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The Suburban Connection

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Fall Family Festival 2019

Thursday night we once again hosted a gathering of people of all ages from our congregation and the local community. Dozens of dedicated volunteers from the Suburban congregation worked together to provide a safe, friendly evening of imagination and delight for hundreds of children and adults.

It is always so much fun to see how imaginative and inventive the people in our congregation are. You always know things are going to be special when Mary Poppins appears, especially alongside a big collection of classic Disney characters! The costumes were amazing. We had cars representing our ministries, like AWANA and Operation Christmas Child, cars with games and surprises, and the biggest cat box ever! And wonderful, friendly people everywhere!

A HUGE **"THANK YOU SO MUCH"** to all of the many, many volunteers who made this possible. You answered the call to help show the love of Christ and stepped up in a big way. Donating candy, decorating trunks and handing out the candy, cooking and serving hundreds of hot dogs, greeting people as they arrived, sorting the candy into bags ahead of time, stuffing the information bags, setting up and taking down tables and chairs, making popcorn, serving hot and cold cider, and just walking around being friendly. There are not sufficient words available to express how much your efforts in the name of our Lord and Savior are appreciated. The results of your selfless donation of time and energy will be eternal.

Karen Nicolas



Save The Date!

Fall Congregation Meeting

November 13th

Fall Congregational Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

OCC Prayerful Packing Party

November 16th

1:00 – 3:00 pm

OCC National Collection Week

November 18th – 25th

Drop-off times: 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Thanksgiving Service

November 26th

In the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm

Sanctuary Decorated for Christmas

November 27th

10:00 am

From The Pastor's Desk:

One out of Ten Gives Thanks to Jesus

“Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet giving him thanks.” Luke 17: 11-19

Jesus has compassion on ten individuals, isolated from society because of their leprosy. Jesus tells the ten to go show themselves to the priests, as the law requires (Leviticus 13:19; 14:1-11). A leper would not go to the priests until they had been healed, so Jesus directing them to the priests indicates that a healing is on the way. And sure enough, as they head to the priests, they are all healed...all ten were completely healed. WOW!

Astonishingly, only one of the ten returns to give thanks and praise to God. Jesus asks the man who returned to give praise, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” (Luke 17:17-18) The reaction of the nine in not returning to give thanks, shows how often we tend to take God's goodness for granted.

It is so important that we stop in the midst of our busy lives as the Samaritan man did and give thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Have we stopped recently and as the old hymn says, “Count your blessings, name them one by one? Count your



What's Happening In

Seniors' Ministry



Dr. Stacie Raymer presented "Communication and Aging," an extremely interesting and pertinent topic at our October meeting. All enjoyed a soup and salad luncheon afterwards.

Wednesday, November 6th, the seniors ministry will sponsor a trip to the Airplane Museum in Pungo. The tour does require some walking. The cost for seniors is \$13. The group will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and will eat lunch at Pungo Pizza. Please sign up in the entry.

The next regular meeting will be November 21st. This is our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey and gravy will be provided; please bring side dishes. We will share what we are thankful for during the past year, and the MDO children will present an introduction to the Christmas season!

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!

Dana Mosteller

Suburban Kids Children's Church



We continue to enjoy serving our four-year olds through Kindergartners in Junior Children's Church. We are praying for more children to participate in this ministry and have been excited for the Sundays in October when we had an influx of visitors! We are continuing to work our way through the Old Testament in the Jesus Storybook Bible and are looking forward to beginning to talk about the events leading up to our Savior's birth!! It's hard to believe we have come back around to that time of year again.

If any children are interested in being on a regular schedule as Junior Ushers or Scripture readers, please contact Sarah Nelapaty (childrensministry@sccvb.org or (757) 647-3626). And all children are welcome to serve as Church Mice every Sunday, helping tidy up our pews and floors after the service!

