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# The Suburban Connection

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## The Excitement of New Beginnings!

It's hard to believe it, but summer is almost over. We sent it off in style as over 100 of us joined together for an afternoon of great food, a cake walk, popcorn, a bounce house, more food, and some of the best fellowship you'll find anywhere. It was a truly great way to wrap up the season!

Now it's time to move on to the excitement of a new season. For some of us, this is the busiest time of year. Kids of all ages are looking forward to all that awaits them in the new school year. Promotion Sunday on September 2<sup>nd</sup> will mark new classes, some with brand new teachers, for a lot of our students. Our Elementary, Middle School and High School classes will start studying the Bible from the very beginning. Both of our Adult classes are beginning new curriculums. We have new leaders in Children's Church teaching a brand-new curriculum. So many new things to look forward to!

But, even with all these new things, we can rest assured that we will remain a Family of Believers, completely focused on the never changing Gospel of Jesus Christ, serving each other and the mighty God who loves and saves us. What a blessing it is to live in this blessed assurance, and to share it with each other.

Karen Nicolas

### Save the Date!

#### AWANA Clubs!

**September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Kick off another great year of AWANA.  
Registration begins at 5pm

#### AYM

**September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Back to school Breakfast

**September 5<sup>th</sup>**

AYM Fall Kickoff

**September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Union Mission

#### LIFE GROUPS

**September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Life Groups re-connect & begin meeting

#### OCC

**September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Occ Workday

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

3:00 pm Area Wide Kick Off Event

## From The Pastor's Desk: Praying for God's Direction

What a joy it has been to worship together in one service for the past two months! Normally after the month of August, we go back to 8:30 worship, 9:45 Sunday School and 11:00 worship, but we would like to extend our current schedule of 9:00 Sunday School and 10:15 worship during the month of September.

During the past few weeks, as the staff has met and prayed together, we feel the Lord may be leading us to stay with one worship service. As we continue worshipping together, would you **please pray** with us about continuing with one worship service? I can't emphasize enough how important it is that we all pray. Prayer to God must precede any decisions that are made. After praying, we would like to hear from you. Toward the end of September, we will give you the opportunity to share your thoughts with us.

Here are a few reasons we are considering staying with one service:

**\*THE UNITY OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.** Jesus' prayer and desire for the church was that we would all be one just as He is one with the Father. (John 17:21) The same oneness that exists within the Trinity is the oneness that Christ desires for His body to have. We feel one service would help us to be more of one body.

**\*THE CARE FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST.** In Hebrews 10:24-25, God says that as a church, we are to consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...and to encourage one another. We feel that one service would help us to better consider one another. It will still require effort on our part but having everyone together will help us better love and encourage one another.

**\*THE MINISTRY TO THE BODY OF CHRIST.** First Peter 4:10 says, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." At Suburban, we are so blessed to have so many of you using your gifts to serve the body of Christ. It is our desire to minister with excellence in all our ministries. We feel that having one service would allow us to better minister with energy and excellence. In some of our ministries, one service would nearly cut in half the number of volunteers needed.

It is our desire to bring great honor and glory to our God and Savior Jesus Christ in all that we do. Thank you for your support and flexibility as we continue to seek the Lord's guidance.

Mark 10:45  
Serving the Lord with you,

Pastor Todd

## What's Happening In... Children's Church



**"All Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.**

2 Timothy 3:16

This is our theme verse for the Fall quarter of Children's Church! Carol Brooks, as our leader for this quarter, will be teaching our Suburban Kids the Books of the Bible in order and at the same time will be introducing them to an overview of the entire Bible. We are excited for the children to come away from this study with a better understanding of what God's Word contains and how to use this invaluable tool God has entrusted to us.

We look forward to seeing just how many children and families become more familiar with the Sword of the Spirit as parents help their kids review and memorize the order of the books.

What a privilege to have the Word of God available to us and what a responsibility we have to study and obey it!

Sarah Nelapaty

## Sunday School News

What makes a great Sunday school? – great teachers! We are blessed here at SCC to have committed, loving teachers who are passionate about God, His Word and their students. Each one feels their age group, and their class of kids, is the best! We recently asked some of them what they love about teaching Sunday school and we share a few of those comments:

"God called me to teach, and then I realized how foundational it is for the children. I get to pour my relationship with God into the children. It is such a great blessing to see how they are growing up to be disciples of Jesus. I've learned the Bible is central: it's simple enough for five-year olds and deep enough for adults."

