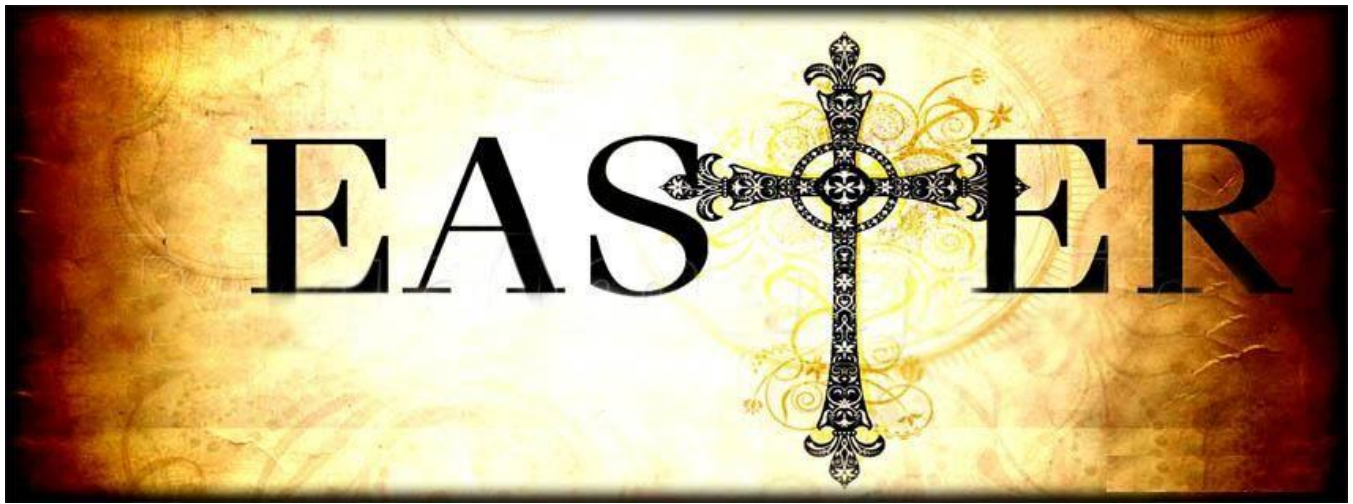


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He is not here, for he
has risen, as he said.

Matthew 28:6

Save the Date!

Food Pantry

April 6th & 20th

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Bridal Shower

April 10th

2:00 pm in
Fellowship
Hall

Compassion Sunday

April 25th

From the Pastor's Desk: THE RESURRECTION IN THE OLD TESTAMENT!

We all know the New Testament teaches that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and after three days rose from the dead. The New Testament also teaches that every born-again believer, like Christ, will also be raised from the dead (1 Cor. 15). But what about the Old Testament? Does the Old Testament teach the reality of resurrection from the dead? Yes, it does!

Let's look at a few examples from the Old Testament where God demonstrates the reality of the resurrection.

1. Genesis 22, Hebrews 11:19

In this passage of Scripture, God commands Abraham to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Hebrews 11:19 says, "Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. "

2. Exodus 3:6, Matthew 22: 31-33

Jesus quotes from Exodus 3 in explaining to the Sadducees the reality of the resurrection. When God revealed Himself to Moses at the burning bush, He said that He was the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob (present tense). Jesus said that He is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

3. Psalm 16:8-11, Acts 2:24-28

Peter, at Pentecost, quotes from Psalm 16 where David expresses confidence that God would not abandon him to the grave and then applies it to Jesus. Since David died and was buried and his body decayed, David must have been speaking as a prophet of the resurrection of the Messiah, whose body did not see decay.

4. Isaiah 25:8, 1 Corinthians 15:54, Revelation 21:4

In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul, in the famous resurrection chapter, quotes from Isaiah 25 where God promises to swallow up death forever. And then John, in Revelation 21, quotes Isaiah 25 when he says that God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

5. Daniel 12: 2-3, John 5:28-29

Jesus affirms the physical resurrection of the righteous to eternal life and the wicked to eternal judgment which Daniel prophesied about 600 years before Christ.

My prayer is that these Old Testament references to the resurrection will strengthen our faith and deepen our hope during this Easter season as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which guarantees our future resurrection.

Looking for His return,
Pastor Todd



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BRIDAL SHOWER
HONORING

Sally Harden

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Belong Women's Ministry

The Belong Women's Ministry had a wonderful time on Saturday, March 13th! We brought our lunches and enjoyed a sweet time of fellowship. The day was described as "uplifting" and it was blessing to see many of the ladies we have not seen in almost a year due to Covid. Almost every lady shared Bible verses and gave a word of testimony of how God has sustained them throughout this past year.

The women's ministry is making plans for the rest of the year. If you have suggestions for Bible study topics or service projects for us to consider, please give your suggestions to Carol Brooks, Marsha Utley, or Wendy Haynes.



Our Food Pantry Ministry prepared 12 Easter meals for families in need. Ham, eggs, pie, rolls, vegetables, and fresh fruit were just some of the items given in these special baskets. We want to thank Amy Mitchell and Gloria Livingston for preparing the meal for those who signed up AND for those of you who give faithfully to this ministry. It is because of your donations that we are able to bless those in need in our community.

Regularly Needed Pantry Items:

Peanut Butter
Cereal
Canned Fruit
Rice

Jelly
Pudding
Rice-a-Roni
Jell-O Mix

Saltine Crackers
Canned Vegetables
Hamburger/Tuna Helper
Ramen

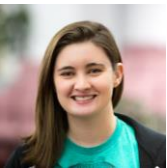
Spaghetti Sauce
Mac/Cheese

For this is what the Lord has commanded us, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."
Acts 13:47

SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes
Senior Pastor



Sally Harden
Director of Youth Ministry



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?

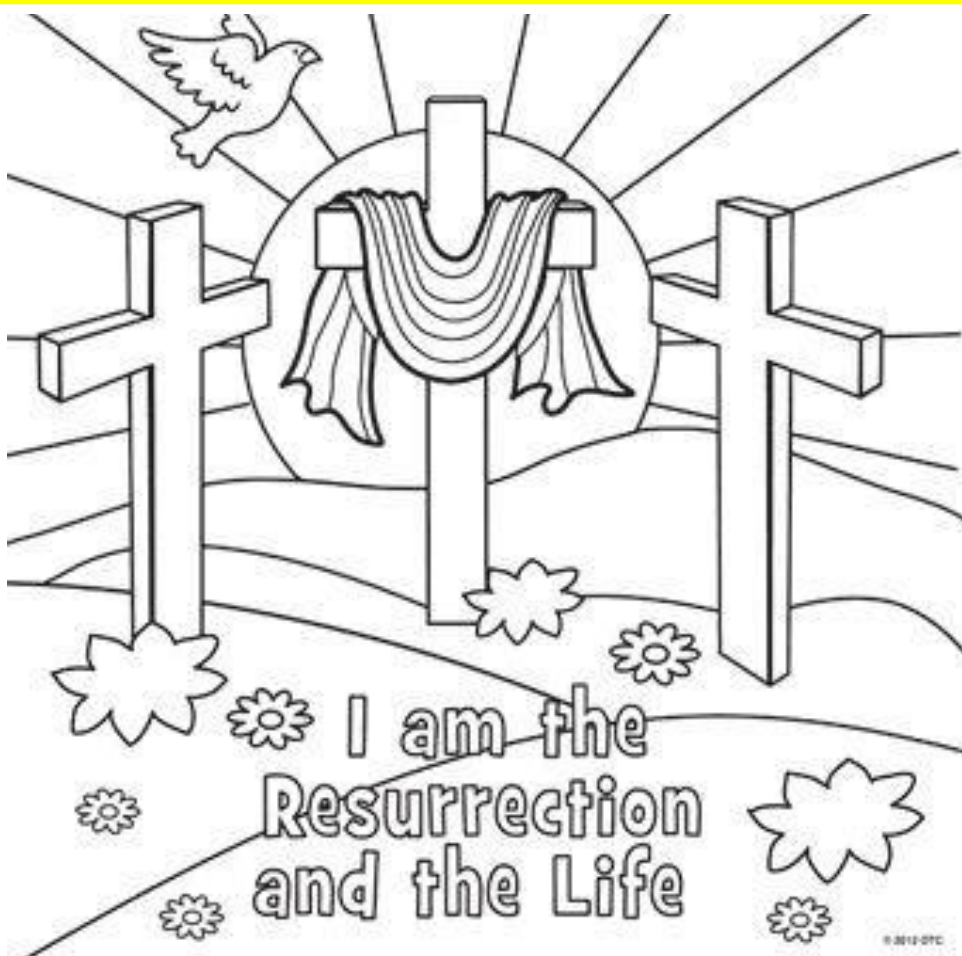
A growing faith in God
A growing love for God
A growing love for others

ACTION: HOW WILL THIS HAPPEN?

Drawing near to God
Pursuing community
Reaching our world

Visit us on Facebook! Search for "Suburban Christian Church" on www.facebook.com

We want to hear from you! Contact us at newsletter@sccvb.org

**DID YOU KNOW...**

Pastor Todd used to have a car that was green. It was the first car he picked up Mrs. Wendy in to go on a date. See if you can unscramble the letters below to discover what kind of car it was and show Pastor Todd for a prize.

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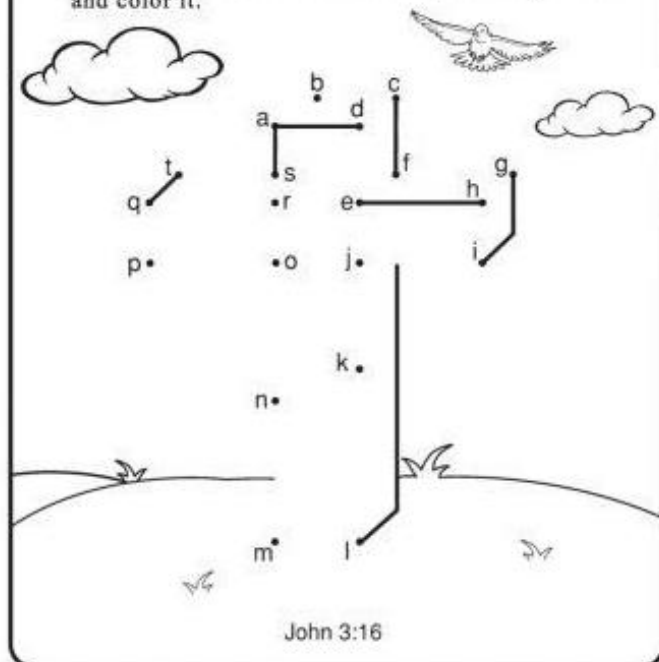
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"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." Follow the alphabet in order and draw a line from dot to dot. Complete the picture and color it.

**Jelly Bean Prayer**

Church House Collection ©



Red is for the
blood He
gave.



Black is for
the sins we
made.



Green is for
the grass He
made.



White is for
the grace
He gave.



Yellow is for
the sun so
bright.



Purple is
for the hour
of sorrow.



Orange is for
the edge of
night.



Pink is for
our new
tomorrow.

What's Happening In...

Suburban Kids

AWANA

The month of March was a lot of fun for the SCC AWANA clubs. We have started to see "bettah weathah" and that means games outside! It was a lot of fun seeing the clubbers do the three-legged races, relays, and the bean bag toss. I am proud to say that I can still do the three-legged race at my young age! LOL! During the month we have really embraced fellowship, blessings, and being grateful for our clubbers. We are entering in the home stretch of AWANA Clubs and that means that we will have five clubs left in the 2020-2021 year, so clubbers make sure you continue with your books and verses!



April AWANA Themes

**April 4th -
NO Clubs,
Resurrection Sunday**

**April 11th -
April Showers Night**

**April 18th -
Dot the Leader Night**

**April 25th -
Awards Night**

Sunday School

**"We walk by faith and not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7**

In Family Sunday school we have been learning about the early Church and how they grew by exercising faith: listening to and obeying the apostles' teaching and example. They were learning to walk by faith, keeping their eyes on the Great Shepherd, Jesus, and listening to the Holy Spirit. Those are abstract concepts for children to learn, so they got to experience an object lesson. The children were blindfolded and teamed up with a family member to work together to complete an obstacle course. The child had to trust and listen and follow their teammate's instructions to complete the course. The younger ones trusted a guide to lead them through the obstacles. What a beautiful picture of the Holy Spirit leading and directing our lives as we give attention to Him and follow His "still, small voice" in our hearts.

Pray that our children will learn to trust their Great Shepherd, learn to hear His voice and follow by faith. We may have some in this Church family who will be world changers!

**"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and
certain of what we do not see."**

Hebrews 11:1

Operation Christmas Child Corner

Thank you so much to those of you who have been praying for the ministry. Also, thank you for the donations of items and shoe boxes! It looks like we are going to fill many, many shoe box gifts this year. We will begin our monthly donations in May, but until then, please keep on saving your change and other monies to help with shipping and stocking up on sale items that you run into. Remember that each box means another child is reached with the word of God. Call me if you have questions or ideas. Lynn, 424-9869

2020 Operation Christmas Child Update

God moved mightily in South Asia where half of the unreached people groups in the world live. The Lord opened the way for us to visit 55 of these groups and proclaim the Gospel among them. In one extremely poor community the people lived in patchwork huts. Children had no shoes and wore rags for clothing. There were no schools for them to attend. They had never received a gift – until they opened their shoeboxes! “The joy on their faces was incredible,” a ministry partner said. And many of the boys and girls enthusiastically responded to the Gospel. As a result, a door is now open to the Good News in these regions so that “those who have never been told of Him will see, and those who have never heard will understand.” (Romans 15:21 ESV)

Samaritan's Purse website



Music Notes

Spring is here! Christ is risen! New life is beginning. As we begin to recover from the pandemic, we are refreshing and renewing our commitment to the music ministry of the church. As more and more people are getting vaccinated, we are planning to begin a Senior Adult Choir. If you "qualify," please join us on Monday, May 17, at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary. I hope to see you then.

Qualifications for Senior Choir:

- *You like to sing or play a musical instrument.
- *You are over the age at which AARP starts soliciting your membership.

I look forward to singing with you soon. Please feel free to call me if you have questions. Lynn Cooke (424-9869)



Compassion Sunday, April 25, 2021

Compassion Sunday is an opportunity for you to share your heart for children in poverty with those who could change their lives forever – your church family. On this special day, you will be joining thousands of other churches in speaking up for those in need.



What is Compassion International?

Compassion International is dedicated to releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name using a "three-cord" approach to ministry. That means they are:

***Christ-Centered:** We believe that Jesus is the only one who can truly release a child from the hopelessness of poverty. As a ministry, they desire to follow Christ fully and introduce his love to every sponsored child in a relevant, culturally sensitive way.

***Child-Focused:** At Compassion, it's all about kids. Our goal is for each child to be known, loved and protected as he or she benefits from program activities. Everything they do is to benefit children – which consequently transforms their families, communities, and countries.

***Church-Based:** Who knows a community and its children better than someone who actually lives there? That's why we partner with nearly 8,000 Christ-centered local churches around the world to teach, train, and mentor children.



Compassion International Website



Partner with Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater in providing support for families in our community facing unplanned pregnancies.

Simply go to:

<http://walkforlife.cpcfriends.org/suburbanchristianchurch>
to sign up or donate to help CPC save more lives, spare more hearts, and spread the Gospel here in South Hampton Roads. The virtual walk date is May 8, 2021.
Suburban's goal is to have 20 walkers!