Sarah Nelapaty

Sunday School

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, the Sunday School Staff Thanks our Great God for:

- *The Best news to share each week
- *The empowering of the Holy Spirit
- *The "AHA" moment on a child's (or adult's) face
- *The love of God filling our hearts
- *Hugs!
- *The eternal, effective promises of God
- *Laughter
- *Challenges that stretch us and keep us leaning on Jesus
- *The JOY of the Lord as our strength
- *Children and teens to love and disciple
- *Knowing the living Jesus and making Him known



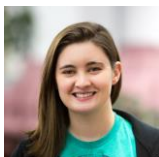
May He bless you with a thankful and rejoicing heart this month as you seek and find Him in His word.

Jan Grills

SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes
Senior Pastor



Sally Harden
Director of Youth Ministries



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

Encouraging Young Children in the Kitchen

Cooking can be a pleasure for children of all ages. Start them young and they will develop a lifelong love of the kitchen as well as skills they can use throughout adulthood. Safety is the biggest concern, but beyond that, a little trial and error is all part of the fun. Okay, maybe a little mess too. Use your own judgment to choose tasks you think are suitable for your child.

Here are several activities very young children will enjoy:

°Washing vegetables - This is a great way of teaching them the names of vegetables and sparking an interest which will hopefully encourage them to try different foods.

°Stirring ingredients

°Mashing with a fork

°Sprinkling flour - put a tray underneath to avoid too much mess

°Spoonng ingredients into measuring cups, spoons or scales
- you'll need to help!

°Washing fruit and vegetables

°Cutting soft ingredients like butter, mushrooms, strawberries using a strong plastic knife

°Tearing and squishing - tearing herbs and lettuce or squishing fruit

°Sifting - It's best to balance the sifter over a bowl and tap it rather than shaking it around!

°Kneading - Light kneading can be fun but you'll need to step in to complete the task.

°Rolling, shaping and cutting dough - choose plastic cutters and a small rolling pin

°Spreading - buttering bread and spreading jam



Another way to keep young children occupied is to give them plastic containers and utensils to wash in the sink - this can provide lengthy entertainment while you cook. Cooking is a valuable life skill that teaches children about nutrition, as well as building math, science, literacy and fine motor skills.

Andrea Hoover



train up a child in the way he
should go; and when he is old,
he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6



AWANA Ministry

Meet Our New Games Director – Mr. Bret Bonnett

LB: How long have you been in the AWANA Ministry?

BB: A little over 3 years first as a TNT Leader and now Games Director.

LB: What made you become involved in the AWANA Ministry?

BB: At first it was to spend time with my family since they were all in AWANA when I first started. It was also a way for me to get involved with church and be with kids. The best thing about working with kids is that you never know what they are going to say.

LB: Which do you prefer being a leader, games director, or both? Why?

BB: Both, because as a leader you get to meet the clubbers on a more personal level. You can establish a lasting relationship with them just by listening to verses and watching them learn about Jesus. I have learned a lot since being a leader. As, a games director I like watching them have fun after working hard on their AWANA verses.

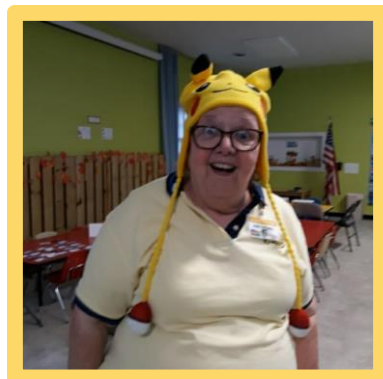
LB: What are some of the games that AWANA Clubbers are going to play this year?

BB: Last week I introduced Beach Ball Dodgeball and it was a big hit with the clubbers so I will do that more often. I want to add more games that involve teamwork, like the relay. AWANA has tons of games and I enjoy trying out new ones.

LB: What has been your favorite theme so far this year?

BB: Cute Costume Night was a big hit and it was awesome seeing the kids dressed up in their costumes.

