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The Suburban Connection

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From the Pastors Desk: Our Year Verse 2020

“And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.”

Acts 4:31

Save the Date!

AWANA Resumes

January 5th

Normal Sunday
night activities
resume at 5:00 pm

Life Groups

January 23rd

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

AYM Chili Cook-Off

January 19th

After the Worship
Service

Senior Breakfast

January 25th

8:00 am
Please sign up on
the AYM board

PRAYING TOGETHER IN 2020

When we look at the early church, one thing that stands out is that they **“prayed together.”** Let's look at a few examples of this.

***Acts 1:14** – “All these (the 11 disciples) with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.” This verse describes what the first followers of Christ did after he ascended into heaven. They gathered together in the upper room and devoted themselves to prayer. This is the environment through which the church of Jesus Christ was formed.

***Acts 2:11** – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.” It was 9:00 am (Acts 2:15), the first of 3 set times for prayer. Here the group is still together waiting, watching and praying. Praying together for over a week, waiting to receive the promise of the Holy Spirit.

***Acts 2:42** – “And they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” The church was born during a time of extended prayer and here we see that they continued to pray together. As Luke is describing the life of the early church, he wants us to see that they were continuing to pray together.

***Acts 4:31** – “And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.” What does the church do when they are threatened to no longer speak or teach in the name of Jesus (Acts 4:18)? **They gather together and PRAY.** (Acts 4:23-24)

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continued from the Pastor's Desk...

They realized they needed the power of God, they needed to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and they needed boldness to swallow up their fear...so **they gathered together to pray!**

PRAYER WORKS because God chooses to work when we pray. I believe in 2020, God is calling Suburban to pray together. In this coming year, we will look to pray together in many ways...maybe in new ways, ways we've never experienced. I am really excited about this new year and how God is going to work as we pray.

Praying with you,
Pastor Todd

And when they had prayed,
the place was shaken where
they were assembled together;
and they were all filled with
the Holy Ghost, and they spake
the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:31



Sunday School News

In the beginning GOD created the heavens and the earth." As we begin a new year (and a new decade!), we are grateful that our creator God made us in His own image. He placed within each of us an appreciation for beauty and the ability to enjoy exercising our own creativity. Last month, as we celebrated the birth of Jesus, the children had lots of opportunities to be creative. It was fun to watch each of them making their own unique masterpieces - accompanied by laughter, joy, satisfaction, and sharing. We pray the love and fun they experience in Sunday school will draw them to the loving heart of Jesus. May 2020 afford each of us many opportunities to be amazed at our great creator God!

Jan Grills

What's Happening In... Suburban Kids

Mother's Day Out

KEEPING CHILDREN ACTIVE DURING THE COLDER MONTHS

It's easy to think of fun, active things to do with children when the sun is shining and it's warm outside. It can be harder in winter. Here are some winter activities to get you and your family going when it's cold or wet: Put on coats, hats and gloves and head outside. Show your children what the beach looks like in winter or visit parks and gardens when the plants are all wet, glossy or frosty. Talk about the changes that happen each season. Take your children to see how the flow of creeks and streams change after rain or snow. When it's wet, dress up in rainboots and raincoats. Look for some big puddles to jump in. An umbrella can be fun to take along too. Your child might have fun opening and closing it a few times. If it's darker, let your child play with a flashlight when you go out for a walk. Gather leaves, sticks, shells and stones from outside. Children love collecting things! You can take them inside and use them for sorting, painting or building.



If you're stuck indoors here are a few ideas for keeping your little ones busy: Move to music, make up dances and play dress-ups. Maybe your children could act out a new adventure based on a favorite superhero or book character. Set up an indoor treasure hunt. If you have space, use chairs, blankets and boxes to build a fort or set up an obstacle course. Many of our malls have free play places for younger children to get out their energy and maybe meet new friends. There are plenty of free things you and your children can do around your home and neighborhood.

Andrea Hoover

Children's Church



There are lots of stories in the Bible, but all the stories are telling one Big Story: The Story of how God loves his children and comes to rescue them. It takes the whole Bible to tell this Story. And at the center of the Story, there is a baby. Every Story in the Bible whispers his name.

