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# The Suburban Connection

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## Missionary Update from India, Pastor Nandu and Swarnalatha Nalapaty

Dear TODD & Family of SCC,

I am so glad to hear from you. Thanks for your concern towards us. Yes, Pastor, since the March 22 pandemic lockdown began, sometimes the disease on peak, less in few states. Our country is highly affected by this sickness. Many died. Seven families of FbC suffered with this disease, no one died. We thank God for their lives. We were all home quarantined for two months. Life was difficult. Many laborers from other districts suffered, much walked to their homes on foot. Imagine hundreds of miles on foot - no hotels, transportation, medication – many LOST their lively hood. This is the tragedy of our people...HIS GRACE is sufficient to all our pastors who are in RURAL areas. No one suffered. We opened our WORSHIP last month, conducting 3 worships on Sundays. Our worship times are only for one hour, following every guideline given by WHO. My wife is okay. As you know that we are educating a boy who is in 8th standard, a tribal girl in college pursuing her B.COM., in second year, with your SUPPORT. We are grateful to GOD, and thankful to SCC family. Kindly pray for my spiritual & physical health. Pray for 8 pastors who are in our field. Wait for more updates. THANK YOU, Todd & SCC FAMILY.

Nandu



### Save The Date!

**OCC Packing  
Week**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup>**

Sign-up for a time  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Congregational  
Meeting (Fall)**

**November 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm

**OCC National  
Collection Week**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Contactless, Curbside  
Drop-Off

**Thanksgiving  
Service**

**November 24<sup>th</sup>**

In the Sanctuary  
at 7:00 pm

**Sanctuary Decorated  
for Christmas**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10:00 am

## From The Pastor's Desk: Thankful for Our Good, Good Father!

**“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” James 1:17**

God wants us to be thankful even when life is hard. James was writing to a group of Christians who were experiencing incredible difficulty. Yet, even in their trials, he wanted them to see the goodness of God. James knew that seeing God's goodness would help produce a spirit of gratitude. Gratefulness in trials is a beautiful thing.

As we look at our hearts, would we describe them as grateful or grumbling, thankful or complaining? Most often, when grumbling and complaining consume us, it is because we are focused on our circumstances. But, when we fix our eyes on God's goodness, the Holy Spirit fills us with gratitude and thanksgiving.

Here are a few ways we see the goodness of our Father:

### **1. God is the source of testing not temptation.**

Scripture is clear. God brings trials into our lives to strengthen us and make us more like Him. But God never tempts His children with sin. Because God is good, He would never entice human beings to sin or seek to harm their faith. God is holy. Evil is appalling to Him. It is repulsive to His pure and holy nature. God cannot be tempted with evil nor does He tempt anyone. Our own evil desires are the source of our temptation. We can be absolutely certain that our God is for us - 100%.

### **2. God is the source of the created universe.**

James says, “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the father of lights.” Psalm 136:1 tells us to, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And then the rest of the chapter describes His goodness. Psalm 136:7-9 describe God's goodness in creation, “to him who made the great lights... the sun to rule over the day... the moon and stars to rule over the night for his steadfast love and does forever.” The heavenly lights are an example of our Father's good gifts, for which we should be thankful.

### **3. God is the source of our new birth.**

James 1:18 says, “He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.” The Word of truth is the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is through the power of the gospel that God raises the spiritual dead to life. Let this sink in. We were separated from our Father because of our sin. But in His grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ, He has restored us to Himself. We have been born again. We have been made new creatures in Christ Jesus. There is no greater good than this. The only reason we are sons and daughters of God is because He is good. So good, that He sent his son Jesus Christ to save us from our sin and give us the gift of eternal life with Him.

