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The Suburban Connection

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Sunday School & Worship Service Time Changes!

During the months of July and August we will be changing our Sunday School and Worship Service times. Sunday School will begin at 9:00 a.m. and there will be a combined family worship service at 10:00 a.m.



AYM CAMP WEEK

Summer Jam 2017 was an awesome way to kick off the BEST SUMMER EVER! Our theme for Summer Jam 2017 was "Majesty Over Myths" based on 2 Peter 1:16. Peter and the Apostles didn't share clever stories or myths with the people they met through their journeys following Jesus, but rather were "eyewitnesses of (Jesus's) majesty. This series challenged students to not simply accept the Gospel as a clever story, but to see Jesus for all that He is and to live a life focused on His glory! Thank you to everyone who Rented-a-teen, donated scholarships or items to the yard sale, and enjoyed our BBQ lunch fundraiser to help give our students the BEST SUMMER EVER. It doesn't stop with camp as we look forward to our Mission Trip in July! Thank you again!

Save the Date!

VBS

July 10th – 14th

6pm – 8:30 pm
"Paul and the
Underground
Church"

A light dinner will be
served at 5:30 pm

AYM Mission Trip

July 30th – August 5th

Pray for our youth and
leaders as they prepare
to serve in Joplin, MO

OCC Event

August 12th

Operation Christmas
Child - Worthwhile
Wrapping Event

Reaching Our Neighbors for Jesus!

As we enter into the summer months, my prayer is that God will use us to have a Gospel impact in our community. Here are 4 steps we can take that will help us reach our neighbors for Jesus:

1. Pray for the unbelievers that you already have a relationship with.

Pray for God to fill your heart with love and compassion for them. Pray that God will grant you boldness as you approach them in love. Pray that God will open their hearts and make them receptive.

2. Develop a plan by which you will get to know them better.

Have them over for dessert or maybe grill some hamburgers and hot dogs. Perhaps you could serve them in some way. Or maybe you could invite them to some of the exciting things going on at church this summer like our combined Sunday morning worship at 10:00 or VBS or our church-wide picnic on August 27th.

3. Speak of God's goodness and greatness.

Instead of feeling like you have to immediately share the Gospel with them, share some ways that God has blessed you or share some ways that you have experienced his greatness and glory. Be excited about how awesome our great God is. With our words we want to make God so attractive. Our lives and our words should adorn the Gospel of Christ (Titus 2:10).

4. Be ready to share the Gospel.

You never know when that door may open. Remember, God is the One who opens dead hearts and blind eyes we simply share the Gospel or as Paul would say, we plant the Gospel seed and continue to water them and God is the One who gives the increase.

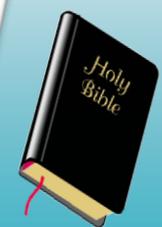
Praying for Gospel opportunities,
Pastor Todd

AWANA Awards Night



TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE THIS PROGRAM A SUCCESS:

Thank You!





Children’s Church

During the month of July, Suburban Kids will learn about two more parables – The Pharisee and the Tax Collector and the Wicked Tenants. Then we will adventure into several miracles Jesus performed to display His power as the Son of God. These miracles were performed so that the people would believe in Him as the Christ. We will be praying that God will help you be aware of “teachable moments” to show Jesus’ power as the Son of God.

Sunday School News

A few weeks ago, we were all studying the parables of Jesus, and specifically the parable of the Good Samaritan. A lively discussion ensued in Ron Raymer’s adult bible study. Why are we so focused on our own agenda that we don’t notice or care for those around us? Caring always entails a risk. Generosity is not just what we do, but who we are. As we grapple together with how to live out the Gospel, we are trusting the Holy Spirit to work in and through us the nature of Jesus.



Bellamy Women



One of the challenges women face is feeling secure in many areas of their lives. Pressures are placed on us to accomplish so many things and to “live up” to the demands of our day. We may feel like we are falling short in the areas of motherhood, our marriages, friendships, and even our walk with God. God does expect us to do things to the best of our ability, but He can and is our source of perfect strength. One of the promises that we have been given to lean on is found in Isaiah 26:3, “You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.” When we discover the peace that comes by falling into the arms of Jesus (which is hard to do at times) we experience the joy of His security. Isaiah goes on to say in verse 4, “Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.” As we live, may we KNOW the rock on which we stand....which gives us security for every situation.



DON’T FORGET: “Christmas In July” for the Union Mission Women’s Shelter. We are collecting PJ’s (two piece sets with pants and a shirt) and women’s undergarments. Donations may be placed in the box located in the church office. They will be delivered the third Monday in July.

BIG EVENT COMING THIS FALL: Our next planning meeting will be held Tuesday, August 1st at 6:30 pm.

AYM SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

WHERE: Home of Matt & Amanda Bruns

TIME: 6:30 pm

WHEN: June 28 – August 30



SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes
Senior Pastor



Rev. Matthew J. Bruns
Youth Pastor



Rev. James A. Meads, Jr.
Pastor Emeritus



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?