"I wanted to bless the children, but each week the children bless me! God teaches me through them and every week I take away something about love and grace. It is amazing to be loved unconditionally by them."

We are so grateful that our students are being loved and taught so well. Please keep us all in prayer as we start a new Sunday school year this month. May God be glorified as we study and seek Him together.

Jan Grills

This year's teachers are:

2-3-year olds	Kathy Herring & Phyllis Wiggins
Preschool	Lisa Smiley & Connie Moore
K – 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	Kathleen Staten & Amie Mitchell
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Michele Pencook & Dee O'Brien
4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	TBA
Middle School	Kathy & Tim Jackson
High School	Jeff Moore
Adult Bible Study	Ron Raymer, Lou & Ara Miller



# FALL FESTIVAL

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**HOT DOGS, POPCORN, TRUNK OR TREAT, INFLATABLES,  
FUN AND FELLOWSHIP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

## SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes  
Senior Pastor



Sally Harden  
Director of Student 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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## Suburban Mothers' Day Out Kids

Our team has been working very hard to prepare for this school year. We are so thrilled to finally be welcoming our new little friends. This month we will be learning about each other and our daily routines. Most important, the children will be learning about who God is and how much He loves us.

Andrea Hoover



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:14

## AWANA Clubs

I am sure that like me, everyone felt that summer went by too quickly. As we approach the fall season, our AWANA program will be starting back up and we are looking forward to another great year. There is always a bit of a mystery every year when we start up, wondering just how many kids we will have, will we have enough leaders, and so on. I am often asked, "So how many kids do you have?" or "How many showed up tonight?" Whether these questions are directed towards AWANA or a Sunday School, I believe we really ought to ask a different question; "How often do the kids come?" The latest statistics show that the church ministry leaders interact only 1 or 2 hours out of 168 hours a week (using 24-hour days) and that's if they are there each week. The fact is, many kids are only in church a couple times a month or may even only show up at AWANA a couple times a month. This year we would like to work on building relationships with not only the kids, but the parents as well. To do this we will be incorporating periodic parent nights and take-home parent/child projects into our program. It takes a lot to break through all the outside influences on our kids today and without a lot of parental involvement along with our church programs, we stand the chance of losing our kids to the world. This is why I like the AWANA program so much because the kids are memorizing lots of Scripture which puts the Word of God into their minds and provides them what they need to start building their relationship with God.

If anyone is interested in helping with our AWANA program this year, please contact Tim or Kathy Jackson. As always, we would appreciate your prayers and support for a victorious AWANA year, and that we glorify God.

Tim Jackson

# AYM NEWS

## WHERE WE'VE BEEN: AUGUST

Where did the summer go? I feel like we just started and now it is coming to an end! But every good thing must come to an end and this summer is no exception. August was a good way to finish up the summer. We swung from trees at the ropes course and relaxed at the beach on a windy day. We also welcomed our rising sixth graders into AYM by giving them a little surprise! I want to give a special welcome to Abby Deuell, Donivan Cox, William Young, Caleb Young, James Godfrey, and Noah Tucker. Make sure you give them a high five when you see them and welcome them into AYM. But the perfect finishing touch of the summer was our End of the Summer Lock-in. I'm not sure if anyone got sleep, but the sugar from the syrup at IHOP sure kept us awake the next morning. I am so sad to see summer go, but I am excited to see what God has in store for us in the coming year.

Sally Harden

## WHERE WE'RE GOING: SEPTEMBER

AYM will be in Romans on Wednesday nights  
 Back to school breakfast Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>  
 AYM Kickoff Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Union Mission Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Rent-a-teen for leaf raking starts Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>



## Seniors' Ministry

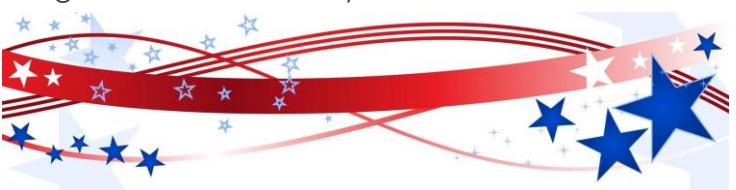
Our regular monthly meeting was held Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am. Shelly Carpenter, our returning guest speaker, showed us what the various types of skin cancer look like. She also explained how we could lessen our chances of getting skin cancer. Afterwards we all enjoyed a luncheon of refreshing salads.

A group of seniors went to the Mariners' Museum on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone felt it was very interesting and informative. They ate lunch there in the food court before returning to Virginia Beach.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am. Watch the Seniors Ministry bulletin board and the Sunday bulletin for details.

