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The Suburban Connection

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CHURCH PICNIC!

What a way to end the summer! To everyone in our church family that made our end of summer picnic a big success...THANK YOU!! It could not have happened without you being the hands and feet of Jesus and showing to all of us just how HIS love shines in our lives. With too many individual names to name... (You know who you are!) the food, fun and fellowship made it an easy transition back to fall church hours. Please join us for our next special event, the Fall Festival, coming in October. Please come out and celebrate what our GOOD GOD provides for us!



Save the Date!

AWANA Clubs!

September 10th

Kick-off another great year of AWANA.

Registration begins at 5pm

AYM

September 13th

Meet at Pastor Todd and Wendy's house

September 17th

Informational meeting in Fellowship Hall following 11:00 service

LIFE GROUPS

September 10th

Connect Event & Life Groups begin meeting

OCC

September 16th

6:00 pm Full Circle Speaker

September 23rd

9:00 am Sewing Day

From The Pastor's Desk: How Can We Partner With You?

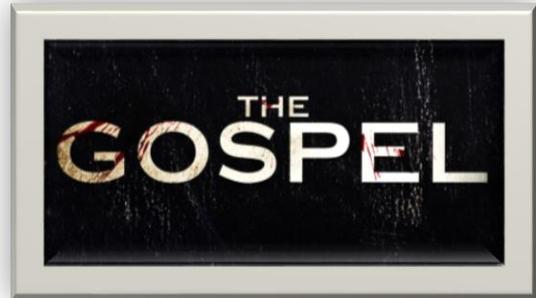
Tim Keller says, "It is one thing to understand the Gospel, but it is quite another to experience the Gospel in such a way that fundamentally changes us and becomes the source of our identity and security. It is one thing to grasp the essence of the Gospel, but quite another to think out its implications for all of life. We all struggle to explore the mysteries of the Gospel on a regular basis and to allow its message to influence our thinking."

For the next 8 weeks, this is exactly what we as a church are going to seek to do. With God's help, we are going to think out biblically the implications of the Gospel for all of life. And as we do that, it is my prayer that we will experience the power of the Gospel in a way that will transform us and revive us. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to truly change us from the inside out. May we, by God's grace, see

how the Gospel alone can make us genuinely passionate for God, powerfully deliver us from sin, and joyfully move us out toward loving service to others.

I am truly excited to take this Gospel journey with you for these next 8 weeks. Let us join in prayer for God to do a great Gospel work at Suburban.

Yours for the Gospel,
Pastor Todd



Operation Christmas Child Corner

September is going to be a busy month. First, September 16th at 6:00 pm, a Full Circle Speaker (a person who received a shoebox gift as a child and is here in the US now) will be here at Suburban to share her testimony. Please plan to attend and invite your friends and family. Second, September 23rd, from 9:00 am, we will have a workday for OCC. Bring your machine if you sew, your crochet hook, or just your willing hands to make various projects to help fill the shoebox gifts. We have a lot of fabric, notions, yarn, beads, and charms available for use. We'll have patterns and instructions too!

SEPTEMBER ITEMS FOR COLLECTION: SOCKS, IVORY SOAP AND WASHCLOTHS

On August 12th, we had 16 people come to wrap shoeboxes. We wrapped 138 boxes that morning and people have been taking home unwrapped boxes and bringing them back wrapped. We'll have them available for you to pick up to fill at home if you wish by October 15th. Then the rest of them will be used at the packing event in November. Thank you for all you're doing to further this ministry. If you have questions or ideas, call Lynn Cooke, 757-424-9869.

What's Happening In....



Children's Church

As people began to turn against Jesus, He journeyed toward Jerusalem where He knew He would be arrested and crucified. Jesus continued to tell people that they needed to repent, and He prepared His true followers for His death. As we explore the events leading up to His death, it is our prayer that Suburban Kids know Jesus is our Lord and Savior. God calls us to treasure Him more than anything or anyone else. He is worthy of all our praise!

HELP NEEDED! If you would be willing to help in Children's Church during the, please contact Wendy Haynes (757-362-8817).

Sunday School News

Our children at SCC don't just hear Bible lessons each week, but they get to experience how those timeless truths relate to their lives. Jack Tyler learned that Jesus heals the hurts in our hearts, just like He healed sick people in the Bible. George Collins and Tyler Goforth learned they can be brave and help others, just like Esther was brave and selfless and helped her people. We are so thankful that the GOD of the Bible doesn't change; that "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever!"



Awana Clubs

The SCC AWANA program will be starting on September 10th! Our special events will include helping the Harvest Festival with an AWANA trunk with candy, getting Christmas donations for the Christmas Store, getting visits from fireman, policemen, missionaries, as well as helping with food donations for the Food Pantry. We have made some slight adjustments to the program to help it run more efficiently than before. For SCC parents, please consider registering your children for this weekly program that will not only be fun, but will provide them with Scripture memorization and Bible teachings that will last them a lifetime. **Please consider helping in the program.** All training is provided and leaders also walk away with memories of a lifetime. The AWANA program meets almost every Sunday evening from 5 to 7 pm from September through May. If anyone is interested in helping or has any questions, please contact Tim or Kathy Jackson.





