

O C T O B E R 2 0 1 7

The Suburban Connection

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It's that time of year again when we start planning for the SCC Family Fall Festival! Volunteers like you are needed to make this event a success as we seek to minister to our community. We would like to have about 20 cars with decorated trunks/truck beds/hatches in the parking lot for the children to receive candy. With that said we also need donations of bags of wrapped candy and treats! Please consider volunteering and help to make this the best Fall Festival yet! Sign-up sheets are in the foyer for those who would like to decorate their "trunk" and donations of candy can be placed in the drop-off baskets also located in the foyer. Get the word out and invite family and friends! We'll have bounce houses, games, and food all making for a great and safe night of fun!

Save the Date!

AYM

October 7th

Paintball & Pizza
Leaving the church at 9:45 am and returning around 3:00 pm. Cost \$20.00

Ladies Event

October 14th

2:00 pm "Take Me Away" Event
Ladies you don't want to miss this event!

Fall Festival

October 31st

Festivities begin @ 5:30 pm

Sunday Nights with AWANA CLUBS!

Our AWANA Clubs are off and running! We have 37 children registered and each week they have come excited and ready to work hard on their memorization, and enjoy some fun and games. Our October theme is centered around the food pantry and we have added quite a few non-perishable items (paper towels/toilet paper) from our clubbers to the baskets. Clubbers can bring in a bag of candy to be used for the Fall Family Festival for extra points. Please check the AWANA Calendar for additional Theme Nights. A copy is posted on the AWANA Bulletin Board located in the hallway just outside the fellowship hall. With the growth of our club we are still looking for committed volunteers to act as leaders, listeners, and game coaches. If you are interested in this life changing opportunity, please contact Tim and Kathy Jackson or any of our leaders.



From The Pastor's Desk: Gospel Exploration

We are in the middle of an eight- week church-wide Gospel exploration. Just like Lewis and Clark, we are discovering new gospel territory. The amazing this is that there will always be new gospel territory to discover. Unlike planet Earth, we will never get to the point where we have seen everything that the Gospel has to offer. There will always be new Gospel mercy, grace, and love to be explored. We will never reach the bottom of the Gospel ocean or climb the peak of mount Gospel.

So far, we have seen that the Gospel changes us in a fundamentally different way than religion. Religion changes you externally by adding things to do. The Gospel changes you internally...The Gospel changes you on a heart level where you actually begin to desire God. John 15:9 says that

as we make our home in Christ, the spirit will organically produce Gospel fruit in our lives.

This past week, we learned the first part of the Gospel prayer...In Christ there is nothing I can do that would make you love me more and nothing I have done that makes you love me less. Because God sees me in Christ, he could not love me any more than he does right now because God could not love or accept Christ any more than he does.

I can't wait for the coming weeks as God reveals more of his glorious Gospel to us!

In the Gospel,
Pastor Todd

Operation Christmas Child

THANK YOU to everyone who has been wrapping shoeboxes, bringing in donations, and helping to make items to fill the shoebox gifts. This month's items for collection are:
HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES, AND SUNGLASSES

Each
Shoebox
blesses
children with
Joy, Love
and Hope!

We have the wrapped boxes available if you'd like to fill one at home or take some to a friend to fill. There are also brochures to share and coloring letters for the kids to write and add to the shoebox gifts on the table in the foyer. The packing day will be November 4th from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at the church. Everyone is invited! You can bring filled boxes in starting October 15th.

AND, we have the opportunity to go to the Charlotte North Caroling processing center for Operation Christmas Child December 4th and 5th. The only cost will be a hotel room, food, and transportation. If you'd like to go, please sign up in the foyer by November 4th.
We have 15 spots reserved.



The national collection week is November 13-20 and our church is one of the drop off collection centers. We will need volunteers to work at the church each day for several hours packing the filled shoeboxes into cartons and then we'll need volunteers and trucks, trailers, or vans on Monday, November 20th, to transport those cartons to Gateway Church on Virginia Beach Boulevard. There will be a sign-up sheet on the donation table soon.

GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

What's Happening In

Children's Church

In October, Suburban Kids will be learning about **Jesus the Savior**. Soon after Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, He was betrayed, arrested, tried, and crucified. However, the **darkest** moment of the story became the **brightest** when Jesus rose from the dead to provide forgiveness for all of God's people!

Parents - Ask your kids each week our big picture question as we begin this unit October 1st: **Why did Jesus die on the cross?** Each week they will get better at remembering our big picture answer: **Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins and came back to life to show we are forgiven.**

Children's Church Leaders and Volunteers will be having a meeting **October 1st at 5:00 pm** upstairs in the youth room. This is a very important meeting concerning plans for the fall, leadership and volunteer expectations, and to pray for God to use us as we serve.



“you, God are
my fortress,
my God on
whom I can rely.”
Psalm 59:9

Sunday School News

The children (and the teens and adults) have been learning how Jesus very intentionally spent the week before His crucifixion fulfilling all God's plan for Him. As He instituted communion, we have focused on learning that we share the Lord's supper to remember Jesus' life and death and to proclaim Him until His return.

Our (VERY LARGE!) 2nd and 3rd grade class plays a game to review what they have learned. Our 4th and 5th graders are learning they can “Fully Rely On God” at all times. We are all learning what a great God we serve!



Suburban Christian Church FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL



Make plans to join us for our
Annual Family Fall Festival!

Tuesday, October 31st

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Invite your friends and neighbors to come spend the evening at our place as an alternative to Halloween!

Fill your bags with CANDY in a fun and safe environment.

