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# The Suburban Connection

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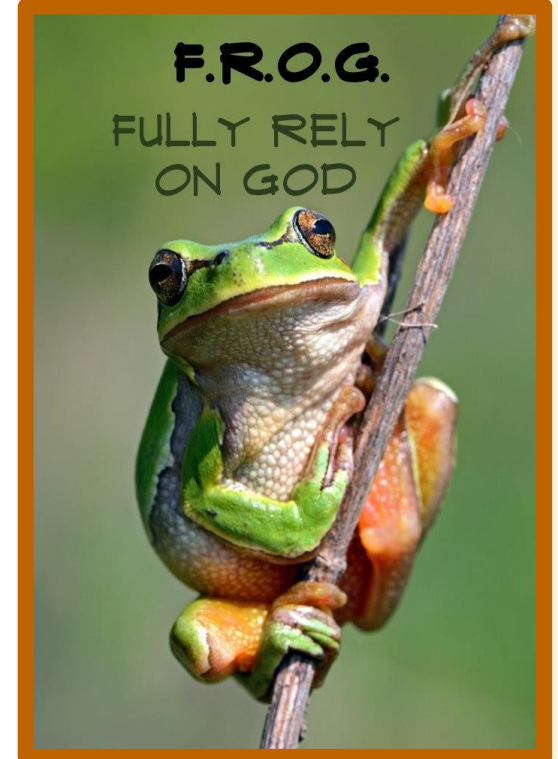
## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: F.R.O.G. - 2 Chronicles 16:7-9

Wendy (my amazing wife) was an elementary school teacher for 25 years! She taught every grade, 1st through 6th, but the majority of those 25 years she taught third grade. As every schoolteacher knows, there is a lot that goes into getting ready for a new school year. One of the big things that teachers have to do every year, is decorate their classroom in a way that captures a child's imagination but also communicates a clear message.

Every year in her classroom, I remember there being a bulletin board with a beautiful frog that she had painted (it was huge). And next to the frog was the acrostic: **Fully Rely On God**. I asked her, what led her to the FROG theme and her response was, "It's the only way I could get through the year." She also wanted to communicate colorfully and clearly to each child in her class that the only way they could get through the year was to **Fully Rely On God**.

This past week, I was reading about King Asa in 2 Chronicles 14-16. In these chapters, the theme of relying on God is mentioned repeatedly. I'd like to point out a few observations from Asa, of what it means to **Fully Rely On God**.

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### Save the Date!

#### AWANA Clubs!

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

Kick off another great year of AWANA.

Registration begins at 5:30pm

#### AYM

**September 25<sup>th</sup>**

Parents Dinner

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Adventure Park

#### OCC

**September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Full Circle Speaker  
Green Run Baptist Church  
7:00 pm

#### Children's Ministry Training

**September 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am  
SCC Fellowship Hall

**It is not possible to fully rely on God apart from prayer.** The very act of prayer communicates to God that we need him and apart from him we can do nothing. In 2 Chronicles 14, Zerah the Ethiopian leads his army of over a million men against King Asa. Asa is outnumbered almost two-to-one. Listen to what Asa does in 2 Chronicles 14:11, and Asa cried to the Lord his God, "O Lord, there is none like you to help...Help us, O Lord our God, for we **RELY** on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude. O Lord, you are God; let not man prevail against you."

Asa understood that the only way to victory was to fully rely on God. As I write this article, as a church, we are in the middle of our Week of Prayer... (What a blessing!). We also have completed 1 year of our Saturday evening prayer time...(such a sweet hour of prayer). I am convinced, that the victories we are seeking, the revival we are longing for, will only come as we fully rely on God in prayer.

To fully rely on God in prayer means that prayer must precede any type of decision or action on our part. In chapter 16 when Asa is confronted with opposition from King Baasha, instead of fully relying upon God in prayer, Asa takes matters in his own hands. He decides to form an alliance with the king of Syria. He sends silver and gold from the house of the Lord and convinces Ben-hadad of Syria to attack Baasha.

Listen to what the Lord says to Asa in 2 Chronicles 16:7-9 about his actions... "Because you **RELIED** on the king of Syria and did not **RELY** on the Lord your God, the army of the king of Syria has escaped you. Were not the Ethiopians and the Libyans a huge army with many chariots and horsemen? Yet because you **RELIED** on the Lord, he gave them into your hand. For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole Earth, to give strong support to those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

We see in these two examples from the life of Asa what it looks like to fully rely upon the Lord in prayer and what it looks like to take matters in your own hands. We see the importance of praying first. When confronted with hardship, opposition and difficulty God is looking for his people to fully rely on him in prayer. Fully relying on God doesn't mean that we are totally passive or inactive. It means that we pray before we act and while we act.