It has been a great first year of Junior children's church! We have been so blessed with wonderful,

faithful teachers and have loved all the little people to whom we have the privilege of ministering. We are looking forward to this new year starting back in the New Testament of our Jesus Storybook Bible with the following stories: A Little Girl and A Poor Frail Lady (Jairus' Daughter), How to Pray, The Singer (The Sermon on the Mount), and The Captain of the Storm. Please continue to pray for God to send us more families with young children to be blessed by this and all our children's ministries. We have willing workers and we'd love to have more little lambs be a part of our fold.

Sarah Nelapaty

Food Pantry Ministry

PRAISE GOD for the people of our church and their overwhelming generosity with the food pantry. The people benefitting are truly experiencing the hands and feet of Jesus. The pantry is always supplied, and no one has ever been turned away! The weekly donations are given out and very much appreciated! Let's continue to pray that our small food pantry ministry has BIG results for Christ!

Kathleen Staten

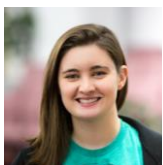
FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Cereal	Beans
Jello	Instant Potatoes
Rice	Baked Beans
Pudding	Mac & Cheese
Jelly	Hamburger Helper
Tuna	Peanut Butter
Crackers	Single Serving Fruit
Soup	Canned Fruit
Spaghetti Sauce	Pasta Noodles
Apple Sauce	Pasta Sauces
Breakfast Bars	Canned Vegetables
Fresh Fruit	Fresh Bread
Laundry Detergent	Paper Towels
Dish Soap	Toilet Paper

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

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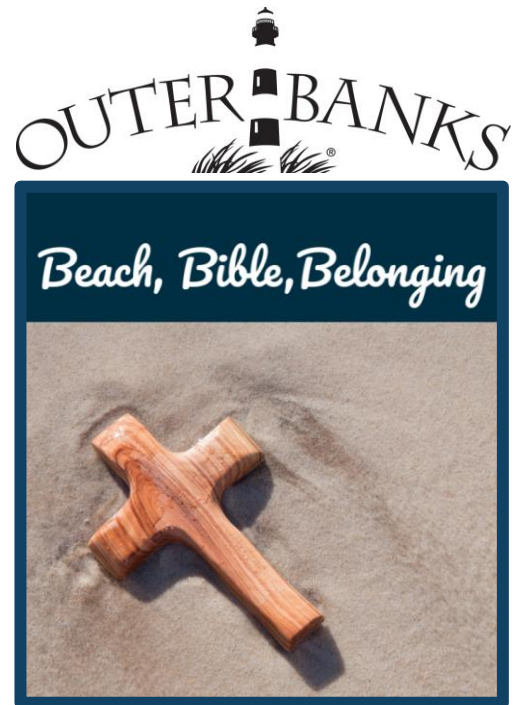
Belong Spring Retreat

Happy New Year Suburban Gals!! We hope that each of you enjoyed the season of celebrating the birth of our Savior and that the New Year greeted with peace and contentment.

The beginning of a new year is often exciting, full of hopeful resolutions and the best of intentions. Did you think about things you desire to change? Maybe you considered how you might get organized or better prioritize? Are you like so many of us who are determined to eat healthier and for once stick to that exercise routine? Or perhaps you're like those of us who are downright sick never following through on those resolutions, so you just stopped making them. Besides, who will know...you didn't even share them with anyone.

Whether you've been worshipping at Suburban for years or just a few months, you've heard much about the importance of community. That not only is it God's intention for His people, but that it is imperative for a growing relationship. He created us to be with each other. Even you, the introvert who just wants to be the silent observer. Maybe you have always felt uncomfortable in social settings, so your self-identity became, "I'm Awkward." Perhaps you feel energized while among large groups of people, but never really known by any of them? Maybe you haven't, even at your age, learned how to have or be a friend? You're not alone.