Our programs are sponsored by the Seniors Ministry, but they are always open to people of all ages. Please plan to attend and invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!

Dana Mosteller



## Operation Christmas Child Corner

September is a very busy month. Our monthly collection items are: socks, gloves and hats. And, we will have a Work Day on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 - 2:00 pm at Suburban. Come, bring your sewing machine and your friends to make things for the shoebox gifts.

September is also the month for the Hampton Roads Area Operation Christmas Child Kick-off Event. We held this event at Suburban last year, and this year, I'll be speaking at the area event being hosted by Green Run Baptist Church. There are going to be three kick-offs at three churches on the same day at the same time to give more people the opportunity to see and hear the story from one of the Full Circle Shoebox recipients. Plan to attend one of them. Green Run is the closest to us. The date is Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 3:00 pm. Maybe we can arrange to car pool if we have several people who want to attend. We also will need some refreshments (cookies, brownies, etc.) if you are willing to help. Call me with questions (424-9869) or see me at church.

Lynn Cooke

### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 8<sup>th</sup>  
Workday at Suburban

September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Area Wide Kick Off Event

October 12<sup>th</sup>  
Preparation Day at  
Suburban

November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Packing Party

November 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>  
National Collection Week



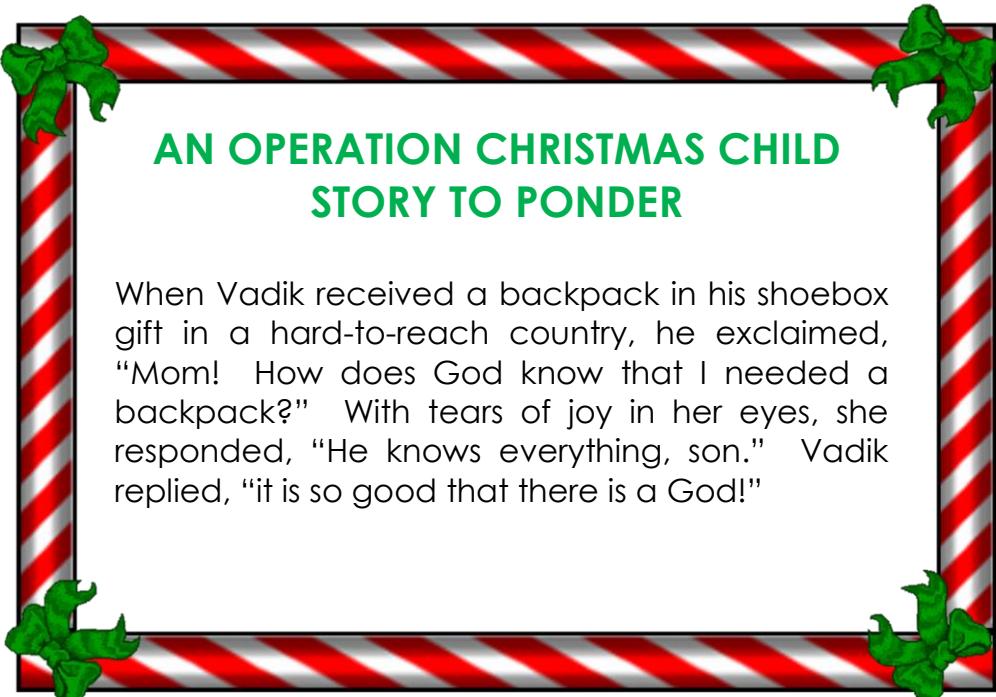
It has been 25 years since Samaritan's Purse began distributing Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. During that time, these simple gifts have opened doors for our local church partners to share the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ with 157 million children in over 150 countries!



### SEPTEMBER ITEMS FOR COLLECTION: SOCKS, GLOVES AND HATS

#### AN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD STORY TO PONDER

When Vadik received a backpack in his shoebox gift in a hard-to-reach country, he exclaimed, "Mom! How does God know that I needed a backpack?" With tears of joy in her eyes, she responded, "He knows everything, son." Vadik replied, "it is so good that there is a God!"