Another lesson we learn from Asa is the danger of not relying on God when we are older. The first 35 years of Asa's reign are characterized by his reliance on the Lord. However, the last 6 years of his reign are characterized by self-reliance. 2 Chronicles 16:12 says, "In the 39th year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet, and his disease became severe. Yet even in his disease he did not seek the Lord." Asa started well. For the majority of his life, he fully relied upon God but in his latter years, he took matters in his own hands. May God help us to finish well. Even in our last days, may it be said of us that we fully relied upon the Lord.

I promise you this, the devil will do all that he can to keep you from praying. He knows the power of prayer. He will offer every excuse in the book to keep us off our knees. Nothing strikes more fear in his heart than to see God's people passionately pursuing Him in prayer. Can you imagine what God would do in our families and in our church if we got serious about praying. Fully relying on God always involves prayer. May God lead each one of us to fully rely on Him in prayer.

Fully Relying on God,

Pastor Todd

# Life Group Ministry

## Purpose of Life Group Ministry

### Community

The Life Group ministry is positioned as the core plank for the "Community" element of Suburban Christian Church's discipleship program. To foster a spirit of community, the fellowship and prayer opportunities within the Life Group meetings are emphasized while the Bible study opportunities serve as focusing activities.

### Outreach

In addition, Life Groups are encouraged to seek participation for the groups from individuals outside of the church congregation with the goal of outreach to individuals who may or may not have an established church relationship.

### Service

Finally, Life Groups provide various service opportunities to members throughout the session often in vital outreach ministries such as shelter feedings, community support programs, and international ministry support programs.

Our Life Groups resume **this month**. Be on the lookout for the date your Life Group Leader begins your fall session.

Purpose of Life Group Statement taken from Life Group Training Manual



Ray McGrady's Life Group enjoyed a Mexican lunch a few days ago. His and Barbara's group is starting September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. with a "get to know each other" theme. They are looking forward to not only a grand time together, but the feeding from God's Word.

# FALL FESTIVAL



## THURSDAY, 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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# What's Happening In.... Suburban Kids

## Children's Church

We are excited about the progress of our 4-year-old through kindergarten Children's Church participants! The kids in Junior Children's Church have been continuing their journey through God's Word as they've learned about Moses and God's rescue and provision for His people. They are now beginning to look at the life of David and seeing how God is our Good Shepherd.

It is with heavy but hopeful hearts that we must announce that for the time being we will not be offering Children's Church for our 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. This has been a long process of much prayer and pushing on a lot of doors that seem, for the moment, to be closed. We want to ensure that every children's ministry we offer here at Suburban is able to serve with excellence both the children and families that attend as well as those who participate as volunteers and leaders. At this time, we would be unable to keep that commitment to excellence, particularly with respect to our leaders. Without the necessary number of leaders who are called and equipped to commit to this ministry, it would be over burdensome on the few who have a passion for it to ask them to continue to carry it.

As we have been praying, particularly through this past Week of Prayer, we are hopeful that God has some wonderful things in store for our families and our congregation! What an opportunity to come together as the Body of Christ and minister to one another. Please be in prayer with us to seek God in how He would have each of us - that means you, too 😊, to participate in wrapping our arms around our families with young children. Does our Beautiful Savior want you to sit with a family, or ask their children to come sit with you so they can have more one on one attention as we seek to impart a love for our Lord Jesus and His Word to our kids right there in the pews? Is there a family with young kids you've been praying for? Now could be the time to invite them over for dinner and start to build deeper relationships with them. As we seek to care for our children and families, we may find that they feel more freedom to reach out to the senior members of the Body to seek to meet their unique needs. What a beautiful opportunity we have to potentially see the Body begin to function more as a whole unit and as a result become more effective in reaching the lost with the Gospel of Christ!!!

We don't always know what God is doing, but I know that whatever it is GOOD and I want to cooperate with Him. Bless you all as we walk this next chapter of our journey together.

Striving to be in Christ,  
Sarah Nelapaty  
Director of Children's Ministries



## Mother's Day Out

We are so excited for another exciting year in MDO. The teachers and staff have been working hard preparing for our theme-based program. Children enjoy our STEM centers along with music and Spanish. Each day the children learn the love of Christ through Bible lessons and devotions with their teachers. We pray that above all things they take home the knowledge of how much Jesus loves them.

Our 4-year-old group is completely full. We only have a couple openings left for the 2.5 and 3-year olds. Please call the office if you have any questions concerning our program.

Andrea Hoover



## Nursery Ministry

### September Nursery Schedule

Date	9:00 Sunday School	10:15 Service
9/1/19	Betty Owens Stacie Raymer	Deidre Caughel Shelby Rountree Abby Deuell
9/8/19	Vicki Chitty Juli Cox	Lou & Ara Miller William Schnurr
9/15/19	Nancy Herbst Mitzie Ricks	Al & Jan Grills Lara Young Elisa Roby
9/22/19	Melissa Tucker Emily Collins	Kathleen Staten Ally Litzenberger Lisa Smiley William Young
9/29/19	Laura Tyler Stacey Super	TBA Noah McHugh



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.