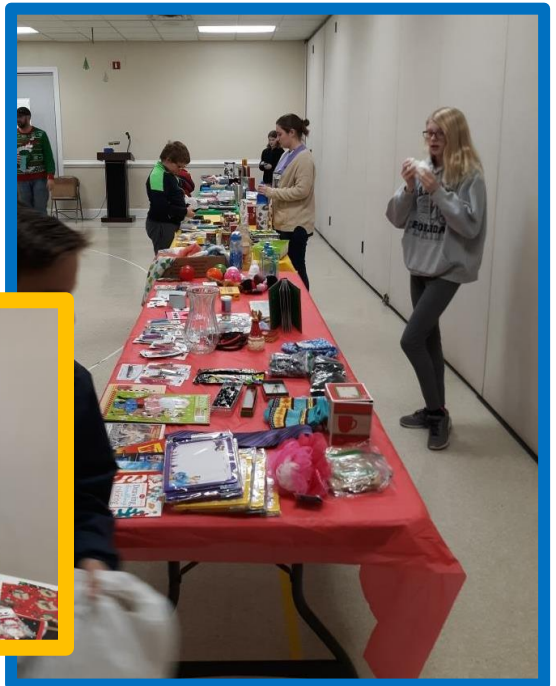
Let's get together to hear from Beth Wayland of With, Inc. speak about God's gift of friendship...and let's do it in a gorgeous OBX beach house...in our comfy clothes...with fun snacks! Clear your schedules, arrange that after school sitter, prepare those casseroles for the freezer, and get ready to make some memories March 26-28! See the Belong bulletin board for full details and be sure to sign up early as space is limited. See you there!



AWANA Ministry

The SCC AWANA Clubs would like to give a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the Suburban Christian Church Congregation on their generous donations to our AWANA Store. The clubbers had so much fun Christmas shopping for their family and friends, some of our sweet clubbers even had a list!!! We just love their sweet giving hearts. The clubbers have worked so hard these last couple of months to earn AWANA bucks to buy items at the AWANA store. Also, a warm THANK YOU to Stacey Super, Gloria Livingston, Emily Mizenko and Ms. Connie (Laura Tyler's mom) for your wrapping talents. Our next AWANA Club night is January 5th!

Liz Bonnett



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you so much for all your donations and hard work filling shoe box gifts this year! Our church stuffed 796 gifts including 6 we took with us to Charlotte! What a blessing. 796 children will get the opportunity to hear the word of God and to experience God's love through a simple gift.

We already have had some items donated for the next year's boxes. I am working hard to get space in our storage area arranged to house all the donations that will come in this year.

Keep praying for the ministry and for the children who receive the boxes.

Lynn Cooke



Music Ministry

The new year is beginning, and we are beginning new worship music. If you like to sing, come on out to choir practice on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. If you play an instrument, please let me know. We are planning to have an afternoon of music soon where we will get a chance to play just for fun and see what everyone can do.

We are including various styles of worship music in our service, but that doesn't make the worship any different. Worship is always the same, much like God. The music may be new to some of us, but it is still accomplishing the same goal: honoring, glorifying, praising and worshiping our holy Father. So, join in the singing, learn some new hymns, celebrate the old favorites, participate in thanking the Lord through music, encourage all the musicians to continue to give their best each Sunday as they seek to enhance our worship experience.

Thank you for all your kind thoughts and prayers as I begin a new ministry at Suburban.

Lynn Cooke



Faith In Action Through Prayer Walking



We know that prayer is powerful, and it is a weapon of warfare, which the Lord has given us. We want to take prayer into the community through prayer walking and watch what God will do as we seek His heart for the people around us. Paul exhorts the believers in Thessalonica to, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, ESV).

When we set our hearts to prayer, we refocus our gaze on the Father's will. If you don't know what prayer walking is, it is just that: walking and praying. We are wanting to ready the ground through prayer and inviting the Holy Spirit to move in Bellamy Manner and beyond. Our first prayer walk as a church family will be **January 26th** following the service, and we will spend some time prayerfully walking around the neighborhood. Join us with expectant hearts to see what the Lord will do.

Rebekah Pencook

Fellowship Book Update

It's been almost a year since the last Fellowship Book was published. It's way too soon to publish a whole new book, but it is a good time to update the one we have; correcting errors, adding new people, etc.

Forms are available on the table in the foyer that you can use to add or update your information. If your information is not included in the current book, your information has changed, or I made an error in your entry in the last book, please fill out a new form and place it in the red basket on the table. If you're not sure, there are Fellowship books on the counter in the copier room.