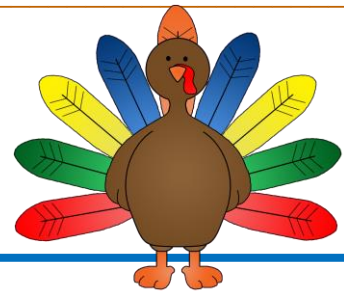
Liz Bonnett



JUST FOR... Suburban Kids

Name some things you are thankful for:

Acorn	R	L	E	A	V	W	S	T	P
Apples	P	P	T	S	E	V	R	A	H
Autumn	A	P	U	N	V	B	V	A	N
Crisp	P	S	Y	M	Y	T	Y	M	M
Fall	P	I	N	G	P	R	B	L	U
Hayride	L	R	C	R	I	K	L	M	T
Harvest	E	C	J	D	O	A	I	Y	U
Leaves	S	W	E	P	F	C	C	N	A
Pumpkins	L	P	E	K	A	R	A	X	S
Rake									

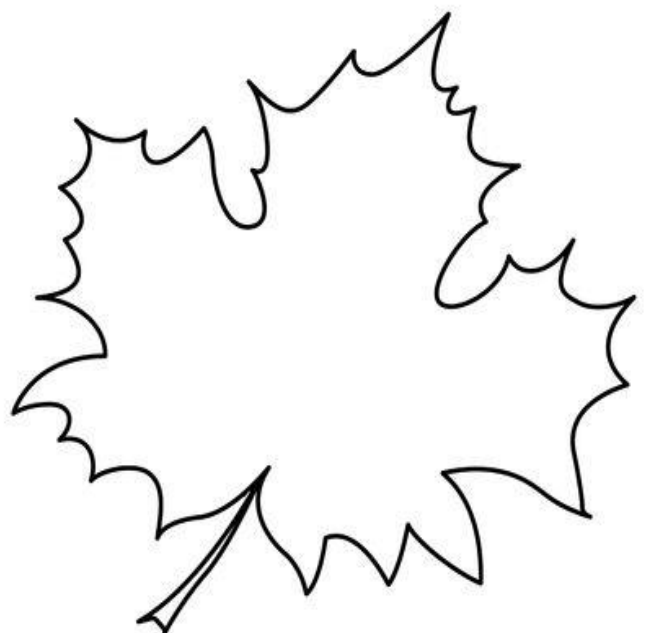


Directions: Fill in the blanks of the following verse.

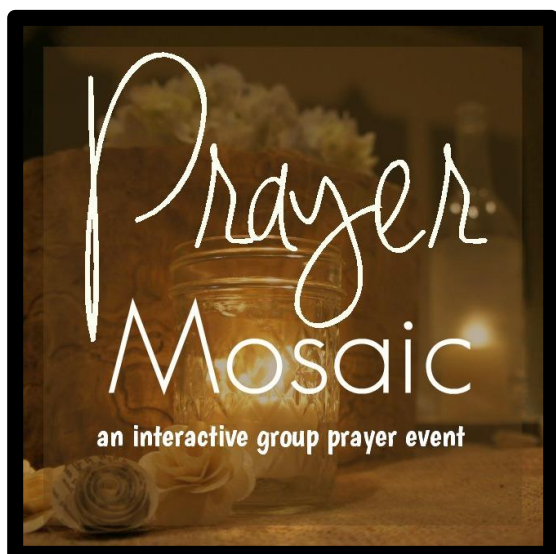
He _____ the _____ to _____ the _____; the _____
knows it's _____ for setting. Psalm 104:19



Imagine you were walking through the woods in the fall and found the most unusual leaf you'd ever seen. Color in the leaf to show what it would look like.



Belong Women's Ministry



On Saturday, October 12th, Belong hosted a Prayer Mosaic for the women of the church. If you've never heard of a Prayer Mosaic, you're certainly not alone. This was a new event to the ministry and an amazing time of singing, learning, praying, and friendship.

