

O C T O B E R 2 0 1 9

# The Suburban Connection

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## Fall Family Festival 2019

Thursday, October 31

5:30 – 7:30 PM

It's that time of year again, where we come together as a church family to bless our community by providing a safe, friendly alternative to traditional Halloween activities.

This year we will have Trunk or Treating, inflatable games and bounce houses, candy, food and drinks, costumes, more candy, and most importantly a chance to share fellowship with each other and the people from the area who join us for the evening. Our prayer is that we will be successful at sharing the love of Jesus with everyone who enters our parking lot, and that they will see that love shining brightly in each and every one of us.

To make that happen, we need help from all of the congregation. People to decorate their vehicles and hand out candy to the children, maybe even setting up a little game or dressing up! People to cook and serve food. People to greet families as they arrive. People to mingle, being friendly and available to answer questions. People to help set up tables and chairs. People to put it all away at the end of the festivities. And people to bring candy...LOTS and LOTS of candy!!!

And we need the whole congregation to pray that every family who visits us will be touched in a wonderful way by the love that we freely share with them.

Karen Nicolas

### Save the Date!

#### AYM

**October 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Point Conference

**October 30<sup>th</sup>**

Harvest Party

#### Belong Ministry

**October 12<sup>th</sup>**

Prayer Mosaic

3:00 – 5:00 pm

#### Fall Festival

**October 31<sup>th</sup>**

Festivities begin @  
5:30 pm



## From The Pastor's Desk:

# BE QUICK TO DO GOOD!

**"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, 'Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it' -when you have it with you." Proverbs 3: 27, 28**

God's wisdom for everyday living, God's wisdom for life-giving relationships says that we should have a quick trigger when it comes to doing good to others. Ray Ortland captures the heart of this verse when he says, "We sin against each other not only by the bad things we do, but also by the beautiful things we withhold."

When we have the power to do good to someone and withhold it, we sin against them and God. God made us in His image, which means, according to this verse, He made us to love others by doing good to them. When we are quick to do good, it has the effect of breathing God's life into our relationships. However, the opposite is also true, when we withhold love, it literally sucks the life right out of our relationships. Withheld love is life deflating and life depleting.

Because of our sinful nature, sometimes it's really hard to do good to others. So often we feel the power of our selfishness closing our hearts to others. It can become so easy to just do nothing...to withhold good.

But there is good news! The life-giving power of Jesus in the Gospel is able to open our hearts to do good. If you are in a place where it is difficult to do good, you must look to Jesus. Meditate on who He is for you in these verses:

Romans 8:32

"He did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"

II Corinthians 8:9

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."

II Peter 1:3

"His divine power has granted us ALL THINGS that pertain to life (eternal) and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence."

Psalms 84:11

"No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly."

In other words, if we abide in Jesus and His words abide in us, He will produce in us a heart that will be quick to do good.

Blessed by His Goodness,  
Pastor Todd



## What's Happening In ...

### Sunday School

This fall, Nyssa and her class have been learning that there is only One True God who alone deserves worship. They heard the story of Elisha and how God protected him with an invisible angel army. The children used alphabet cookies to review what happened. For each letter on the cookie, they thought up a word that related to the story. It was fun to hear some of the unusual words the children thought of! We're so thankful creative teachers can use even cookies to teach Bible truths. Jan Grills



### Junior Children's Church

# Suburban Kids

Each of our children's ministries exists for the purpose of:

- Reaching our children with the Gospel
- Discipling them in their faith in Jesus
- Fostering their investment in the Church body
- Equipping them and growing their desire to reach the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is our desire to build strong connections among the members of our Body, believing this builds value for God and His people in the heart of the children and value for the children in the heart of His people.

Our goal for Junior Children's Church is to help children begin to make the transition from Nursery to a slightly more structured learning environment that still takes into consideration their developmental needs. We will do this through introducing them to music, Bible lessons, verse memorization and missions in a manner that suits their particular attentions spans and is appropriate to their ability level. We will intersperse the more focused teaching times with play activities and opportunities to move around and exercise their bodies as well as their minds and spirits. This is the first step in our children's developmental journey to integrating fully into our congregational worship service.

