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# The Suburban Connection

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*In Loving Memory of  
James A. "Pastor Jimmy" Meads, Jr.*



*June 6, 1930 – October 20, 2017*

*"I hope you have felt His presence, that you have been strengthened by His Spirit and that as you leave you will not forget that He has promised, not only to be in our worship, but He has promised to be in our walk as we leave these buildings this morning. Now May the grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the love of God, the fellowship and communion of His Holy Spirit, rest and abide upon you both now and evermore. Amen. God bless you as you go."*

*Pastor Jimmy*

## Save The Date!

**Fall Congregation Meeting**

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Fall Congregational Meeting at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

**OCC National Collection Week**

**November 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**  
Drop-off times will be posted

**Thanksgiving Service**

**November 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Tuesday at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. A special time of giving thanks.

## A Tribute to Pastor Jimmy

When Pastor Jimmy came to Suburban, the Lord gave him a verse which was Haggai 2:9, "The latter Glory of this house shall be greater than the former." It was because of this verse that Pastor Jimmy was confident that God would do a great work, a glorious work, among his people at Suburban. It was his belief in God's faithfulness that sustained him and empowered him to faithfully serve as pastor of Suburban for 31 years.

As with all of us, there were things that made Pastor Jimmy very special. Pastor Jimmy was known for his genuine care and compassion for God's people. When people joined the church family, he personalized the occasion by giving each one a scripture and for many, God used that verse to be a source of comfort and strength. Many people have stated that when they walked through the doors of Suburban that they felt like they were home, they sensed the presence of the Lord...this is what Pastor Jimmy prayed for. We have all witnessed how much joy he would bring to moms and dads as he would dedicate their newborn to the Lord. He loved walking the baby up and down the aisle for all to see. Weddings were also one of his specialties. He could capture the sacredness of the occasion while also bringing in just the right amount of joy and laughter. Many people are in ministry today because Pastor Jimmy was able to see something in them that they may not have seen. He was willing to give them an opportunity to serve. One of the most amazing things about his home going service was to see the number of people who had accepted Jesus Christ as Savior under his ministry...That's a WOW!

We are so blessed that God chose to send to Suburban a man of God who would present Christ without compromise and apology, a man who could take care of hearts and business at the same time, who emphasized that it's not about us, it's all about Him, who would bloom right here in Kempsville where he was planted, who refused to touch it knowing that God's work is holy and sacred...We are so blessed that God sent to Suburban, as he always does, the very best.

Thanking the Lord for the life and ministry of Pastor Jimmy.

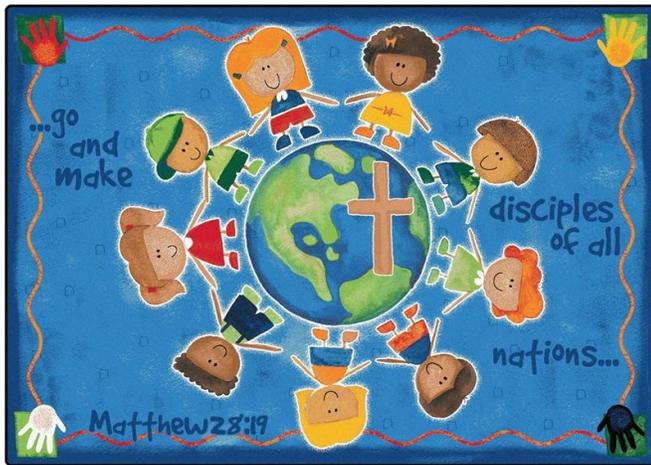
Great is Thy Faithfulness,  
Pastor Todd

### Jimmyism's ... words or sayings we all loved from Pastor Jimmy.

WOW...Wonder of Wonders  
UIP...Unidentified inner prompting  
Don't tell the chairman of the board.  
We are so blessed.  
God sends us the very best.  
Don't you just love old people.  
If you're scared say you're scared.  
Not my way but His way in everything.  
Wait 3 days.  
Bloom where you are planted.  
He is going to work a work.  
It takes a special person to care for hearts and business.  
Unless the Lord builds, we labor in vain.  
Don't touch it.  
It's not about us, it's about Him.  
This is not hash, this is fresh from the Lord.  
This little Country Church.  
Fellowship is not just a casserole and brownies.  
Fellowship happens when we experience fellowship.  
You do what you want to do.  
This time from human hands, but one day from His hands  
that were nail pierced for you and me.  
Don't make me pass the plates again.  
I'm putting my foot down,  
there will be no drums in this church.  
I will see you in my office in the morning.  
It's not who we are but whose we are.  
The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.  
I can read your minds, yes, I know what you're thinking.  
Father's Day gets no recognition.  
A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold.  
Where God speaks to hearts.  
Presenting Christ without compromise or apology.