Forms will be gathered in late February and the update pages will be ready in March. Thank you for your assistance with this project.

Karen Nicolas

God thunders wondrously with his voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend. For to the snow he says, 'Fall on the earth.'
Job 37: 5, 6a

Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

The Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, which meets on the first and third Saturdays, will meet this month on January 4th and January 18th. The in-depth study and discussion of the **Book of Acts** (chapter by chapter, verse by verse, word by word) will continue with comprehensive studies of **Chapters 19 and 20**. The study will center on Paul's Third Missionary Journey and his activities in Ephesus, in Macedonia, and along the west coast of Asia Minor (Turkey).

When Paul left Antioch (Syria) to embark on his Third Missionary Journey to the churches in Asia Minor, Macedonia and Greece, he went to Ephesus where he strengthened some believers who received the Holy Spirit and taught in the synagogue for three months. Facing opposition there, he took his teaching to the hall of Tyrannus where he taught and performed "extraordinary miracles" for two years. And *"the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily."* (**Acts 19:20**)

About the same time, local silversmiths created a near riot because Paul's teaching influenced some of the citizens to stop worshipping the goddess, Artemis, thereby decreasing the purchase of silver replicas of her temple. After the resulting mob was quieted by fears of reprisals from Roman troops, Paul encouraged the believers in Christ and departed for Macedonia.

When he had travelled through those regions, encouraging churches as he went, he came to Corinth. After staying three months, a plot was made against him and he returned to Macedonia and down the west coast of Asia Minor to Troas.

In these chapters, we will study examples that demonstrate a commitment and determination to serve Christ that should encourage and inspire all believers. We will see evidence of God's promise to Paul that He would protect him: *"Do not be afraid, keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you . . ."* (**Acts 18:9-10**).

Finally, we will conclude our study of **Chapters 19 and 20** with events in Troas and in Miletus where Paul expounded on his teaching to the elders of the church at Ephesus to strengthen them to carry on his work.

The two chapters contain great teachings and examples of how, with the leading of the Holy Spirit, the church continued to grow, and members were added,

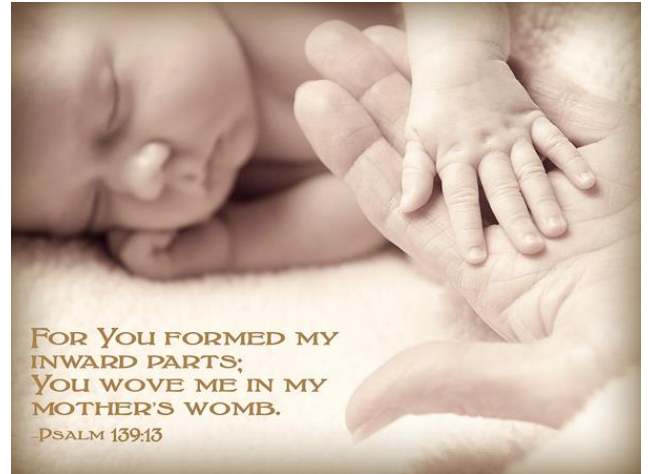
The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study is an outstanding opportunity for the study of God's Word, prayer, and fellowship for men of all ages; church members and non-members. The breakfast and the Bible study are open to all men and all are invited to enjoy a good, homemade breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, grits, sausage gravy, fruit, orange juice, and coffee. Come and enjoy good fellowship, and the Good News found in God's Word. **Breakfast begins at 8:00 AM and is followed at 8:30 with Bible Study and prayer. It concludes by about 9:30 AM, leaving plenty of time for Saturday morning obligations.**

Bob Grymes

PLEASE JOIN US

January is Sanctity of Human Life Month

Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater is a Christ-centered organization to reach out to women and families involved in crisis-related pregnancies by offering real help for the present, hope for the future, and healing from the past. We are proud to support them on a monthly basis and realize that "children are a gift of the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward." Psalm 127:3 Yearly, a Walk for Life is held in March to help raise financial support for this ministry. They also need volunteers (orientation required) to work in their facilities. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and have questions, please see Gloria Livingston. wh



My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. Psalm 139: 15-16

Seniors Ministry

Our next meeting will be January 16th, 2020, 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! You don't have to "join" or commit to anything – just come and enjoy the fellowship with other Christians.