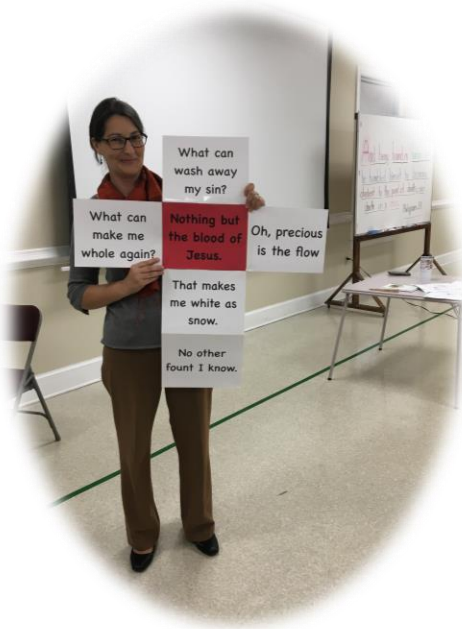
As we enter November, the month of Thanksgiving, may we as God's people fix our eyes upon His goodness. Focusing on His goodness will make us a grateful people!

God is so good!  
Pastor Todd

# What's Happening In ..... Sunday School

Our Sunday School Bible study and fellowship time continues to nourish our church family. From 4 months old to 80+, we love and encourage one another as we study and grow together. The adult class is working their way through the book of Acts, chapter by chapter, with historical background and good discussion. The AYM youth class starts with a time of singing and worship and is studying "Truth"; what it is, how to recognize it and how it applies to our daily lives. Our Family Sunday School class will be focusing on Jesus' resurrection, appearances and return to heaven. We sing, focus on a Bible verse for a month (with prizes at the end for those who memorize it!) and have hands-on activities to help us remember Bible truths. The classes are growing, and we are so happy to have new people joining in each week. Please join us!

Jan Grills



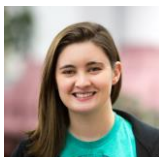
We would like to sincerely **THANK YOU** for all the support you showed through donations of either your time or candy for our Fall Festival this year. Every year we are humbled by how generous our church family is. We are truly blessed here at Suburban and in turn can bless others. We will have pictures available for the December newsletter.



## SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes  
Senior Pastor



Sally Harden  
Director of Youth Ministries



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 Kids AWANA Ministry

## A HUGE THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!

The Lord has blessed us with an AWANA club this year, He heard our prayers and He answered!!! I have seen from the AWANA Organization that many churches have shut down their AWANA programs due to COVID-19. I pray that they will be able to come back soon since AWANA is an awesome children's ministry dedicated to teaching children who Jesus is.



train up a child in the way he  
should go; and when he is old,  
he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Lastly, I want to **THANK YOU** all! Thank you to the leaders who have worked so hard on Registration Night and every night since teaching the clubbers about the Jesus, the Bible, and verses. You are all a treasure, and this club would not succeed without your tireless commitment to SCC AWANA. I am forever grateful. To the parents, thank you for your dedication as well coming to SCC AWANA in a time of uncertainty. Your faithfulness to SCC AWANA is forever etched in my heart and I am grateful that you are here. To the Clubbers (the reason that we are all here- to teach them about the Gospel of Christ, to mentor them into positive role models in times to come), I thank you for your cheery smiles, your willingness to learn, and your resilience in the changes that were put before you. Thank you for being AWESOME!!!! Also, it is **NEVER** too late to register for AWANA **we take registrations all year long!!!!**

Liz Bonnett



November 1<sup>st</sup> – Canned Food Night

November 8<sup>th</sup> – Dry Food Night

November 15<sup>th</sup> – SCC Food Pantry Night

November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Give Thanks Night

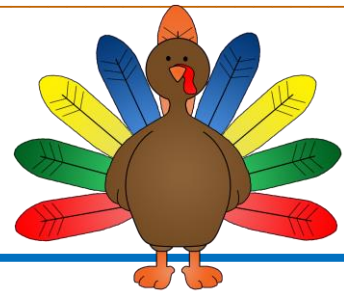
November 29<sup>th</sup> – NO CLUB! Happy Thanksgiving!



