mediterranean Coast. They and Jews from Jerusalem, Judea, and Galilee who had accepted the Gospel message and believed in Jesus Christ (the Christian community), *"devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and the fellowship to the breaking of bread and the prayers...all who believed were together and had all things in common...selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need."* (Acts 2:42-46)

Over a time, *"a complaint by the Hellenist arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution"* of provisions for the needy (Acts 6:1). Rather than take time from their preaching to deal with those matters, the apostles charged the Hellenists to select seven of their number to serve those functions. Stephen was one who was selected.

As always, the study will include an in-depth, word-by-word, verse-by-verse, chapter-by-chapter, survey of the Scriptures. Breakfast will consist of scrambled eggs, sausage, girts, biscuits, sausage gravy, fruit, and coffee prepared by ministry members.

It all starts at 8:00 am on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month in the Fellowship Hall. The dates of the January sessions are January 5th and January 19th. Bob Grymes

Ambassador Youth Ministry - AYM

WHERE WE'VE BEEN - DECEMBER

Christmas has come and gone... Already... What? It feels like we only just put the tree up and now it's coming down. This month has been a blast, but that is not unusual at all. We began the month with Youth Sunday. It's always amazing to see how talented and inspiring our students are. Emma Staten, Anna Super, Inara Caron, Celia Godfrey, and Noah Rakes were amazing at worship and I am so proud of them. Noah McHugh gave an encouraging testimony about how even when you don't see God working in your life, He is always moving for His glory. I always love Youth Sunday. Then we had our progressive dinner! Everything was delicious, and I would like to give a special thank you to Kathy and Tim Jackson, Joe and Maria Gewerth, and Lou and Ara Miller for having us come into your homes and spending time with our students! The Christmas dinner was a hit and I loved tasting everyone's dishes that they brought in, and the play that the little one put on was so adorable. The AYM Ugly Christmas Party was a blast! Another special thank you to Nate Shaphard for giving a big gift to the students of all new nerf guns. I know the kids had a blast with those. Then to cap the month off, the Christmas Eve service was beautiful.

One full year completed at Suburban and I can't explain what a pleasure and blessing it is to be here. I love this church and its people! I had been praying before coming here that God would give me a church family that was overflowing with love and a desire to please and glorify Him. I had no idea how much more God was going to give me at Suburban Christian Church. So, as another year starts, I would like to thank you for being an amazing church! I can't wait to see what next year holds.

Sally Harden

WHAT'S TO COME – JANUARY

Girls' Night In: January 11th

Guys' Night In: January 11th

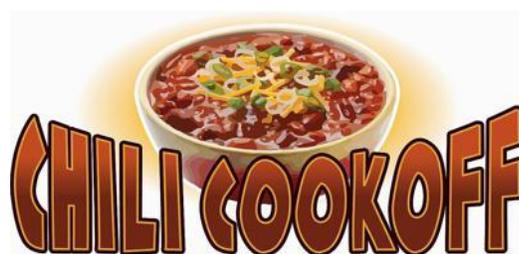
Parents' Meeting for Camp and Mission Trip (not Haiti): January 16th @ 5:30 pm

Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser: January 20th after Church

Breakfast Lock-in: January 25th @ 9 pm

Senior Breakfast: January 26th @ 8 am

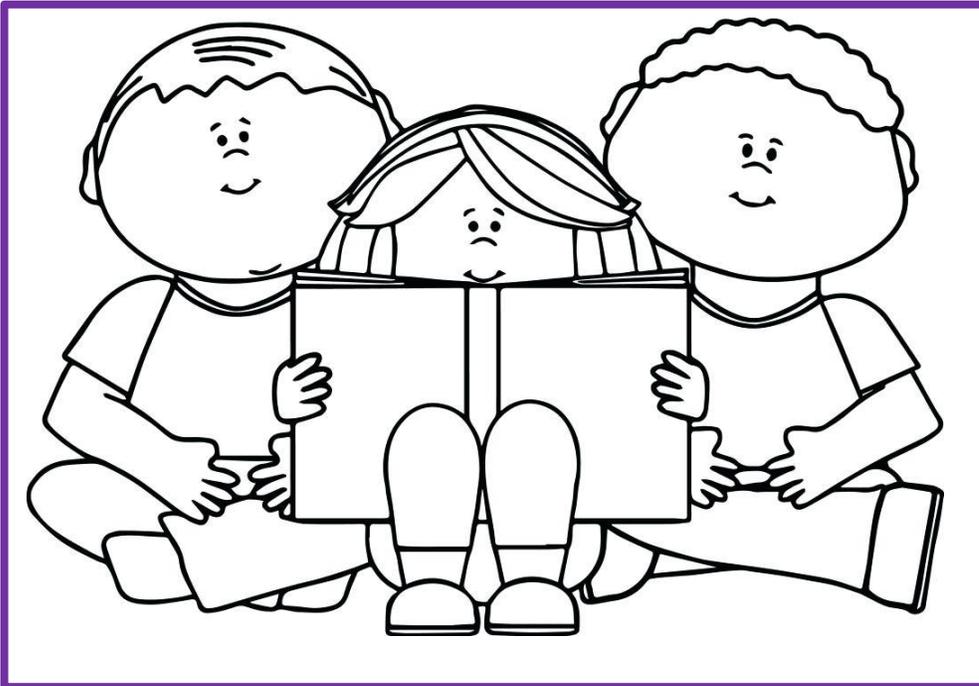
Camp and Mission Trip Cut Off: January 31st



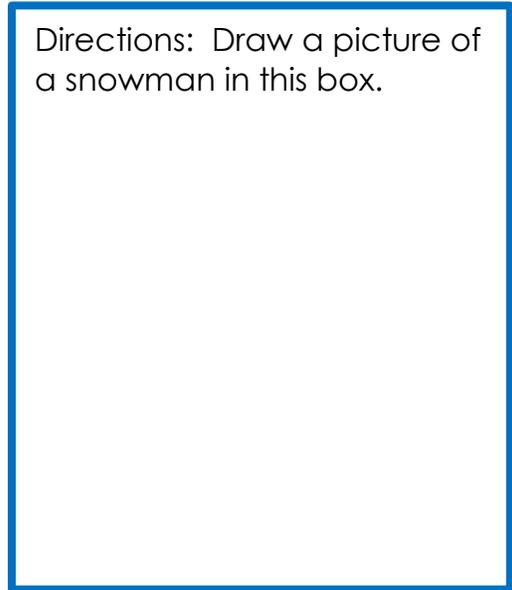
Life Group Ministry

If you are currently hosting or leading or are interested in hosting or leading a Life Group, please make plans to attend the **LIFE GROUP LEADERS and HOSTS MEETING** on **Thursday, January 17th at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Todd by calling the church office.

Color the picture of the children reading the Bible.



Directions: Draw a picture of a snowman in this box.



2019 YEAR VERSE

Directions: Look up the Bible verse below and fill in the blanks. Show Pastor Todd when you have completed it for a prize. 😊

"For you _____ the _____ of our Lord _____ Christ, that though he was _____, yet for your sake he became _____, so that you by his poverty might become _____."

2 Corinthians 8:9

Did you know that Pastor Todd has a favorite food? If you think you know his favorite food, go tell him.

HINTS: It can be square or round. You can put anything on it. He eats it at least once a week!

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