We first gathered in the sanctuary to chat a little about prayer. If we're honest, our prayer lives could likely use some help. Maybe you struggle with how to pray? Perhaps your barrier is what to pray for or about? Each of us has experienced some sort of difficulty when it comes to our personal prayer life. The **A.C.T.S.** Prayer Method was discussed to provide some direction as we pray. This method includes **A**doration-worship God and his many

wonderful characteristics, **C**onfession-admit to the Lord your sins and brokenness and ask Him for forgiveness, **T**hanking-tell God thank you for all He has provided, and **S**upplication-take your requests to the Lord.

We transitioned into the fellowship hall where there were eight prayer stations set up, each having a different area of interactive prayer. For instance, we prayed about our worry and fear. We tied a knot in a piece of rope for each thing we had been worrying about that week and as we surrendered that concern to the Lord, we untied the knot.

Another station had us do some introspection and pray that those things in our lives that we needed to confess, be revealed. We wrote them on paper and as we asked God to forgive us of those sins and purify our hearts, we burned the paper...never again to be remembered by our gracious Father.

Our final step was gathering back in the sanctuary to pray together. How sweet it is to talk freely to our Creator among friends, and that's exactly what happened. The Lord is pleased to hear our prayers and He expects them. We need not be concerned with perfect wording, with sounding silly, or what others may think. It's all beautiful to our Heavenly Father.

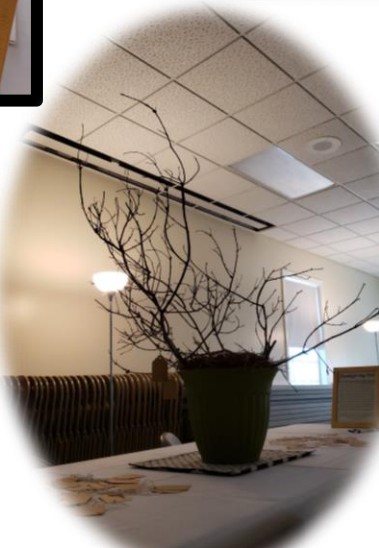
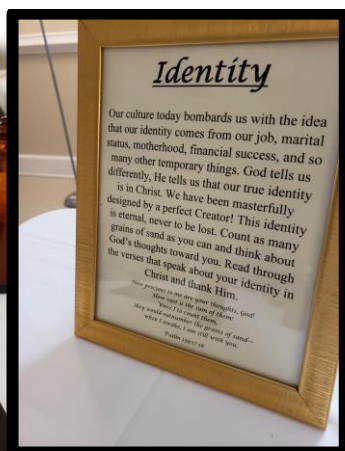
Emily Mizenko



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the Date



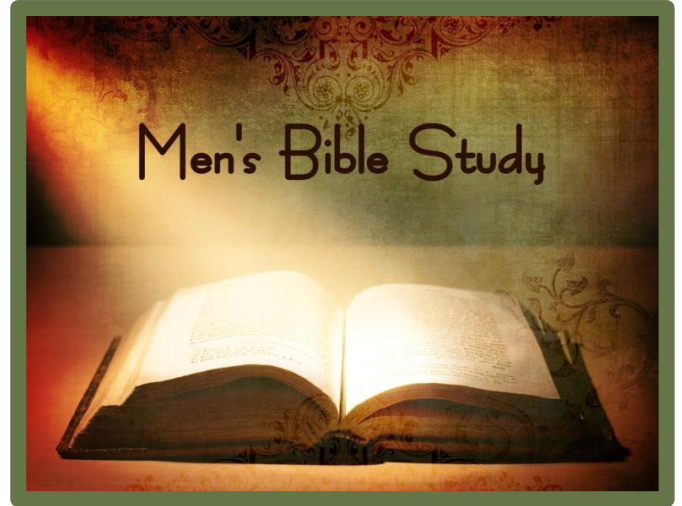
Belong New Year's Party
Friday, January 10th
Details to come...



Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast & Bible Study

The Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast, which meets on the first and third Saturdays will meet this month on November 2nd and November 16th. 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 **Chapter 15 and Chapter 16**.