# JUST FOR... Suburban Kids

Name some things you are thankful for:

Acorn	R	L	E	A	V	W	S	T	P
Apples	P	P	T	S	E	V	R	A	H
Autumn	A	P	U	N	V	B	V	A	N
Crisp	P	S	Y	M	Y	T	Y	M	M
Fall	P	I	N	G	P	R	B	L	U
Hayride	L	R	C	R	I	K	L	M	T
Harvest	E	C	J	D	O	A	I	Y	U
Leaves	S	W	E	P	F	C	C	N	A
Pumpkins	L	P	E	K	A	R	A	X	S
Rake									

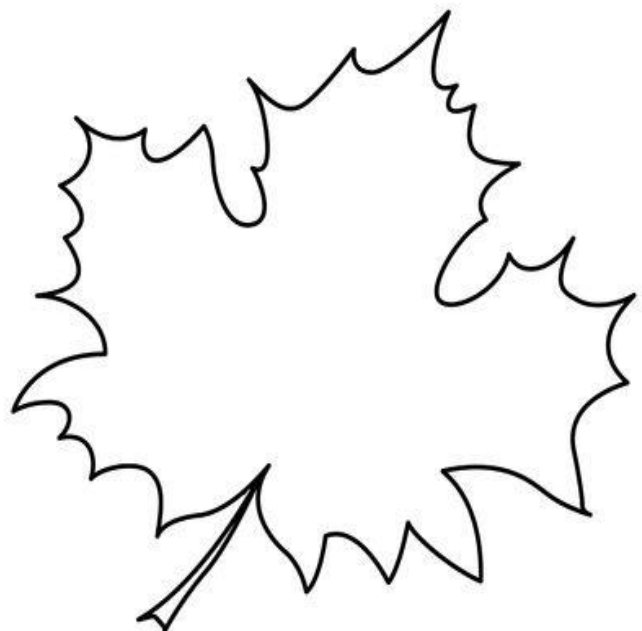


**Directions:** Fill in the blanks of the following verse.

He \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_; the \_\_\_\_\_  
knows it's \_\_\_\_\_ for setting. Psalm 104:19



Imagine you were walking through the woods in the fall and found the most unusual leaf you'd ever seen. Color in the leaf to show what it would look like.



## AYM – AMBASSADOR YOUTH MINISTRY

Hey AYM!

This Sunday will be a special Sunday. Normally, we have a AYM Halloween party, but this year, because of COVID, we are not having our normal event. HOWEVER, we will be having a movie night this coming Sunday, November 1, 2020.

At 6:15 pm, AYM would like to invite all our Youth to come watch the Nightmare Before Christmas with us.

We will end at 8 PM.

COVID guidelines will still apply.

We encourage students to wear a mask while moving about the room but will allow students to remove mask when staying seated (if student feel comfortable of course).

For this event, AYM will have a prepared bag of popcorn, candy, and a drink which will be given out before the movie begins. If a student wishes to bring their food, they are welcome to do so.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Sally Harden



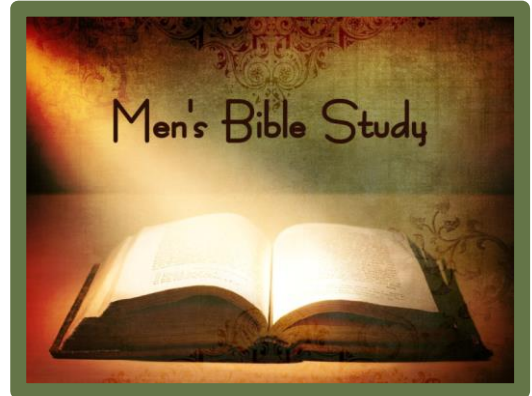


## Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast & Bible Study

### ADJUSTED SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

The Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study sessions will be conducted on the first and second Saturdays next month to accommodate the presence of our friend, **John McEwen** who will visit with us from Florida on **November 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Thus, the Breakfast and Bible Study will meet on **November 7<sup>th</sup>** and on **November 14<sup>th</sup>**. A decision on whether a session will be conducted on the third Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> will be made later. December's sessions will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, as usual. Breakfast begins at 8:00 AM and the Bible Study begins at 8:30 AM.



The study of Paul's letter to the Galatians will continue with **Chapter 4** and a discussion of Paul's concerns for the members of the churches in Galatia who were in danger of being influenced by those who encourage them to return to being "captives" of the of Jewish Law, thereby turning from the liberating grace of God.

He reminded them that they "are all sons of God, through faith" in Jesus Christ (**3:26**). "Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?" (**4:8-9**). "Have I then," he asked, "become your enemy by telling you the truth" (**4:16**).

