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The Suburban Connection

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PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!



The past few months have been challenging concerning our air conditioners, but GOD provided us with someone who knew all about them – Jim Fry. Jim worked in this field for 45 years and has been such a blessing helping us develop a plan regarding replacing our units. God had blessed Suburban with the amount of life from the units previously installed, but most of our units failed over the past few months. It began with the educational wing and our Suburban Kids area. The Sanctuary unit and Fellowship Hall came next. Thankfully, Jim had already been in contact with a provider and had done all the research to aid the board with all the necessary information needed to move forward with a decision – just in time for the summer weather. Heavy equipment had to be brought in to remove the old and install the new. We would like to thank Jim Fry and his team (Joe Gewerth and Julian Swain) for their leadership regarding this project and to Cox-Powell for installing the new units. We also praise God for allowing us to have the funds necessary in our building fund to make these repairs.

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Save the Date!

Men's Breakfast

July 3rd & 17th

8:00 am

VBS

July 5th - 9th

10:00 – 11:30 am

Topic: Discovering Jesus

AYM at Busch Gardens

July 24th



Billy Graham Answers the Meaning of the 4th of July

July 4th commemorates the day in 1776 that our nation declared itself to be an independent nation, and no longer a colony of England. On that date, a number of our leading citizens signed what is known as the Declaration of Independence, stating our determination to become a free country.

Our independence did not come easily; only after several difficult years of war would it finally be won. Nor were our first years as a nation free from problems and controversies (as is still true). But our forefathers were determined to establish a free and democratic system of government, and the Declaration of Independence (together with our Constitution and the bill of Rights) became the foundation for this. They have stood the test of time, and on July 4th we give thanks for the wisdom and faith and courage of those leaders.

Although it is not a religious holiday like Christmas or Easter, for many Americans July 4th is a time to reflect on God's goodness to us as a nation. Molded into the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia (which proclaimed our independence) are these words from the Bible: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." (Leviticus 25:10) Our legal system reflects our Judeo-Christian roots.

While we look with gratitude to the past on this July 4th, may we also look in faith to the future, and commit it and our lives to God and His will. The ancient words of the Psalmist are still true: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (Psalm 33:12)



Sunday School News

"A little knowledge of God is worth much more than a great deal of knowledge about God." J.I. Packer

Our new **Adult Bible study** is diving into the study of "Knowing God". We are using J.I. Packer's book by the same title as a stepping off point into the Scriptures. Discovering the only True God through His Word and His attributes leads to lively discussion, thought provoking questions and challenging life applications.



As we are getting to know God better, we are also getting to know one another and are able to encourage each other to keep on seeking and following Him. We are a diverse group with a place for YOU!

"But these are written that you may **KNOW** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His Name." John 20: 31

Men's Prayer Breakfast & Bible Study

The Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast and Bible Study continues to meet on the first and third Saturdays of each month. This month we will meet on **July 3rd and July 17th**.

On the **3rd**, **Tom Tracy** will teach from **John 4** and on the **17th**, we will continue our study of the **Book of 1 Timothy**. As always, it will be a chapter by chapter, verse by verse, word by word, comprehensive study.

This month, in **Chapter 3**, Paul instructed Timothy on qualifications for church leaders, Overseers (Pastors) and Deacons. Included will be a discussion on *"the mystery of godliness,"* that is, the doctrine concerning the incarnation and work of Jesus Christ (as described in the hymn quoted in **v.18**).

In **Chapter 4**, Paul gave Timothy guidelines on how conduct himself as the minister of the church at Ephesus, as a good servant of Christ Jesus. He instructed him to, "devote (himself) to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching" (**v.13**) . . . *"for by doing so you will save both yourself and your hearers"* (**v.16**).

And in **Chapter 5**, he provides instructions for the church: *"Do not rebuke an older man . . . Honor widows . . . Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy . . . especially those who labor in preaching and teaching"* (**vv.1, 4, 17**).

The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study is an outstanding opportunity for the study of God's Word, prayer, and fellowship for men of all ages; church members and non-members. You invited to enjoy a good, homemade breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes, johnny cakes, biscuits, grits, sausage gravy, fruit, orange juice, and coffee. Come and enjoy good fellowship, and the Good News found in God's Word.

Breakfast begins at 8:00 AM and is followed at 8:30 with Bible Study and prayer. It concludes by about 9:30 AM, leaving plenty of time for Saturday morning obligations.