In last month's sessions, after the completion of Paul's First Missionary Journey throughout western Asia Minor (modern day Turkey), where they had established churches and appointed leaders in the face of severe opposition and danger, Paul and Barnabas returned to the church in Antioch in Syria and reported on their experiences and successes among the Gentiles.



There, "some men," (Judaizers) from Jerusalem came to challenge them saying, "*Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses you cannot be saved.*" Following the debate that ensued, they were sent to the church in Jerusalem where they faced the same opposition from "the party of the Pharisees." **The Jerusalem Council (C. 50-51)** was convened and after convincing testimonies from Paul, Barnabas, and the Apostle Peter concerning the Holy Spirit coming upon Gentiles as He did upon Jews on the Day of Pentecost, it was decreed that those whom God had accepted for eternal salvation must be accepted into the fellowship of the church, as well.

Then Jesus' brother James, the leader of the Church, judged that, "*we should not trouble (with Jewish laws and practices) those of the Gentiles who turned to God, but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood*" (Acts 15:19-20).

In other words, one need not be Jewish to be a Christian and one need not forsake the Law of Moses to be a Christian.

Then letters explaining the decision were carried to churches with mixed Jew and Gentile congregations, welcoming all into Christian fellowship.

This month, the consequences of that letter and the continued expansion of the Gospel will be discussed as Paul's Second Missionary Journey, with Silas, (as Barnabas and Paul had separated), will be studied.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study is an outstanding opportunity for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. If you are unconvinced about that and have never attended, talk to some men who regularly attend. If you are new to the church, give it a try. It's a great way to meet others. **It is open to all men, church members and non-members.** All are invited to enjoy a good breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, grits, sausage gravy, fruit, juice, and coffee. Come and enjoy good fellowship, and the Good News found in God's Word.

Plan to attend and bring a friend. It's a good and enjoyable way to spend a couple of hours twice a month. Breakfast begins at 8:00 am and is followed by Bible Study and prayer. It concludes no later than 10:00 am.

Bob Grymes

Operation Christmas Child Corner

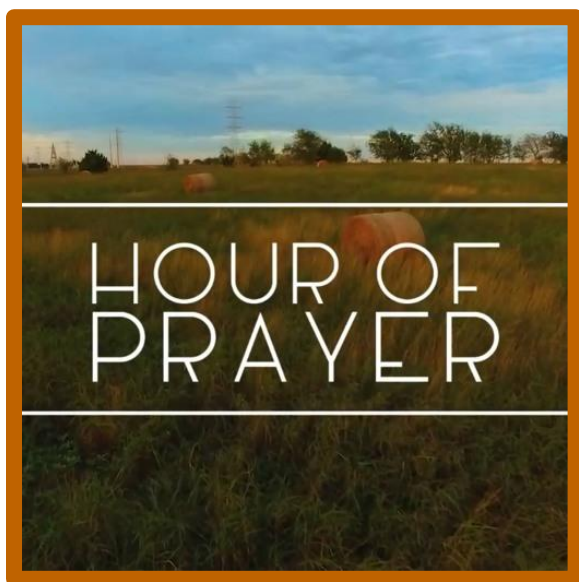
The National Collection Week, November 18th–25th is fast approaching. Please get your shoebox gifts filled and returned to the church before the last Sunday of that week (November 24th) so we can include them in the shipment and in our own count. Our goal is more than last year's total of 621 GO (Gospel Opportunity) boxes.

Our collection for November is toys of any kind to help fill the boxes we'll do at our Prayerful Packing Party on November 16th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm here at the church. Have your children write their letters to include in the boxes before they get to the Party. We can copy them to place in several boxes. And don't forget donations to help with shipping.

Please pray for the children who will receive the boxes, the people who pack them and distribute them and everyone who supports OCC. Thank you so much for helping.