Junior Children's Church is going very well. Our little ones are wrapping up their study about David and will be learning about the prophets (Daniel and Jonah) and about God's plan to send the Rescuer.



**SET UP A  
GAME! THE  
KIDS WILL  
LOVE THAT!**

**DECORATE YOUR CAR, TRUNK,  
HATCH, MOTORCYCLE,  
BICYCLE,  
WHATEVER YOU HAVE.**

**WEAR A  
COSTUME IF IT  
SUITS YOUR  
FANCY!**

**YOU WILL HAVE FUN. THAT'S A PROMISE! AND  
YOU WILL BE A BLESSING TO OUR COMMUNITY!**

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!  
SIGN-UP SHEET IS LOCATED IN THE FOYER.**

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

# Suburban Kids Mothers' Day Out



Most child experts agree that giving children responsibilities, even those as young as toddlers and preschoolers, is beneficial for a variety of reasons, from helping parents handle the burdens of a household to creating responsible young adults.

A consistent system of chores teaches responsibility and organization. Chores boost children's self-confidence, because they find a sense of accomplishment when completing their obligations, and families connect when everyone feels like a valuable contributor.

Give young children simple tasks. Children as young as two can be given household chores, such as helping take clothes out of the dryer, putting their clothes away, cleaning up after a meal by throwing away the paper napkins or wiping tables or counters. Keep expectations realistic when children are very young or chores are new: the goal is establishing the routine and teaching kids' responsibilities, rather than how clean the table is or how neatly folded their clothes are. Use chore calendars & reward systems. Calendars and chore charts are not only good organizational systems but can also be used to help reinforce language and math skills for children. Chores are great life skills for children.

Andrea Hoover



**"May the favor of the Lord  
our God rest on us;  
establish the work of our  
hands for us— yes,  
establish the work of our  
hands." Psalm 90:17**

## AWANA Ministry

AWANA Clubs are in full swing. Please join us on Sunday nights from 5:00 – 6:30 pm for a fun-filled evening. The themes for the month of October are as follows:

October 6<sup>th</sup>: Baby Picture Night

October 13<sup>th</sup>: Stuffed Animal Night

October 20<sup>th</sup>: Cute Costume Night

October 27<sup>th</sup>: Awards Night (Potluck Dinner)

Liz Bonnett



Please continue to pray for our AWANA kids and volunteers. Pray that we all remain focused on helping the kids grow in the Grace and knowledge of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. Pray also that all that we do will be for God's Glory, and not our own.

## Nursery Ministry

### October Nursery Schedule



Date	9:00 Sunday School	10:15 Service
10/6/19	Betty Owens Stacie Raymer	Deidre Caughel Shelby Rountree Abby Deuell
10/13/19	Vicki Chitty Juli Cox	Lou & Ara Miller Jeff Herring William Schnurr
10/20/19	Nancy Herbst Mitzie Ricks	Al & Jan Grills Lara Young
10/27/19	Melissa Tucker Emily Collins	Kathleen Staten Ally Litzenberger Lisa Smiley William Young

**New Nursery volunteers are needed! Contact Mary Deuell ([grillsy7@msn.com](mailto:grillsy7@msn.com)) or Stacie Raymer ([sraymer@odu.edu](mailto:sraymer@odu.edu)) if interested.**



## Operation Christmas Child

The time is fast approaching for us to finish up packing our shoe box gifts and shipping them off. The **National Collection Week is November 18th - November 25th**. Our church will again be a drop off location for the area so we will need volunteers to help transport the cartons to the Area Collection Center at Gateway Church on Virginia Beach Blvd. Please let me know if you can help.

Our **October** collections are **socks, gloves, and hats**. Thank you for all the work you've been doing at home this year and all the prayers for the kids and the workers in this ministry.

We still have empty boxes that need to be wrapped in the storage room so feel free to take some home to help out. Our packing event is scheduled for **Saturday, November 16th at 1:00 pm**. We will have more information upcoming, but in the meantime, be writing your letter to the child who will receive your box and getting a picture ready to send also. You can make a donation online to help with shipping and received a "Follow Your Box Label" which will notify you of where your box goes. See you soon, Lynn Cooke



## Seniors Ministry

At our September 19th meeting everyone thoroughly enjoyed another of Bob Grymes' famous travelogues, "Corinth and Ephesus in Paul's Day." Afterwards a covered dish lunch was served.