## AWANA Ministry

### SCC AWANA CLUBS ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN!

Come join us on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for AWANA REGISTRATION in the Fellowship Hall.

AWANA Leaders are looking forward to meeting all the new clubbers for the upcoming year.

The new theme calendar will be available to all parents upon registration.



### Operation Christmas Child Corner

Thanks to everyone who has been giving to OCC through the collection bin or through the pill bottle campaign. It takes \$9.00 per box to help ship the shoe boxes so every little bit helps. Last year we sent over 600 shoe boxes. This month's collection is one subject spiral soft sided notebooks (Kroger has them for 25 cents), crayons, and socks.

There will be a Full Circle Speaker (someone who received a shoe box gift as a child and is now here in the States and encouraged by OCC to share their testimony) on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Green Run Baptist Church. The whole area is invited to come to hear the speaker just as it was when we were the host church a couple of years ago. Plan to come and hear this inspiring testimony and bring your kids and your friends. Keep wrapping shoe boxes, too. There is wrapping paper in the storage room near the nursery.

Lynn Cooke





## AMBASSADOR YOUTH MINISTRY

## WHERE WE'VE BEEN: AUGUST

The summer is done and gone. I am sad to see it go, but we had such a fun time at Watermarks Camp!



## WHERE WE'RE GOING: SEPTEMBER

First AYM Night: September 4<sup>th</sup>  
AYM: September 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>  
Parents Dinner: September 25<sup>th</sup>  
Adventure Park: September 27<sup>th</sup>







# Save the Date!

**Join us for a half-day training event packed with practical, hands-on takeaways that'll equip and inspire your whole children's ministry team!**

Sometimes our desire for "bigger and better" can make us lose sight of the most important ingredients in children's ministry. At this unique local training event, you'll discover a surprisingly simple recipe for producing irresistible friendships with Jesus that'll last a lifetime!

Then we'll zero in on how to build a ministry focused on what Jesus says matters most and explore how to help a new generation love God with all their hearts, souls, and minds.

## Saturday, September 28

## 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## Suburban Christian Church

**Contact Karen Nicolas (724-5514) to register, volunteer, or get more information**

## Sunday School

September is the start of a new Sunday school year for us at SCC. We are looking forward to growing spiritually as we learn new truths about our great God and Savior. "He has given us very many great and precious promises, so that through them we might be partakers in the Divine nature." It is an enormous privilege to study God's Word together with other believers! Please join us on the journey.

Jan Grills



### Our classes and teachers are:

**Preschool – Kathy Herring, Lisa Smiley, Phyllis Wiggins**  
**K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Amie Mitchell, Kathleen Staten**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades – Michele Pencook, Dee Dee O'Brien**  
**4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades – Wendy Haynes, Kenny White**  
**Middle School – Kathy Jackson, Samantha Settle**  
**High School – Tim Jackson**  
**Adults – Ron Raymer, Lou and Ara Miller**

## Seniors Ministry

At our August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, we enjoyed fellowship with others and had a great time. Ray threw out several questions for discussion, and that led to a nice time of sharing. Then we had a lunch of everyone's favorite salads.

The next meeting will be September 19<sup>th</sup>, when our own Bob Grymes will present another of his famous travelogues, "Corinth and Ephesus in Paul's Day." Afterwards we will all enjoy a covered dish lunch.

Over the years, we have lost a number of our original members, of whom served on the Steering Committee such as Harry Warren who passed away recently. If you have suggestions for programs, please talk to one of the members of the Steering Committee. We are always looking for new ideas and new members who are willing to serve on this committee. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please see Ray McGrady.

These programs are planned and sponsored by the Seniors Ministry, but they are open to all ages.

Dana Mosteller



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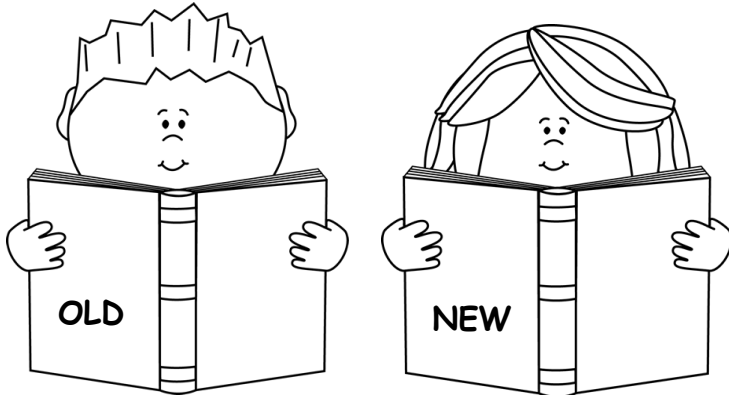
## Kids

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

Who wrote the  
book of Genesis?  
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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?




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Write the verse and reference in your favorite color.

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