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

Ambassador Youth Ministry - AYM

WHERE WE'VE BEEN - DECEMBER

Can you believe that December is already over, and 2019 is coming to a close? This month has been a blast hanging out with the students, going to their concerts, and celebrating Christmas with them. I also really enjoyed our second high school Bible study. It was filled with a great discussion that was really thought-provoking. I can't wait for the next one.

This past year has been amazing with our AYM kids. Here at Suburban Christian Church, we have the most amazing kids and I am just so blessed and thankful for all of them. Sally Harden

WHAT'S TO COME – JANUARY

Girls'/Guys' Night In: January 11th

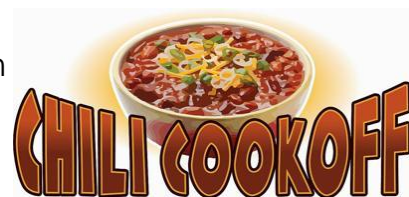
Parents' Meeting for Camp and Mission Trip: January 15th @ 6:00 pm

2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser: January 19th after Church

Breakfast Lock-In: January 24th @ 10 pm

Senior Breakfast: January 25th @ 8 am

Camp and Mission Trip Cut Off: January 31st

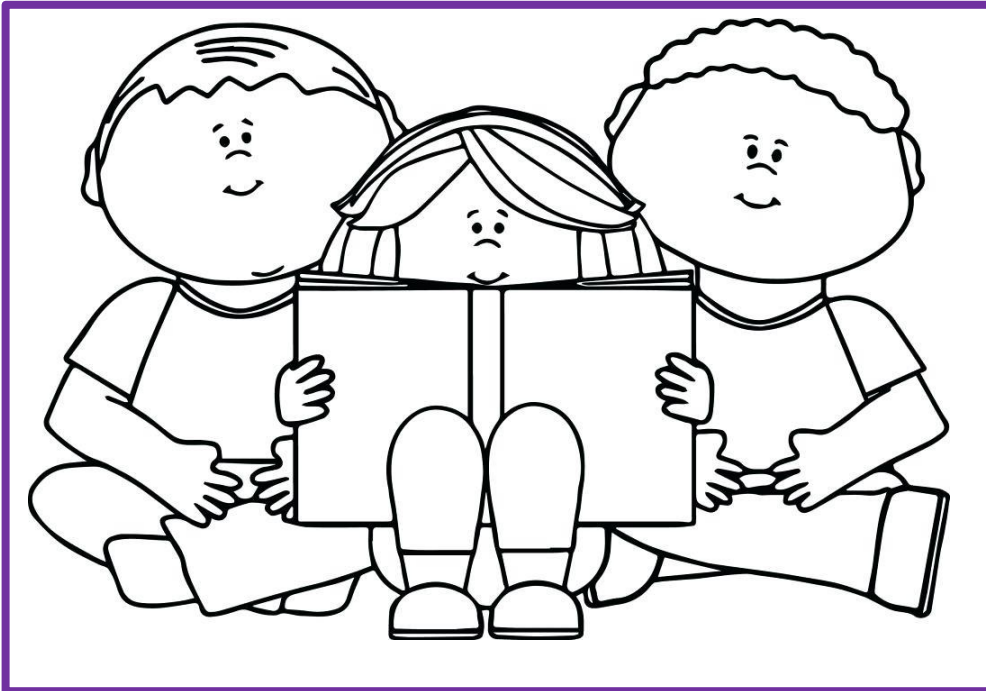


Life Group Ministry

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 23rd at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Todd by calling the church office.

Just for... Suburban Kids

Color the picture of the children reading the Bible.



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

2020 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. 😊

"And when they had _____ the _____ in which they were _____ was _____, and they were all _____ with the _____ and continued to speak the _____ of _____ with _____."

Acts 4:31

Did you know that Pastor Todd loves a good joke? If you have a joke and you would like to see him laugh, find him after the service and tell the joke to him. He may tell you one too! 😊

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