Mark your calendars!

*Please sign up
in the foyer and
invite a friend!*

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?

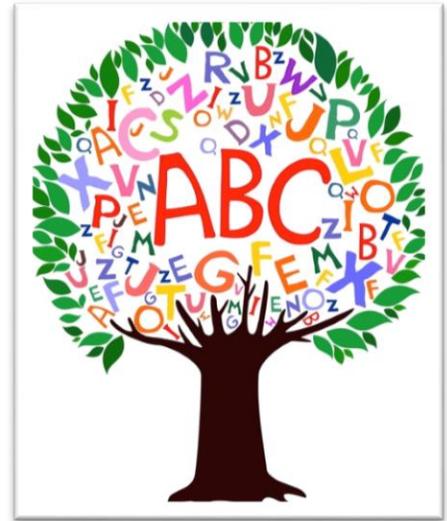
Drawing near to God
Pursuing community
Reaching our world

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Mothers' Day Out Little Lambs

The teachers and I are looking forward to a wonderful year at MDO. We started off our new year with our open house on Friday, September 1st. The children met their teachers, visited their classroom and had some refreshments. We are excited and can't wait to start our new year when the doors open on September 5th. We are dedicated and ready to love and teach these children. Our mission is that God will be the center of this program and we will glorify Him in all that we do this year and be an outreach for Him and this church. We have many fun things planned for the year. We start September off with American Day, a Bear Parade, and Chick-Fil-A Day for lunch. We pray God will bless our ministry.



Bellamy Women

Summer is coming to an end and fall is right around the corner! Bellamy Women will be sponsoring our next ladies event being held on Saturday, October 14th. Come ready to enjoy a relaxing afternoon including light refreshments, skits, praise and worship, special speaker, and tips to help us unwind and realize the truth of "Be still and know that I am God."

Our Food Pantry is in need of so many items to restock the shelves. Please speak with Melissa Startley or Kathleen Staten for more information!

Seniors' Ministry

Our regular monthly meeting was held Thursday, August 17th, when Ray McGrady led us on an enjoyable "cruise" on a ship. Afterwards we all relaxed with a salad luncheon.

Have you ever wondered about the history of Kempsville? You will not want to miss the upcoming seniors' meeting on Thursday, September 21st at 11:00 am. Dr. Stephen Mansfield will present "Why Kempsville Matters." Dr. Mansfield has been associated with Virginia Wesleyan for 50 years as history professor, academic dean, and now university archivist. He has written books on the history of Princess Anne County/Virginia Beach and on Virginia Wesleyan. He is looking forward to having the opportunity to share some nuggets of Kempsville history at Suburban – "the place where Mr. Bellamy kept his horses."



These programs are sponsored by the seniors' ministry, but they are open to all ages. Please plan to attend, bring a covered 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. Over the years, we have lost many of our original members due to age, illness and death. Several of these people served on the ministry's steering committee. We are seeking new members, including some who would be willing to contribute their time and talents to the steering committee.

AYM NEWS

AYM MEETING ON WEDESDAY NIGHTS! Starting Wednesday, September 13th from 6:30-8:00 pm, AYM will be meeting at Pastor Todd and Wendy's house (5612 Ranger Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23464).

AYM PARENTS MEETING, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Parents, please join Pastor Todd after the 11:00 service for an informational meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We are excited to share with you what we have planned for the fall and how you can pray for our future as we begin to search for our new youth director.

LOW IMPACT 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! Low-impact paintball is all the fun without the sting. 😊 The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.



Live Streaming Our Services

Suburban live streams the Sunday morning worship service every week! There are several ways you can view the live video stream or watch past services from this year. The easiest way is to visit our church web site at www.sccvb.org/media/live-streaming.

You may also go directly to our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/channel/UCb0ev5uZQE5rr-Hd7q-hi7w or search YouTube for Suburban Christian Church.

We are looking for individuals who would be interested in learning and helping with the weekly live stream OR running the sound board and screen. If you know how to operate a video camera we could use your help! This is just one way God has blessed those who are unable to physically attend our worship service. Would you like to share in the giving of this blessing? If so, please contact Don Staten at 757-630-1008 or email at don@sccvb.org."

Men's Ministry

Did you know there are a group of men who meet every first and third Saturday morning of each month? They enjoy a home-cooked breakfast followed by time in the word. Men, you are invited to join them! All ages are welcome! They meet at 8:00 am for a hot breakfast and fresh brewed coffee followed by bible study. This month Bob Grymes will continue the study on the book of Romans. Meeting dates are 9/2 and 9/16.