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

### Children's Church



As we dive into a new unit, we will be learning how Jesus Forgives and Restores and how we should be on mission (making disciples) as He has called each one of us to do with the power of the Spirit.

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

**What is our mission as believers? Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Spirit.**

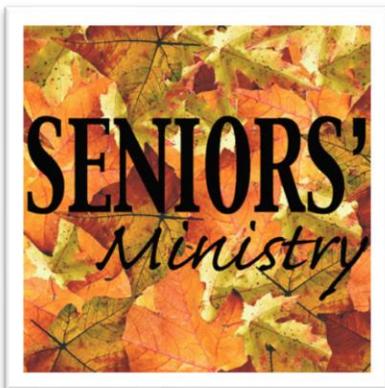
So, ask your children how and where we can be “on mission” daily. If we believe in Jesus – we have a job to do – a very important job - making disciples of all nations!

### Mother's Day Out Little Lambs

Every year we teach the children in Mother's Day Out about kindness throughout the year, but November is special because we get to show it by helping out with our food pantry. For the month of November, we have the children bring in items for our food pantry. Last year, we collected a little over 300 pieces and it filled a large shopping cart full! The children were so excited about this and what a great lesson on caring, sharing, and kindness! Our theme days for the month of November are: Insect Day for Letter “I”, Jersey Day for letter “J”, and Kindness Day for letter “K”. Our Bible lessons for the month of November are: God Helps Us Make God Choices When We are Afraid, Loving God Completely, Beat the Greedies, and God is Number One. We will be closed November 10<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day and November 23-24<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving. We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!



### Seniors' Ministry



Our last meeting was held Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Molly J. Howlett presented an outstanding program on the myths of hearing loss. No, your spouse isn't always ignoring you when you ask him/her to do something around the house! After the meeting everyone enjoyed a soup and salad luncheon. The next regular meeting will be held **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**, and this will be our annual Thanksgiving meeting. We will tell about the blessings we received from the Lord during the past year, and then we will share in a Thanksgiving dinner. The turkey will be provided; please bring a side dish to go with it. These programs are sponsored by the Seniors Ministry, but they are always open to people of all ages. Please plan to attend, bring a dish to share and invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!

In December, in place of our usual Thursday luncheon, we will go caroling to several of our shut-ins on **FRIDAY, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Reserve that date now and plan to go with us.

**Hello Suburban Christian Church!**

My name is Sally Harden and I am your new Director of Youth Ministry! I am so excited to be a part of the SCC family and I cannot wait to start working with the youth. I have had a calling to ministry since my senior year in high school in 2012 and I knew I wanted to be some form of teacher when I was in first grade. I will be finished with my Bachelor's degree in Biblical studies with a minor in Youth Ministry at Regent University in December. I was born and raised in Chesapeake and went to Great Bridge High School, but my favorite outdoors activity is surfing so I have spent most of my time in Virginia Beach. I am the third of five children and one of four girls, so I have built in best friends in my siblings. My dad is a retired navy intelligence officer and is getting his law degree now at Regent. My mom was a journalist in the navy and is now getting her master's in leadership.

I have spent my life in the church and I always had an active relationship with God. He has walked me through life and I will continue to have Him guide me through every hill and valley. God has, is, and will be my strength and He has given me a strong passion for teenagers. It seems that teenagers struggle more and more through life nowadays and my heart is drawn to show them God. Working with teenagers keeps me on my toes and challenges me in such a way that I am always falling back on God. I love every moment! I can't wait to meet everyone, and I can't wait to see what the years will hold for Ambassador Youth Ministry!

**Meet  
Sally Harden**

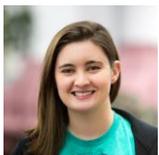


Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.  
II Corinthians 5:17

**SCC Church Staff**



Rev. C. Todd Haynes  
Senior Pastor



Sally Harden  
Director of Youth Ministries



In Memory of  
Rev. James A. Meads, Jr.