He continued by saying, "For freedom Christ has set us free, stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (**5:1**).

Our study will center on the freedom that is ours as heirs to God's promise by our faith in Jesus Christ and on what it means to live by the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study is an outstanding opportunity for the study of God's Word, for prayer and for fellowship. **It is open to men of all ages; church members and non-members.**

A "home-made" breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, sausage gravy, biscuits, fruit medley, orange juice, and coffee begins in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM and is followed at 8:30 with Bible study and prayer. It concludes by about 9:15 AM, leaving plenty of time for most Saturday morning obligations. Bob Grymes

**COVID 19 protocols including social distancing and masks will continue to be observed, as appropriate.**

**Mike and Barbara Gray joining us Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>!**



Suburban has played an important role in reaching others for Jesus Christ in Japan and the world through the ministry of TEAM and the Grays. Mike and Barbara began serving as TEAM missionaries in Japan in 1988. God led the Grays to leave Japan in August of 2019 for their last home assignment before they retired on December 31, 2019. He and his wife will be joining us on **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** to share what God is doing in their lives since December of 2019.



## Operation Christmas Child Corner

Thank you for all the donations so far for the shoebox gifts. If you have not packed your box yet, you still have until November 22<sup>nd</sup> to get it packed and into the church. Do not forget to donate money to help with shipping, too. The suggested donation is \$9.00 per box. I do not know how many shoeboxes we will pack with all the donated items, yet, but I am pretty sure that there will be A LOT of them! Last year, we had 796 from Suburban. This year, who knows, everything has been different for most of the year, so we will have to wait and see. Keep praying for the children who will receive the boxes and for all the volunteers along the way.

Lynn Cooke



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## Music Notes from the Music Ministry

After much research, I have decided it is just still too risky to try to get the choir together. With the virus positivity rates still on the uprise, we really should not take the chance of spreading it through singing just yet. I am praying for the vaccine to be created or the virus to die out on its own. But meanwhile, I am depending on God. He is in control and knows His plans for us, just as it says in Jeremiah. So, we must be patient and praise Him in every way we can, if we cannot sing together, we can sing alone. He hears us when we pray and when we sing to His glory no matter how we do it. Stay well and keep up the good work.



Lynn Cooke



## Greetings from Perth, Australia



Dear Pastor Todd and Suburban Family,

Greetings from Perth! Our deepest apologies for the delayed response! Somehow your email was buried in our inbox and I only just saw it. Oh dear!! We get the weekly report on what's happening in VA Beach from the parents and it's wonderful that things are slowly moving more towards normal and you continue to invest in the congregation and community. Here's an update on what's happening with the Wasems and YWAM Perth.

First, we are all doing very well. Life here in Western Australia has been pretty much back to normal for a number of months. There are very few restrictions, the most significant being our hard State (and National) border – essentially once someone leaves Western Australia, they can't come back except for truly exceptional reasons. So, we are not getting any international or even inter-state students in person for our YWAM training schools or joining staff. Our YWAM Perth family has shrunk since our borders closed in March, but we still have about 350 YWAM Perth staff & kids (116 of those are YWAM kids!).

### The Wasem Family

Stevie has just completed his Graduate Diploma in Strategic Leadership and been "ordained" by YWAM Perth as a Missions Leader! It's been a big week and we are so glad he has finished his studies! The course had a significant amount of homework and we're both very happy he's not up until midnight doing assignments anymore! Now on to applying for our next visa...our current visa expires Nov 26<sup>th</sup> and folks here have been working very hard to line everything up for our next visa. We will be applying for a Sponsored Work Visa as a Minister of Religion (hence Stevie's "ordination"). The cost of the visa application itself is around \$8,000AUD. We're still waiting on some information for the immigration lawyer to know exactly how much, and then we'll find out how much our lawyer costs will be on top of that. A bit further down the track we'll have to do medicals for our new visa, but we're hoping those will be less than \$2,000. We will also need to get new health insurance, as the health insurance tied to our current student visa expires next month as well. The cost of new insurance for our family for the next year is about \$3,500 AUD. It's exciting times and a continuous journey as we trust Father God for finances.