# Suburban

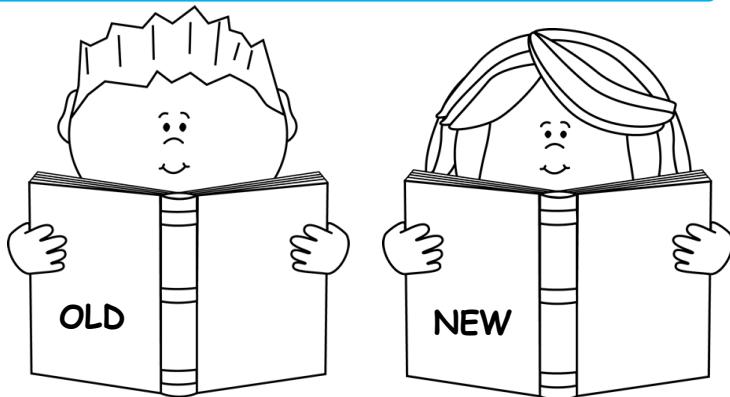
# Kids

fun page

In the beginning God  
created the heavens  
and the earth.  
Genesis 1:1

Who wrote the  
book of Genesis?

Is the book of Genesis found in  
the Old Testament or New  
Testament? Color the picture  
below to show your answer.



Look in Genesis 1 and write down all the things  
God created.

Day 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Day 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Day 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Day 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Day 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Day 6 \_\_\_\_\_

What did God do on the 7<sup>th</sup> day? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture of the earth

How does this verse show  
me God loves me?



Write the verse and reference in your favorite color.

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## Men's Ministry

The Saturday Morning Men's Bible study begins a study of the Book of Acts on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Book of Acts is Luke's account of the Apostle's obedience to Jesus commission to spread the Gospel and make disciples of all nations.

The book documents the actions of key apostles, especially Peter and Paul, in the establishment and early expansion of the Christian church. It centers on the influence of the Holy Spirit.

The book can be divided into two sections: the ministry of Peter in Jerusalem and Samaria (Acts 1-12) and the ministry of Paul and his missionary journeys throughout the Roman Empire (Acts 13-28). It chronicles the transition of the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to an exclusively Jewish audience to taking it to a wider Gentile population. It begins with Jesus' ascension into heaven and concludes with Paul's imprisonment in Rome.

As always, the in-depth, word-by-word, verse-by-verse, chapter-by-chapter Bible study will be conducted at 8:00 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month in the Fellowship Hall. It follows a home-made breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, grits, biscuits, sausage gravy, fruit, and coffee prepared by members.

It is an outstanding opportunity for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. It is open to all men, church members and non-members. All are invited to enjoy a good breakfast, good fellowship, and the Good News found in God's Word. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

Bob Grymes



## Life Group Ministry



## RECONNECT SUNDAY

Life Groups are starting back for the fall. If you are not currently connected to a life group and would like to join one, we have good news for you! On Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service, we will provide you a list of our current Life Groups, where they meet, and what day of the week they meet. Hopefully you can find one that works for you. It is in our Life Group ministry that we pursue community with one another. Life Groups provide a loving environment for you to develop meaningful relationships within the body of Christ.

Pastor Todd

## A Choir Member's Guide to Keeping the Conductor in Line

The basic training of every singer should, of course, include myriad types of practical and theoretical emphases. The following rules are intended as guides to the development of habits which will promote the proper type of relationship between singer and conductor.

1. *Never be satisfied with the starting pitch. If the conductor uses a pitch-pipe, make known your preference for pitches from the piano and vice-versa.*
2. *Complain about the temperature of the rehearsal room, the lighting, crowded space, and of a draft. It's best to do this when the conductor is under pressure.*
3. *Bury your head in the music just before cues.*
4. *Loudly clear your throat during pauses. Quiet instrumental interludes are a good chance to blow your nose.*
5. *Long after a passage has gone by, ask the conductor if your C# was in tune. This is especially effective if you had no C# or were not singing at the time.*

Now, of course, NONE of these ever happen in the Suburban Choir! Come join us as we begin rehearsals for our Fall session. We'd love to see some new faces on Sept 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the sanctuary. If you enjoy singing, even if you can't read music, come sing with us and find a new way to **SERVE** at Suburban!



**Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 am to 12:30 pm  
Hosted by Suburban  
Christian Church**

# CULTIVATING COURAGE

Create a Fearless  
Environment for  
Children's Ministry

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
LOCAL TRAINING 

**The world can be a scary place. More than ever, kids desperately need Godly courage. Everyone involved in ministry from Nursery to Preteens will benefit from this dynamic training that focuses on how to build courage in our children. Discover what prepares kids' hearts for friendship with God. Learn to design a fearless ministry environment for kids and families.**

**Advance registration is required. Please contact Karen Nicolas if you are interested in attending or serving as a volunteer.**