The next meeting will be October 17th. Dr Stacie Raymer will present "Communication and Aging." After the meeting we will gather to share in a time of fellowship and a soup & salad luncheon.

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, including Harry Warren and Carlyle Savelle who went home to the Lord recently. 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





## Music Ministry

Our Worship Choir will be beginning rehearsals for Christmas Music on **Saturday, October 5th** from 10:00 am - 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Anyone who likes to sing is welcome to join in. Also, if you'd like to get in on the worship music on Sunday mornings, we will be rehearsing Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 pm each week during this exciting time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth.

We will be working on establishing and rehearsing a Praise Band/Orchestra soon, so if you play an instrument or have the knowledge to lead or conduct, please contact me (424-9869 or by email: [lynncshome@gmail.com](mailto:lynncshome@gmail.com)). I look forward to working together with all our musicians to enhance our worship services.

Lynn Cooke

*Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord. Psalm 150: 6*

## Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

The Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast, which meets on the first and third Saturdays of the month, will meet on October 5th and October 19th. 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 14** and **Chapter 15**.

In last month's sessions, the Holy Spirit continued the expansion of the Gospel by sending Barnabas and Paul from Antioch in Syria to Cyprus and into Asia Minor. After traveling through several cities in Pamphylia and Pisidia and preaching in their synagogues, they were rejected by the local Jewish Leadership who stirred up persecution against them and drove them from their district.



Barnabas and Saul then took their message to the Gentiles and "shook off the dust from their feet against them (the Jewish leaders) and went to Iconium" (modern Turkey) (**Acts 13:51**).

In **Chapter 14**, the continuation of what is known as "**Paul's First Missionary Journey**" will be discussed. To be considered will be the fact that while the number of believers increased, and miracles were performed; Jewish opposition to Paul and Barnabas continued. In Lystra, Paul was stoned and left for dead.

In **Chapter 15**, there will be a description of the conflicts within the church created by those who insisted that followers needed to be circumcised, "*the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, 'It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses'*" (**Acts 15:1**). What followed was the **Jerusalem Council** and decisions that opened the way for the Gospel to be freely taught to Gentiles. After that, Paul and Barnabas separated.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study is an outstanding opportunity for bible study, prayer, and fellowship. It is open to all men, church members and non-members. Breakfast begins at 8:00 am concludes no later than 10:00 am.