**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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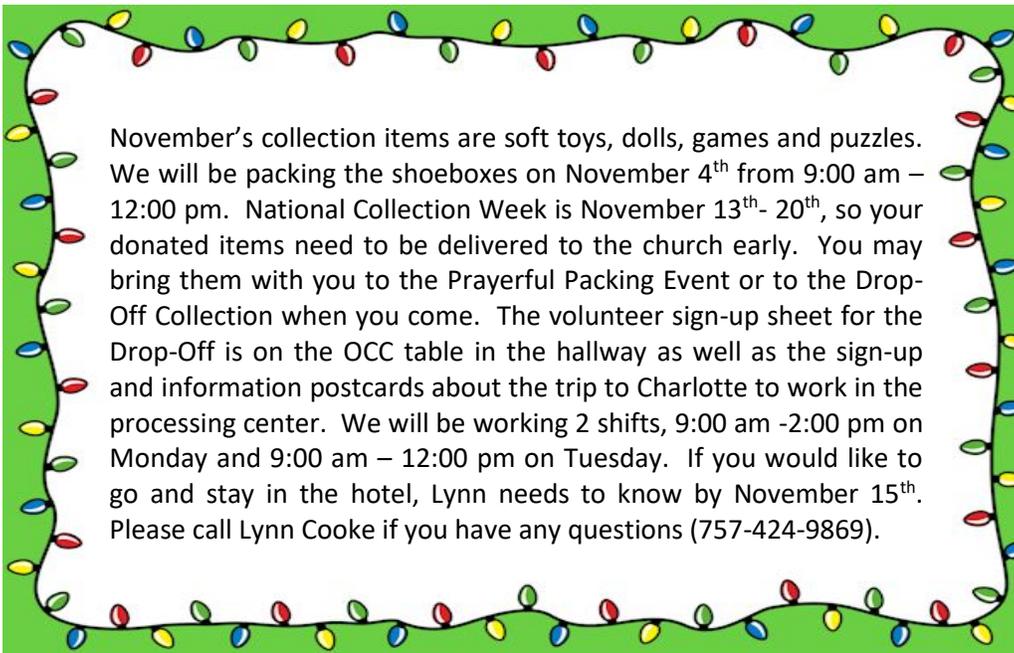
We want to hear from you! Contact us at [newsletter@sccvb.org](mailto:newsletter@sccvb.org)

# Fall Family Festival

It was a great night for our Fall Family Festival on October 31<sup>st</sup>. We had 24 decorated cars for children to visit to receive candy from our **SUPER SUBURBAN SERVANTS**. Bounce houses, hotdogs, hot apple cider, ice cream, and popcorn were just a few of the items enjoyed by our community. Bibles and information about our church were also passed out to those who visited. Our neighbors thanked Pastor Todd and others for having this event every year. It provides a safe, clean environment for their families and gives us many Gospel opportunities. We have a great **TEAM** of servants at Suburban. We couldn't do this without the **MANY** volunteers to make this event a success!



## Operation Christmas Child Corner



What goes in the box is fun, what comes out is eternal.  
Every box represents a child touched by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As we are approaching a very busy time of year for all of us, it is no different with the AWANA program, but we are “pumped” and ready for all the upcoming events. Some of our leaders spent a day in October at the annual AWANA Ministry Conference in Yorktown where we gained helpful insights from some of the local AWANA program leaders and directors. We attended great workshops on things like how to ensure Christ is a part of our individual lives as well as AWANAs, the AWANA Prison Ministry, running an AWANA Store, how to run each age group club and so on. As we look forward to November and December, we are continuing to support the food pantry by having the kids bring in different items, have a visit by a policeman and fireman, and will also help in supporting the Operation Christmas Child ministry by having the kids bring in items for those. There will also be a Christmas store in December from which the children will be able to buy gifts for their relatives. You will soon see a box marked AWANA Christmas in the church foyer where anyone can make donations for our Christmas Store. The next couple of months will be a very exciting time for both our kids and leaders. We appreciate your support and if anyone wants to be a part of this great ministry, we can always use volunteers, PRAYER, and don't forget to donate to our Christmas Store this year. Don't hesitate to contact Tim or Kathy Jackson or any of our leaders and directors if you have any questions.

# AWANA



## Bellamy Women

What a relaxing day we had at the “Take Me Away” ladies event which was held October 14<sup>th</sup>! Our guest speaker was Paula Patrick, pastor’s wife at Gateway Church in Virginia Beach. She challenged us to “Just Breathe” as the hectic day-to-day situations surround us like Peter on the boat during the storm. She encouraged us to **SEPARATE** ourselves (Peter got out of the boat.), **SETTLE** ourselves (Pause and wait on the Lord.), and **SATURATE** ourselves with Jesus (Keep our eyes on Him.).

Afterwards, we enjoyed an afternoon of skin care products, moisturized our hands with warm paraffin, learned some simple relaxation techniques, and made our own sugar scrub. Everyone went home with a goodie bag and some lucky ladies won some great door prizes.

If you would like to help plan our Christmas events, our next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm in the conference room.



## Sunday School News

If you have children in our Sunday School or Children’s Church, you may have noticed the new décor in the children’s wing. Recently a small crew of excited decorators spent a Saturday painting and “sprucing up” our halls. Here at SCC we value our children and teens and want their ministry areas to say “Welcome! We are going to have fun worshipping God here!” A big thanks to all who helped. We hope all our church family will stroll through and enjoy our new child-friendly halls.