It's FREE and open to the community!

Donations of wrapped Candy will be taken throughout the month of October

COSTUMES

FOOD

TRUNK OR TREAT

GAMES

FUN

BOUNCE HOUSE

SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes
Senior 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

Visit us on Facebook! Search for "Suburban Christian Church" on www.facebook.com

Mother's Day Out Little Lambs

We are off to a great school year! Our first letter for October is the letter "D" and our theme day will be Donut Day. The kids will have their picture taken next to a giant donut and later have some yummy donuts for snack. On October 13th (letter "F"), we will have firemen come out and the children will be able to climb on the fire truck and talk about fire safety! The children will also get to have their picture taken on the back of the fire truck in their own fire hat that they get to take home. For letter "G", everyone will wear green. For letter "H" there will be two themes: Hideous Hat Day and Harvest Party. Our Harvest Party is an entire morning of fun from start to finish. The children may dress up in their costume for that morning. They will make a craft, trick or treat around the hallways, play a pumpkin game, decorate their very own pumpkin, watch "It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" and have refreshments. During our Bible time this month, the children will be learning how God helps us, God cares for us, they can trust God, and God helps us when we listen and obey! Looking forward to a fun packed month!



Music Ministry

Down from His Glory

Christmas 2017



The excitement has begun! Planning and preparations are already underway for Christmas 2017. Everyone of every age can be involved. Rehearsals for adults and teens are Saturday mornings and rehearsals for younger children will begin on Wednesday evenings in mid-October. In addition to singers, musicians are needed – woodwinds, strings and guitar in particular.

If you don't play or sing and would like to be involved in this event, there are other ways to help: set construction, lighting/visual support, sound and supervision of children, are all areas of need. If you have a desire to serve in any of these areas, please contact Karen Meads before or after services or call: 757-647-5301.



MEN'S Ministry

Young or old, you are always welcome at the Men's Breakfast and Bible study each 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Bob Grymes is currently enlightening us on the book of Romans.

AYM Highlights and News



WOW! What a blast it has been to have AYM at our house on Wednesday nights! We have really enjoyed getting to know all our students. God has blessed Suburban with some amazing kids and we are excited to see how He's going to work in their lives.

Kickball, cornhole, and four square have been a big hit. The girls won the first game and the boys came back and won the second game of volleyball. We are also doing the Gospel Revolution study with our students on Wednesday nights along with all the other life groups in the church.

Please continue to pray as we seek the God's guidance for our next youth director. We are trusting in the Lord to send the very best for our kids.

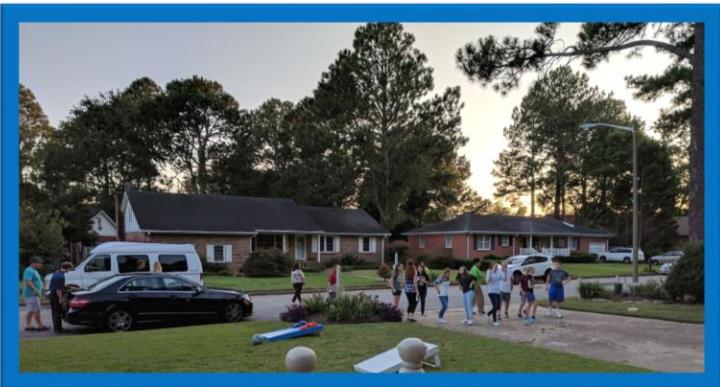
Feeling younger,
Pastor Todd and Wendy

PAINTBALL & PIZZA

AYM will be heading to Adventure Sports Park just off General Booth on Saturday, October 7th! We will meet at the church at 9:45 am and return around 3:00 pm. The cost is \$20.00 for paintball and pizza. This price is for 20 players so hurry up and sign up before the spots fill up. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.



Four-Square anyone???



Headed in for snacks, Bible study, and more fellowship.



Elisa and Trinity talk about the books they are currently reading.

Bellamy Women

You are invited to...



Take Me Away

Ladies Event

Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

Who: Girls ages 5 and up
When: Saturday, October 14th, 2017
Where: Fellowship Hall
Time: 2:00 pm
Guest Speaker: Paula Patrick

Light refreshments will be served.
Please dress comfortably. Girls under 18 must be accompanied by parent.
*Please sign up in the foyer by October 1st
Childcare will not be provided at this event.

Ladies...are you ready for a little break from the busy summer? You will not want to miss our next ladies event! Paula Patrick, a pastor's wife in the area and friend of Wendy, will be sharing with us. Come and relax as we hear how to rest in the Lord by taking care of ourselves spiritually, laughing a little, and getting to know each other as we enjoy a little pampering. Please sign up in the foyer!



Seniors Ministry

Our last meeting was held Thursday, September 21st. The guest speaker was Dr. Stephen Mansfield, who has been associated with Virginia Wesleyan University for 50 years as a history professor, academic dean, and now university archivist. Dr. Mansfield presented a delightful program, sharing some nuggets of Kempsville history and the church, "the place where Mrs. Bellamy kept his horses." Many Virginia Wesleyan alumni who attend our church came to the program.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, October 19th. The luncheon menu will be soup and salad. Watch the Sunday bulletin and the seniors bulletin board for more details.

These programs are sponsored by the Seniors' Ministry, but they are always open to adults of all ages. Please plan to attend, bring a dish to share and invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!

The Seniors Ministry needs you! We need new members, new energy and new ideas. If you would be willing to contribute your time and talents to the steering committee, please speak with Ray McGrady.



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