Bob Grymes

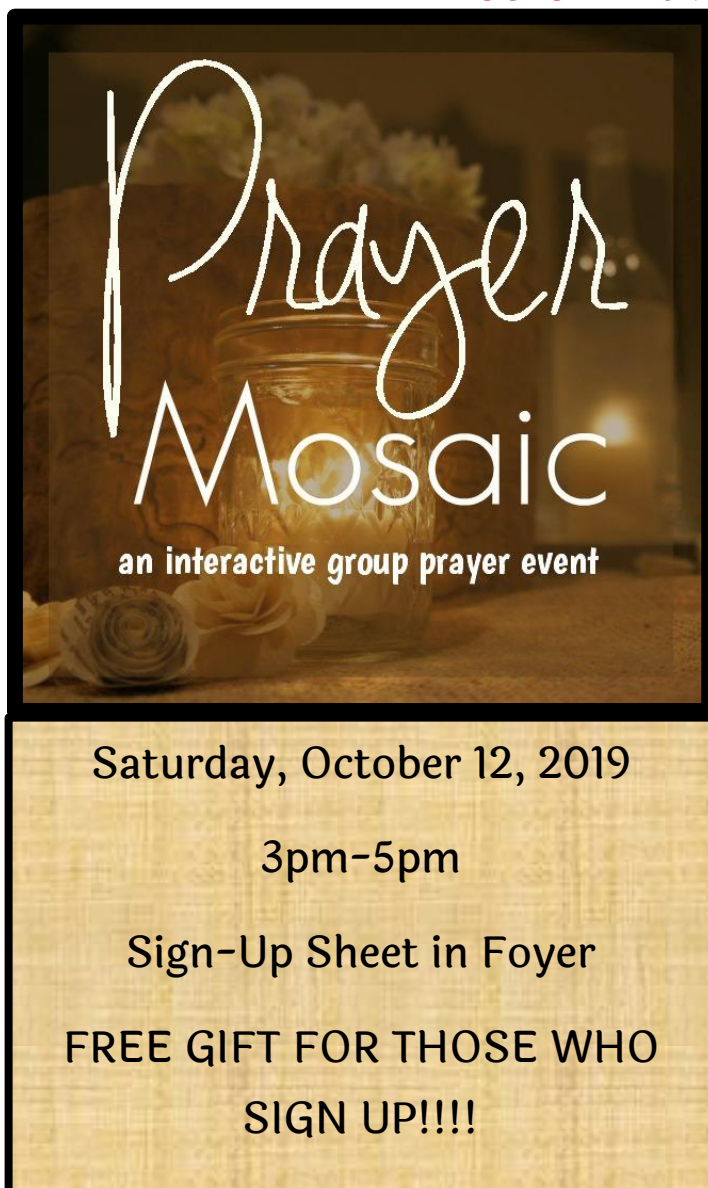
## Belong Ladies Ministry

Ladies, do you struggle with feeling like you don't know how to pray? Perhaps with what you should pray about or for? Does the thought of praying in front of others send you into panic and you instantly break out in a sweat?

Well, you are not alone, it's a common struggle. The good news is that it doesn't have to be that way and God is waiting excitedly to hear your prayers. In fact, He is expecting them and is pleased to work through them.

*Belong* invites all ladies to come for a time of guided prayer. We will spend time at various prayer stations offering the Lord our adoration, our repentance, our thanksgiving, and our requests. This gathering will be a time of creating a deeper connection with the Lord and each other.

Emily Mizenko



The poster for the Prayer Mosaic event features a warm, golden-brown background with a soft-focus image of a lit candle in a glass jar. The title "Prayer Mosaic" is written in a large, elegant, white script font. Below it, in a smaller, white sans-serif font, is the subtitle "an interactive group prayer event". The event details are listed in a clean, black sans-serif font on a light beige background at the bottom of the poster.

**Prayer Mosaic**  
an interactive group prayer event

**Saturday, October 12, 2019**

**3pm-5pm**

**Sign-Up Sheet in Foyer**

**FREE GIFT FOR THOSE WHO SIGN UP!!!!**

## Life Group Ministry – Considering One Another



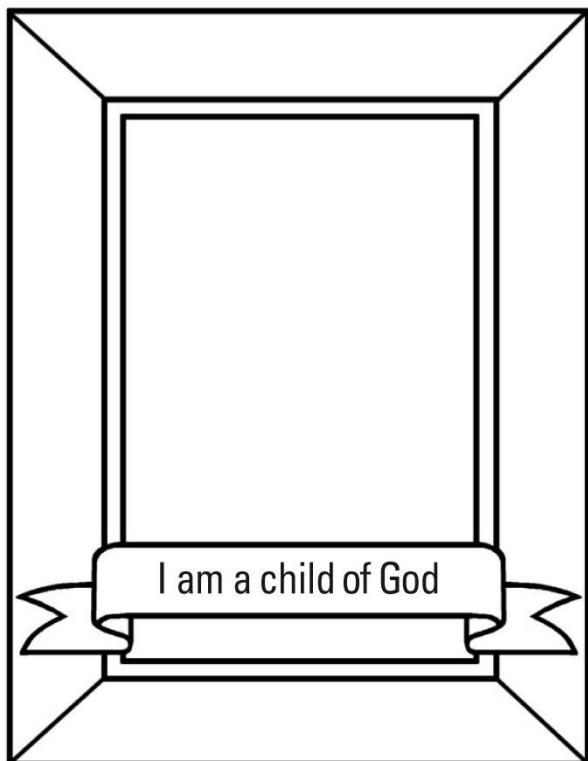
Our Life Groups started back up during the month of September. As of right now, one **new** Young Adult Life Group has begun which meets at Troy and Andrea Hoover's home. Their next meeting is Saturday, October 19th at 4:00 pm. There is a potential for additional life groups forming soon.