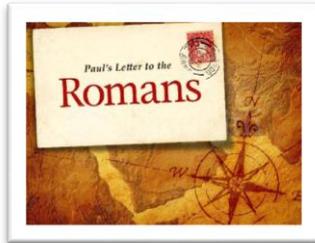
Drawing near to God
Pursuing community
Reaching our world

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

Men's Ministry

On June 3rd at the regular men's fellowship breakfast we were pleased to have 7 policemen from the local precinct join us. We all enjoyed a wonderful home cooked hot breakfast and fresh brewed coffee! Our Bible study was led by Bob Grymes who is teaching through the book of Romans. Our July meetings will be held the first and third Saturdays. This fellowship is open to men of all ages in our church. Breakfast served at 8 A.M.



Seniors' Ministry

Our regular monthly meeting was held Thursday, June 15, at 11:00 am. Vanessa Torres, an agent from the Norfolk FBI office, presented a very informative program on "Crimes Against Seniors," covering a variety of topics such as romance scams, internet fraud, healthcare fraud and ways to safeguard personal information. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a salad luncheon and a time of fellowship.



The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 20th, at 11:00 am. This will be our annual indoor picnic; the church will provide hotdogs...please bring a picnic side dish to share. Bill Hayley will present the program this month.

Our programs are sponsored by the Seniors Ministry, but they are always open to people of all ages. Please plan to attend, and invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!



Operation Christmas Child Corner

Our June collection went really well. There will be children who will be able to go to school this year because they have a pair of shoes! (Flip flops count!) The three items for July's collection are: **COLORING BOOKS, CRAYONS, AND CHALK.**

Our wrapping event is coming us August 12 from 9:00 am -12:00 noon, so plan to come and help wrap the shoeboxes in Christmas paper and have some fun doing it.

The suggested donation for shipping the shoebox gifts has gone up for the first time in many year to \$9.00 per box. We have a collection semi-truck on the table in the foyer for any money you can contribute. Here are some ways to save money to help ship your shoeboxes:

- *Empty your pockets and purse of change every night.
- *If you buy coffee or soda; save the cost of one drink each week.
- *If you buy lunch at work or school; brown bag it one day each week.
- *Do a chore for someone and use your earnings to ship your shoebox.

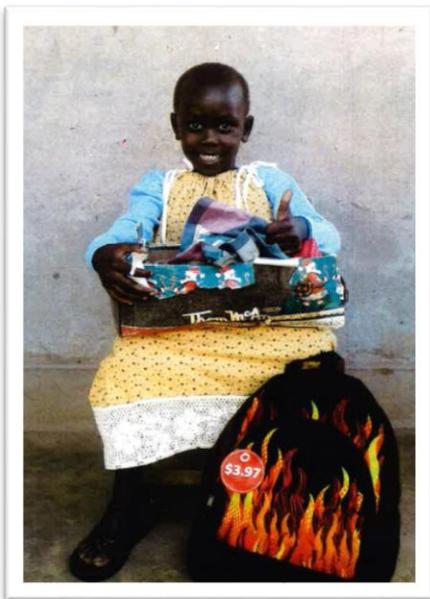


There are lots of ways to get involved in this ministry! Call Lynn Cooke, 424-9869, if you have questions or ideas. Thank you for all you do to reach children all over the world with God's love.

OCC SHOEBOX STORY

One of our kids, Gracie Council, received a letter from a child in Uganda who received a shoebox gift.

She sent a picture of herself wearing the pillowcase dress and flip-flops and holding her box with the back pack we sent in front. What a blessing! Keep these children in mind when you are shopping. Below is the picture and copy of the letter Gracie received.



Hi! Grace and Tommy,
Thank you for my gifts. Thanks to Operation Christmas Child. My name is Recho. I am 5 years old. I live in Soroti Municipality in Uganda, East Africa. My favorite: Drink is corn porridge, color is blue, food is cabbage and corn, game is skipping.
I play with my brother Jacob. I love Jesus because he loves me. I have 1 brother and 1 sister.
Recho



"God's love, expressed through the shoebox, stirred up passion in me to tell children the Good News and to help them feel His love."

SummerJam 2017

Best Summer Ever!



Summer Jam was a **BLAST!** Thank you for all of the support and prayers for our students as we had one of the best weeks of summer camp yet!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017
JOIN OUR TRIP TO ANCIENT ROME
JULY 10 – 14 6:00PM – 8:30PM



We're working hard to create an event
that your family will never forget.

Visit Paul in prison and learn about the one true God.

Worship with the Christians in the Underground Church.

Music, food, fun, drama, crafts, games, and more fun.

All of that and more are waiting for you!



**There is still plenty of time
to reserve your place.**

Register now at sccvb.org