Stevie is also still very busy stewarding YWAM Perth's Finances and his team has dwindled to one other full time staff, who is currently on outreach in the far north of WA for five weeks, one girl who helps 2 days a week, and a rotating roster of 3 other guys, who each come in for a week at a time. Please pray that at least one more person will commit full time to the Finance Ministry. We need the right person who is integrous, committed, carries responsibility well and is well grounded in YWAM's values and vision.

Amy is in the thick of the home school co-op on the Base and Levi is doing great with school. He particularly loves our Thursday sport, but he really loves learning and is doing great with his reading and maths. He's found a deep enthusiasm for dictation and is a very eager science, geography, and history student. He loves going to the Appropriate Technology site and helping there. If there's not much for him to do, then he and Eva are off with big shovels digging holes and looking for buried treasure. Both Levi and Eva love the App Tech team and we now have a running game of tag at the end of each workday at the App Tech site...whoever is "It" at the end one day is "it" at the start of the next. The team loves it and they're all really good at including the kids, getting them involved, and even teaching them how to use power tools!

Eva loves preschool and goes to our in-house preschool 4 mornings a week. On Thursday mornings, she stays with Amy and goes to co-op sport and then class. She loves her co-op mornings with Mom and Levi. Eva's started to get into reading as well...during our lockdown she started a phonics program and now is sounding out words too! She turned 4 years old two weeks ago and tells everyone how old she is now. She is a delight with a fabulous giggle and a deep devotion to animals. Her favourite book is the Bible, which loves to look at and have read to her. Her favourite character is David.

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Wasem continued...

Amy spends most of her days with the kids (plus extras often) and gets to the Appropriate Tech site as often as she can. One the sheds were constructed on the site earlier during lockdown, the team had done lots of work to get the site up and running. We've installed a giant rain water collection system, built and planted keyhole gardens & tower gardens, started composting, done countless hours of weeding and site maintenance to try to get the site up to snuff (still lots of work to be done though). We are working on constructing water filters and a worm farm at the moment, so we'll have those as part of our demonstration area at the front of the site. Amy also is responsible to facilitate team teaching and application times each week, which is fun.

We will need to decide what to do about school for Levi next year quite soon (keep home school coping or send him to public or private school). Please pray for wisdom, unity, and clear direction for all of us as we seek God together & include Levi in that process.

### **Big Picture YWAM Perth News**

In this season, many people here in Perth have been doing it tough, so ARMS, Australian Relief and Mercy Services, YWAM Perth's local ministry to families in crisis, has been very, very busy. Many other ministries on Base are helping out on ARMS cases and spreading God's love over the city in practical service to families in crisis.

Our ministry to pregnant women, Perth Pregnancy Support, has also received many, many referrals over this season. So, the team has been busy helping vulnerable women with pre- and post-natal care, as well as even being asked by some women to be present during the labour and delivery of their babies. God is doing exciting things touching the lives of vulnerable women through relationship, prayer, medical help, etc.

We have transitioned a number of our second level training programs to include on-line remote learning for those who cannot attend classes in person here. These are training programs for people who have successfully completed a Discipleship Training School and want further specialised/focused training. We have run a number of 12-week training schools including a Bible Core Course, School of Communications, School of Worship, Transformations School (Biblical Worldview school), and School of Frontier Missions. There have been shorter seminars including the Leadership and Pioneering Seminar and Healthcare and Missions seminar. We have more online training schools beginning soon! It's been amazing to see the multiplication of training through the use of online platforms which also include a strong discipleship component via video platforms. We are looking forward to the day when we can have new students joining us in person again though! We will run a regular on-site Discipleship Training School in January, however, it would be fairly miraculous to have any international students join that school, as the DTS cannot be done online. The live-learn aspect of the school can only be done in person! It will most likely be all students who are already here in WA. Currently, WA does not plan to open our hard state border until at least April 2021, possibly later.

There's heaps more going on, including daily evangelistic outreach into our area and the city centre/downtown.

Thank you so much for supporting and praying for us! We are so blessed to have such an amazing church family! Sorry if this is entirely too long. We pray that God will continue to give you wisdom and open doors for powerful and effective service there in Virginia Beach and beyond.

Much love,  
Amy, Stevie, Levi, and Eva