Hebrews 10: 24-25 says, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Life Groups create an environment where we can consider one another and encourage one another. If you would like to plug into one of our groups, please contact Pastor Todd or the church office.

JUST FOR...

Suburban  
Kids

Directions: Draw your picture in the center of the frame and color the frame.



Directions: Answer the questions below.

Why do we go to church?

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What do you like about Sunday School?

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How can you serve others at home or at school?

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What is your favorite praise song?

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## Scrambled Bible Verses

Directions: Look up the Bible verse and put them in order. Sometimes only a portion of the verse is used.



1. Psalm 145:9 all good The is Lord to

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2. Proverbs 2:6 gives For wisdom the Lord

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3. Isaiah 26:4 the forever Trust Lord in

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4. Proverbs 30:5 God word of proves Every true

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5. Numbers 6:24 bless and the Lord you you keep

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6. Proverbs 3:5 heart in all your Trust the Lord with

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7. Psalm 119:105 lamp is for Your a feet word my

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## Fall Harvest

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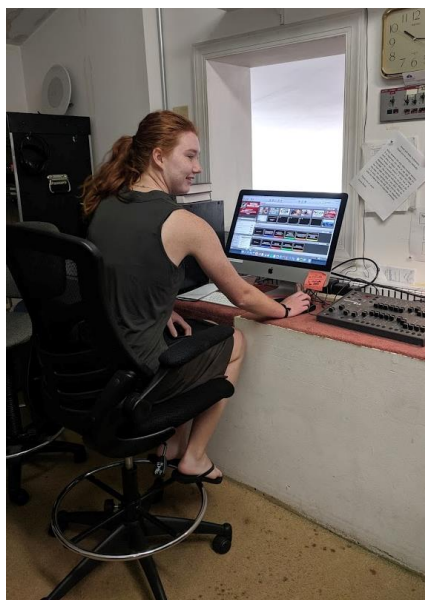
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HAY  
TURKEY

## What happens on Sunday Mornings?



There is a lot that happens on Sunday mornings before anyone arrives at church. The church is opened, lights turned on, Sunday School teachers scurry to their classrooms to welcome children, people are praying for the service, and the "sound room techs" arrive to make sure things are just right so we can hear the music and see the words on the screen as we are led in worship, hear Pastor Todd as he preaches, and broadcast the service as it is live streamed to those who are homebound. We would like to thank our "sound room techs" for their faithful commitment every Sunday. At times, it can be a little hectic when something happens and doesn't work just right, but our volunteers are quick to respond to make every Sunday a success. **THANK YOU** for making sure our Sunday service is done right. You do make a difference in the life of Suburban.

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Whatever  
you do,  
do it all for  
the glory of  
*God*

1 Corinthians 10:31



# Family Day



Family Day was a **WOW!** The day began in the Sanctuary with a worship and testimony service. It's always encouraging to hear how God is working in the lives of our Suburban family. Afterwards, we continued our fellowship inside and outside with family games for all to enjoy. It was exciting to see our church family playing color octopus and kickball together and enjoying time with each other. The inflatable and especially the dunk booth were enjoyed by all ages. God gave us a beautiful day of sunshine so even the ones braving the waters of the dunk booth enjoyed the refreshing dunks (which were sometimes several in a row 😊). This was a wonderful opportunity for families to come together in a relaxed atmosphere designed to build relationships through fun and play. It offered an inter-generational experience that connected our church family. It created an environment where our church family could talk, laugh, play, and get to know one another. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make this a special day for our Suburban family. It looks like this is going to become a Suburban tradition.