Bob Grymes

Nursery News

Date	Sunday School Nursery Hour	Worship Service	Service Helper
7/4/21	Melissa Tucker Vicki Chitty	Jeff Herring	Abby Deuell
7/11/21	Melissa Tucker Vicki Chitty	Stacie Raymer	Emmy Brooks
7/18/21	Melissa Tucker Vicki Chitty	Nancy Herbst	Samara Saucedo
7/25/21	Melissa Tucker Vicki Chitty	Susan Haynes	Donovan Saucedo



Please contact Stacie Raymer (sraymer@odu.edu, 757-589-5731) if you are willing to assist in the nursery in the weeks ahead. Ages 10 and up can also volunteer as nursery helpers during the church service.

SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes
Senior Pastor



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



Sally Harden
Director of Student Ministry

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

AYM (Ambassador Youth Ministry)



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Where We've Been

June was a great month! AYM started a new series where we are going back to the basics of our faith. We talked about how the foundation of faith is our relationship with the Father and that without this foundation we are building on sand rather than on the solid ground. Throughout the summer AYM will be talking about things like how to read our Bibles and good habits to build this relationship with the Lord.

AYM has also been having some fun events and trips. We hung from some trees at the adventure park! We also spent some time with the Seniors of our church at the Seniors' Brunch. Our students made one of the best breakfasts that I've had in a long time. We were blessed by the Seniors' Choir singing.

This month was such a fun time, and it was so nice to be able to hang out with the students and it makes us here at AYM so excited for the rest of the summer.

SUMMER



Where We're Going...

*July 24th – Busch Gardens

*July 30th – Movie on the Lawn

Just for...

Suburban
Kids

Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs! Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.

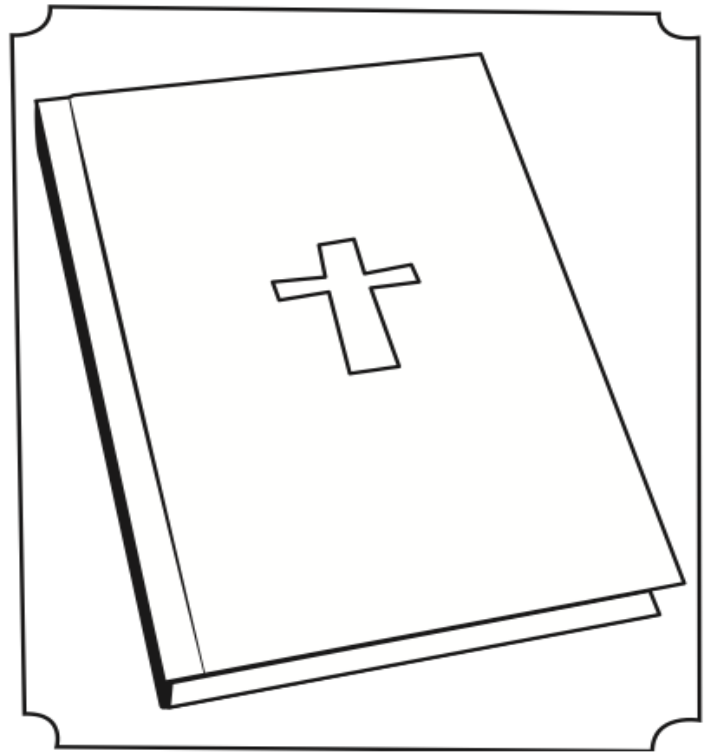


Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse.
Circle them in the puzzle below.

Proverbs 6:6 _____	Exodus 16:20 _____
Psalms 78:45 _____	1 Sam. 24:14 _____
Matt. 23:24 _____	Isaiah 50:9 _____
Judges 14:8 _____	Isaiah 59:5 _____
Acts 12:23 _____	Leviticus 11:22 _____
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Deuteronomy 7:20 _____	