Lynn Cooke

Sweet Hour of Prayer



Many of you have heard of our Saturday Evening hour of prayer, and don't worry we still have it, so come on out!! And in that same spirit, we will be starting to meet together twice a month on a Monday morning for an hour of prayer for those that can only find the time before the work week is in full swing to gather and pray. This **Monday Morning hour of prayer** will be from **6:00am - 7:00am** two Mondays a month. The church will of course be closed for the rest of the day once our hour of prayer is up, and this is not a time to do any sort of church business other than to gather with the saints and seek the Father's heart. I want you all to feel free to come and pray together for as long as you have on your way to work. This is absolutely a sacrifice of your time and sleep, but I believe the Lord will honor that sacrifice. He is so worthy of our time. These Monday morning prayers will kick off in November and there will be a calendar stapled to the service board for our meeting times every month!

Rebekah Pencook

AYM - Ambassador Youth Ministry

WHERE WE'VE BEEN: OCTOBER

October has been a quiet, but fun month! We finished our series with Jefferson Bekthe and kicked off our new series called "Your Questions, God's Answers." A special thank you to Pastor Todd for joining us on Wednesday night to answer the students' questions. Our new series will be questions asked by our students about their faith and about God. We've got questions about prayer, relationships, and worthiness. I know this is going to be a good series and I am very excited about what God is going to do with these questions. We also had our Fall party and Fall Festival at the end of the month. I think the kids did great with carving the pumpkin and their costumes looked great!

WHERE WE'RE GOING: NOVEMBER

High School Study @ Sally's: November 8th @ 5 PM

AYM Study Hall: November 11th & 25th @ 6 - 8PM

AYM Game Night: November 15th @ 6 PM

AYMgiving: November 27th @ 6 PM



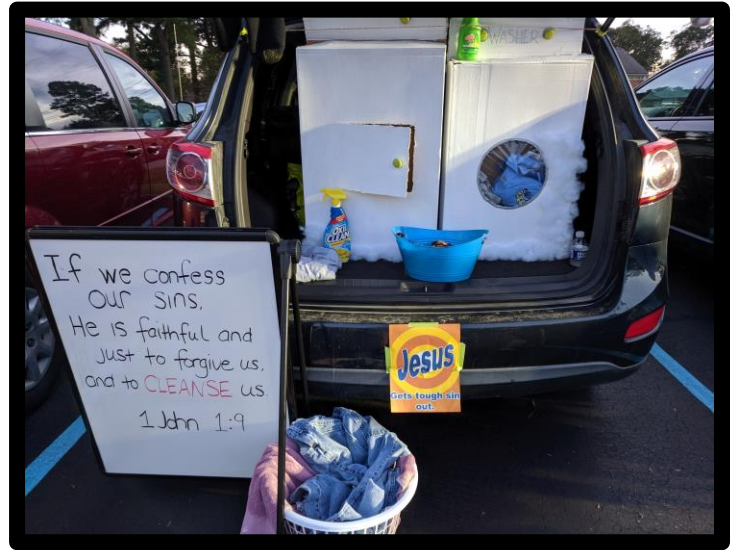
Music Ministry

Thank you to everyone who is participating in learning music for our worship services and for our upcoming Christmas Presentation. I am so pleased to see such talent and cooperation being used to praise the Lord. It's not too late to join in and sing.

See you soon,
Lynn Cooke

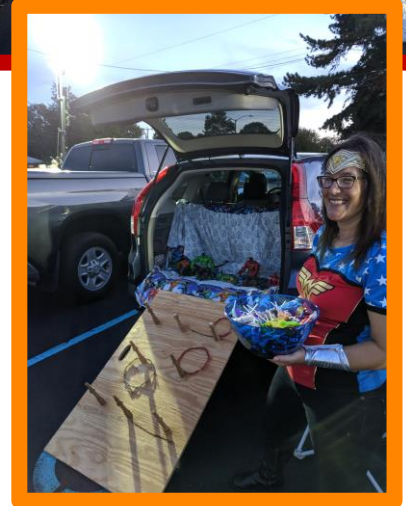


Fall Family Festival Fun



Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
Matthew 5:16





Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.
John 4:35