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are  
FAMILY



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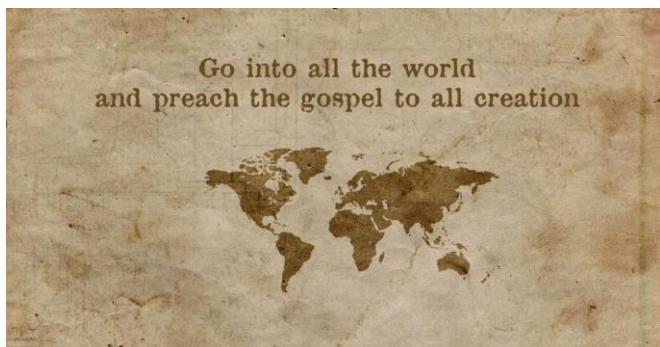
## THE GOSPEL IS COMING TO THE SAHARA! GCRI Fall 2019 Project

Great Commission Resources International provides resources to meet the needs of indigenous Christian workers in poor, remote & persecuted areas of the world. Ed White is the founder and meets with Pastor Todd on a regular basis to let us know what our support is accomplishing around the world. The GCRI Fall 2019 Project is underway with the goal of raising \$56,000.00 to open the school doors for the Berber people.

The Berber people group, inhabiting the northern Sahara, has yet to hear of the Savior. Some of them live in villages on the margins of the desert; others dwell in tents further in the desert. Most are illiterate and desperately poor. God has placed this unreached group on the heart of a nearby indigenous ministry. The ministry asked the Berbers what would most help lift them out of poverty. They replied, "A school!"

This conversation was the start of the vision that has led to GCRI's fall project. The plan is to first provide a school in a village on the northern edge of the desert. Teaching them to read and write would provide an opportunity for employment in the northern cities. Most importantly, they will know that Christians are funding and staffing the school. We ask that you pray they will invite the Christian staff into their homes for tea and hear the gospel.

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# Ministry Update



## Judeo-Christian Outreach Center

One of the ministries that Suburban supports every month is the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center. Their mission is "To empower homeless families and individuals to recover from crisis situations and return to being self-supporting, productive, and independent members of our community."

One of their objectives is to feed our homeless residents and neighbors a good, wholesome meal once a day. That totals more than 85,000 free meals annually to both residents and non-residents at a cost of approximately \$2.00 per meal. Everyone in the community is welcome to join them for dinner, homeless or not.

The Community Dinner is served Monday-Friday at 6:00 pm and Saturday-Sunday and all major holidays at 3:00 pm. Their Community Breakfast is served Saturdays at 8:00 am. JCOC is able to offer these meals 365 days a year due to the more than 100 volunteer organizations that provide, prepare and serve the food. Each of these organizations takes great pride in their food preparation and prepares meals with as much care as they would at home for their loved ones.

Every Fall, the JOCC holds their Annual Sign-Up Dinner, where all of the participating organizations pick their dates for serving the meal for the following year. Our church has signed up to provide one of these meals on **Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**. If you are looking for a way to serve our community and would like to volunteer, please contact Betty Owens. We are planning on serving chili, salad, rolls, and cookies. If you would like to help provide some of the items for the meal, please sign up on the sheets available in the adult Sunday School classes.



## Ambassador Youth Ministry (AYM)

### WHERE WE'VE BEEN: SEPTEMBER

September is already gone! We had a great start back to school and we are all excited to see our new AYMs upstairs with us. We have been going through a video series called *It's Not What You Think* by Jefferson Bethke. We are now in our third week of lessons and we have talked about how the best way to view the Bible is as the story of God bringing us back into the fold, how God's temple started as the whole earth and after the fall He has only been striving to get close to us, and how The Kingdom of God is not just in Heaven, but the whole earth.

We also had a parents' meeting to share about the events we will be doing, what Wednesday night looks like, and other things that we can do for their students. I just wanted to say thank you to all the parents that came. It was so awesome to have you. But if you were unable to attend, don't fret. We will have all the same info coming out soon.

Lastly, we had such a fun time at the Adventure Park this past Friday! There's nothing like riding along zip lines and climbing up trees! It was even more beautiful at night with all the lights in the trees. It always one of my most favorite things we do with the kids.

Sally Harden

### WHERE WE'RE GOING: OCTOBER

October 11th-13th: The Point Conference@ at Point Harbor Church  
(registration closes October 6th)

October 23rd: New Lesson Series, **Ask the Leader**

October 30th: AYM Harvest Party

October 31st: Church Family Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat