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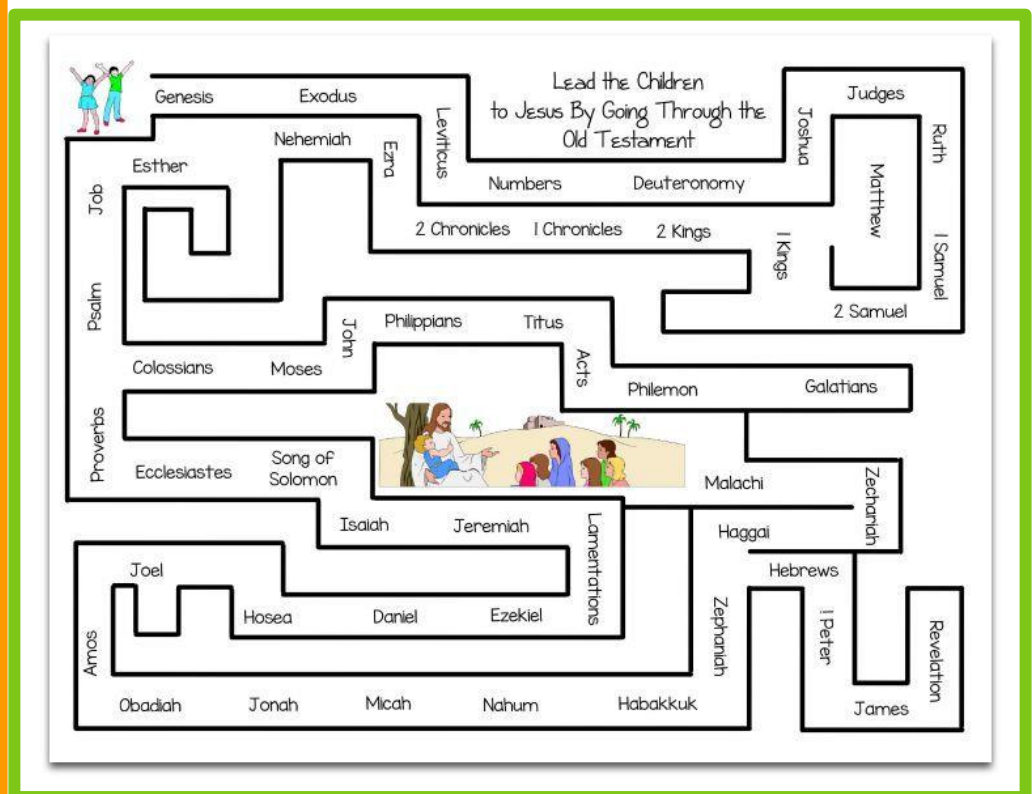


"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"

- John 1:1

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Seniors Ministry

After more than a year of inactivity due to the COVID-19 epidemic, the Seniors Ministry is off and running once again!

Our first event was a Senior Brunch sponsored by the teenagers in AYM on Saturday, June 26th. The food was delicious, and the adults who organized it and the youth who prepared and served it did an outstanding job!



The Senior Choir sang a number of hymns and Southern Gospel songs at the brunch, after only a month of practice, and they did very well. This group is for fun and open to all seniors, whether you can read music or not. Rehearsals are Mondays at 1:00, so please come and join us.

Our regular monthly meetings are normally on the third Thursday of the month, starting at 11:00, and the first one will be July 15th. The program will include a video of patriotic music by the Gaithers, and the church will provide lunch. Please reserve the third Thursday of each month for a time of fun, food, and fellowship.

Food Pantry Ministry

Listed below are items the Food Pantry needs:

Pasta Sauce	Jelly	Peanut Butter
Rice-A-Roni	Baked Beans	
Canned Beans	Hamburger/Tuna Helper	

Please remember Aimee Mitchell and Gloria Livingston as they lead our Food Pantry Ministry and for the families who come to receive help. Pray for God to provide Aimee and Gloria gospel opportunities.



**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

Vacation Bible School - July 5th – 9th

Your child is invited to attend a fun club for boys and girls ages 5 to 12! Our VBS this year is sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship, a Bible-centered ministry serving in every region of the world. The week will be packed with dynamic Bible lessons, creative learning activities, inspiring missionary story, life-changing Scripture memorization, meaningful songs, and prizes. Sign up by calling the church office (757) 495-0352 or by emailing or calling Carol Brooks (757-620-7822/ cubrooks20@gmail.com).



Belong Women's Ministry



All ladies are invited to join us as we begin a new Bible study titled, "How Majestic Is Your Name." It will begin on Thursday, July 22nd, at 7:00 pm and last for 7 weeks. All you need to do is bring your Bible, pencil, and some type of journal. We will be enjoying a great time of fellowship, singing, memorizing Scripture, and discovering how the names of God give us a glimpse into his character and nature. The purpose of this study is to focus on the magnificent character of the One who can satisfy all our longings showing us that the greatness of God gives us a basis to respond to Him. We hope many of you will join us as we seek to "know" God better. To help us determine the space needed for our study, please sign up in the foyer.

The study is being sponsored and led by our Belong Women's Ministry Leadership Team.

Music Notes



Thank you, Senior Choir! Everyone was so appreciative of your singing and playing at the Senior Brunch last month. And, I thank AYM for hosting the brunch and allowing us to participate. Any senior adult who is free on Monday afternoons at 1:00 pm is invited to come and sing with us.

We are slowly growing our Choir back to full strength on Tuesday nights at 7:00. If you like to sing, come on out and rehearse with us. We are working on special worship music right now and have several new choir members just beginning, so it's a great time to join in! Thanks for singing to the Lord. Lynn Cooke

Operation Christmas Child Corner

Thank you for your contributions. The collection items for July are soap and washcloths (again) and yo-yos. We also are in need of Christmas wrapping paper.

We are still accepting any other items you may have to help fill the shoe box gifts and any monies you've saved to help with the shipping costs. The suggested donation to help with shipping is \$9.00 per shoe box gift. Feel free to call me with questions. Lynn, 424-9869.



A Shoebox Story to Ponder- Jaki and a Toothbrush



I've never met my birth mother. People at the orphanage told me that she brought me there when I was a few months old.

At the orphanage in Guatemala, the caretakers provided for our basic needs. They taught us, fed us, and clothed us, but their limited resources meant that we ate a steady diet of rice and beans and wore whatever clothes were available, no matter what the size. Sometimes, the girls wore boy clothes because that's what the orphanage had on hand. I don't remember us having any combs or brushes.

We did have a toothbrush—one toothbrush for 10 girls. We shared it, like we shared everything else. That's why I was so excited when we each received our own Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift.

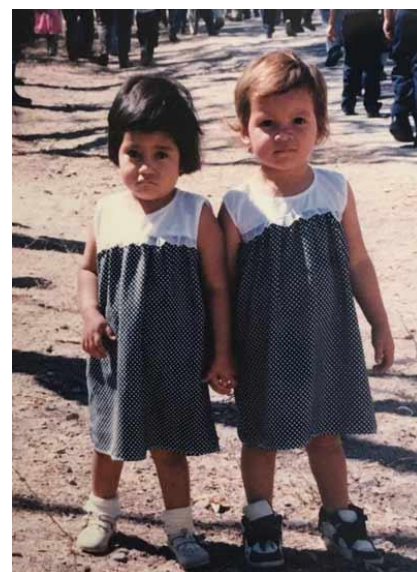
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My favorite thing I received in my box was a toothbrush of my very own. I got a lot of use out of it. It was a prized possession. To this day when I pack shoebox gifts, I don't just include one toothbrush—I pack at least four of them in each box! That way, the children can use them for a long time, or have enough of them to give to their friends or family members.

I also received a stuffed animal. I was 5 years old, so I loved to hug it. I was delighted to receive crayons and coloring books. When the girls and I colored, there was no white space left on the pieces of paper. We filled every available space with color.

We received our gifts in plastic containers, so we kept our larger gifts in them. The possessions we really cherished we kept underneath our mattresses. I didn't receive a photo in my shoebox, but some of the other girls did.



They kept the photos underneath their mattresses so they could pull them out to look at them then tuck them away again for safekeeping. I always include a photo and a letter in the shoeboxes I pack because I remember how much the girls treasured them. Even if they couldn't read the writing, it meant something to them that they were from those who had given them the gifts.

I had heard about Jesus at the orphanage. When we had received our shoeboxes, we learned the song, "Jesus loves me." But it wasn't until later that I truly knew who He is and that Jesus really does love me. A year after I received my shoebox, I was adopted by a couple from the U.S. My parents took me to church and, within the year, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

I still love the song, "Jesus loves me." I love to sing—I'm on the worship team at church. I'm also a nanny, so I get to teach the song to the kids. Many of the children are from my church, which has packed shoeboxes for many years—long before I became a part of the congregation and began sharing my story.



I get to help the children pack shoeboxes. I tell them that I received a shoebox gift and answer their questions about what to put in the boxes. I explain how important basic items like paper and pencils are to a child who doesn't have them. They're amazed that I had to share a toothbrush—they couldn't imagine having to share things like that. But they grasp at an early age what it is to give to others.

I hope that my story will make a difference in other children's lives—both those who pack shoeboxes and those who receive them. I'm so thankful that someone took the time to pack one for me.

