

O C T O B E R 2 0 2 1

# The Suburban Connection

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## Fall Family Festival 2021

Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 5:30 – 7:30 PM

It's that time of year again, where we come together as a church family to bless our community by providing a safe, friendly alternative to traditional Halloween activities.

This year we will have Trunk or Treating, inflatable games and bounce houses, candy, food and drinks, costumes, more candy, and most importantly a chance to share fellowship with each other and the people from the area who join us for the evening. Our prayer is that we will be successful at sharing the love of Jesus with everyone who enters our parking lot, and that they will see that love shining brightly in each one of us.

To make that happen, we need help from all of our church family. People to decorate their vehicles and hand out candy to the children, maybe even setting up a little game or dressing up! People to cook and serve food. People to greet families as they arrive. People to mingle, being friendly and available to answer questions. People to help set up tables and chairs. People to put it all away at the end of the festivities. And people to bring candy...LOTS and LOTS of candy!!!

And we need the whole congregation to pray that every family who visits us will be touched in a wonderful way by the love that we freely share with them.

### Save the Date!

#### Widow's Meeting

**October 13<sup>th</sup>**

Fellowship Hall  
10:00 am

#### Belong Ministry

**October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

Finding I Am  
Women's Bible Study

#### Fall Festival

**October 31<sup>th</sup>**

Festivities begin @  
5:30 pm



## From The Pastor's Desk:

# DON'T GIVE UP!

**"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6: 9,10**

These are the words of the apostle Paul to the churches in Galatia. At the close of this letter, he encourages the Christians to not give up. The churches in Galatia represented the people that Paul shared the gospel with during his first missionary journey. In each of these towns he experienced tremendous opposition. And it was in the town of Lystra where Paul was stoned and left for dead. I would imagine that there were many times when the thoughts of quitting entered Paul's mind. But by the grace of God Paul was able to say toward the end of his life that he had fought the good fight, he had finished the race and kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:7).

One of the greatest tools in the devil's toolbox is that of discouragement. The devil loves nothing more than to see Christians get discouraged and give up. I believe this was part of the spiritual warfare Jesus was experiencing in the garden of Gethsemane. But praise God Jesus went to the cross and accomplished the greatest good, our salvation.

Without a doubt we are living in challenging times. Life is difficult. But God's message to us is, to keep on keeping on. Keep on loving your family and serving them. Keep on serving your neighbors. Keep on serving your church family. This is a time for God's people, by his strength to stay in the battle. We need to encourage one another to keep on serving Jesus. And even if you have given up in the past, it's not too late to start serving again. On that first missionary journey, John Mark left Paul and Barnabas and returned home to Jerusalem. For whatever reason, he quit. But John Mark refused stay on the sidelines. Near the end of his life Paul instructs Timothy to get John Mark and bring him, for he sees him as very useful for his ministry (2 Timothy 4:11). John Mark didn't stay down, he got back up and started serving again.

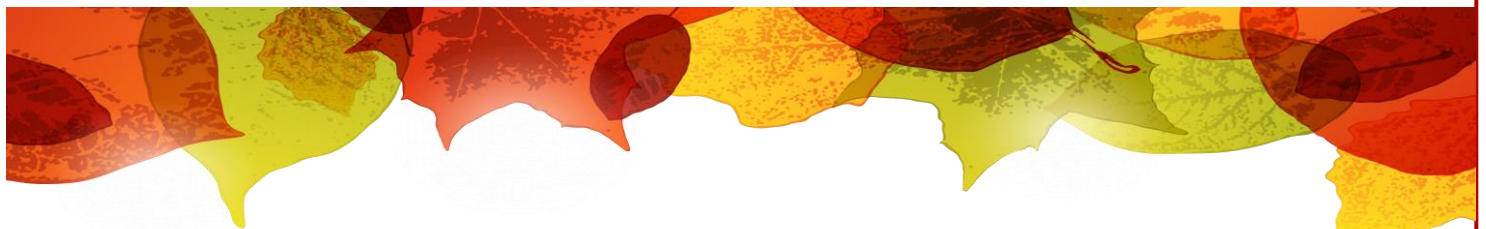
There are so many opportunities for us to do good. There are so many ways that we can be a part of God's work. There are so many people you can pour God's love into. The opportunities are endless. Pick up the phone and give someone a call. Send an encouraging text message. Write a letter and drop it in the mailbox. Ask someone if you can pray for them. Invite someone over for a meal. There are so many ministries at the church that you could help with. Instead of waiting for someone to ask you, take the initiative and ask, "How can I help?" This is a time for action. This is a time for sowing and reaping. God has promised that we will reap if we do not give up. By God's strength and power, we will not give up!

By His grace and for His glory,  
Pastor Todd



## Sunday School

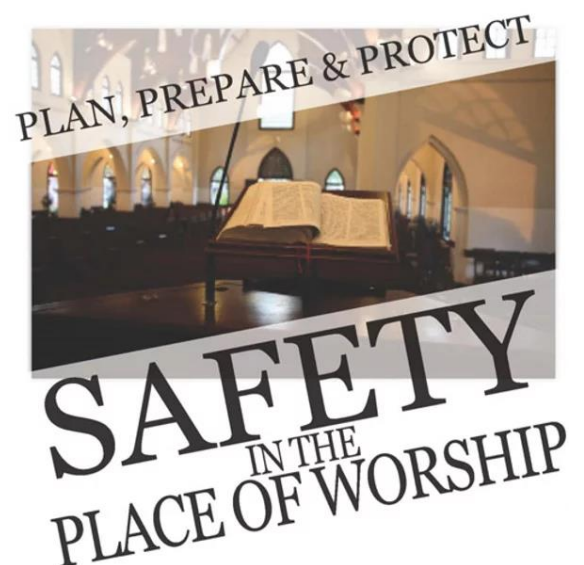
And so begins the great story of a loving God and His plan to redeem a people for Himself. In September many of our classes started studying Genesis, the book of beginnings. Our children and young people are learning the foundations of reality – Creator God, the establishment of marriage and family, human relationship with God and each other, the entrance of sin and its terrible consequences, and God's promise of unrelenting love for broken human beings. Our promise keeping God fulfilled the hope of Genesis 3:15 when He sent Jesus to "crush the head" of Satan. We are so grateful that our SCC kids are learning the Truth of where they came from, why they are here, how to know God, and God's perfect plan for a perfect future in heaven. JG



## Safety & Protection Ministry

Joe Gewerth and David Meads are developing a Protection and Safety Ministry at our church. Our first step of defense is having forward eyes and being alert. As part of this ministry, it will involve annual training and volunteering in the Welcome Center roughly 4 or 5 times a year during the Worship Service. If you would be interested in serving in this ministry, please contact the church office.

Training Date: TBD





**SET UP A  
GAME! THE  
KIDS WILL  
LOVE THAT!**

**DECORATE YOUR CAR, TRUNK,  
HATCH, MOTORCYCLE,  
BICYCLE,  
WHATEVER YOU HAVE.**

**WEAR A  
COSTUME IF IT  
SUITS YOUR  
FANCY!**

**YOU WILL HAVE FUN. THAT'S A PROMISE! AND  
YOU WILL BE A BLESSING TO OUR COMMUNITY!**

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!  
SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE FOYER.**

## 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

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We want to hear from you! Contact us at [newsletter@sccvb.org](mailto:newsletter@sccvb.org)



## Ambassador Youth Ministry

### The Issue: Priorities

We have so many things fighting for our attention each day. With responsibilities at home, commitments to AYM, projects for school, plans with friends (etc.) our days can be filled with activities even before the day starts. It can be very easy to allow our priorities to become misplaced. We need to see what Scripture says about priorities and have a godly perspective on how to use our time. What does the Bible say?



### What priorities should we have?

- ♦ Mark 12:28-30 – Priority #1 = Love God with our whole being.
- ♦ Matthew 6:19-21 – Lay up your treasures in heaven, not on earth.
- ♦ Luke 12:29-31 – See God's kingdom. He will handle the rest.

### What are ways we can keep our priorities in order?

- ♦ Psalm 5:3 – Daily spend time with God in prayer.
- ♦ Joshua 1:8 – Daily read and meditate on Scripture
- ♦ Hebrews 10:25 - Meet with other believers (church attendance).
- ♦ Philippians 3:13-14 – Live to fulfill God's call/will for your life.
- ♦ I Corinthians 10:31 – In every endeavor = do all to the glory of God.

What should I do? Our highest priority is to honor and please God with our lives. When we are determined and focused on living for God, our priorities will fall correctly into place. That is the key to fulfilling God's purpose for our lives without getting side-tracked by other selfish pursuits. Does your schedule show that you take personal time with God seriously? Do the other responsibilities and tasks you undertake line up with what God asks of you? Finally, in what ways can you better prioritize things in your life?

minibiblelessons.com

Theme for October:

**“Hot”**

(Hot Topics and Hot Wings)

## AWANA Ministry

We are so excited to kick off our AWANA club year on October 3<sup>rd</sup>! We will have over 30 clubbers this year and 22 of them attend other churches and are brand new to SCC! It's always a blessing to meet new faces but more importantly meet parents who are active in their child's walk with Christ. In times like these, a Gospel centered home is essential to fighting the everyday battles this world is waging against the Christian faith.



Throughout this club year, we hope to share some of the messages, challenges, and successes of our clubbers! A huge **THANK YOU** to our wonderful volunteers who committed to spending their Sunday nights with our kids and for all who have been in constant prayer for our program. We couldn't do this without you!

Puggles: Ally Litzenberger

Cubbies: Sammy Saucedo & Mary Justis

Sparks: Ashley West & Nancy Herbst

T&T: Hollice Wiggins & Brad West

Verse Listeners & Helpers: Samara Saucedo, Stacie Raymer, Keith Cooke, & Abby Cooke

Carol Brooks

## Nursery Ministry



### October Nursery Schedule

Date	Sunday School 9:00 am	Worship 10:15 am	Worship Helper
10/3/21	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Stacie Raymer Samantha Haynes	Donovan Saucedo
10/10/21	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Jeff Herring Susan Haynes	Elena Tyler
10/17/21	Melissa Tucker Stacey Super	Nancy Herbst Chris Bulaski	Nathaniel Schnurr
10/24/21	Melissa Tucker Rebecca Beckner-Driver	Lou & Ara Miller	Abby Deuell
10/31/21	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Stacie Raymer	Sophia Deuell

**New Nursery volunteers are needed! Contact Stacie Raymer ([sraymer@odu.edu](mailto:sraymer@odu.edu)) if interested.**



## Operation Christmas Child

We are doing well with the collections up to date. We have a lot of empty shoeboxes ready to be filled. You can pick up some in the sanctuary under our table in the front corner or let me know of your need.

We have a lot of items to fill extra shoeboxes here at the church during our packing week which will be the first week of November (Nov. 2<sup>ND</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup>) from 10am - 2pm daily. You'll be able to sign up for a specific time since our space is limited to the Suburban Kids room. We will also be happy to accommodate your small group during that week at their regular meeting times if you wish. Our October collection is **HATS, GLOVES, and PADDLE BALLS**.

We have a lot of cash donations coming in to help with shipping. So far, we have collected \$2,636.00. That fully funds 290 shoebox gifts, more than a third of the expected shoebox gifts we're filling this year! Keep up the good work. The boxes will be shipped out Nov. 16<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> so that is our goal date to have as many funded as possible.

You may donate, cash, checks (made out to Suburban Christian Church and noted as a donation for the Operation Christmas Child Ministry), or online directly to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. If you do donate online, please fill out the "online donation slip" located on our table in the sanctuary or on the shelf under our poster in the hallway so we can add the amount in to tell how many boxes have been funded. Just place the slip in the donation box on the table or the shelf and we'll add it to the total. The pill bottles are to fill with loose change or to remind you or your group to donate to help with the shipping. Just fill them up and bring them back to the church.

Thank you so much for all you are doing for OCC. Remember to pray for the children who will receive the boxes this year. Every filled box represents one more child reached by the love of Jesus.

Lynn Cooke



## Seniors Ministry

The program for the September meeting focused on the Operation Christmas Child ministry. Lynn Cooke presented a brief overview of this worldwide outreach that presents the love of Jesus to children. Then everyone had a chance to fill a shoebox with small gifts that will go to a child somewhere in the world. After that, we all enjoyed a salad luncheon and a time of fellowship.

The next meeting will be **October 21<sup>st</sup>**. The lunch will be chili and the side dishes that go with it. Start planning what dish you are going to bring!

Looking ahead, the following month the meeting will be held November 18<sup>th</sup>, and it will feature a very special program. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

These programs are planned and sponsored by the Seniors Ministry, but they are open to all ages. If you have suggestions for programs, please talk to one of the members of the Steering Committee. We are always looking for new ideas!

Dana Mosteller





## Music Ministry

You're invited to join one of the choirs! We are going to begin working on Thanksgiving and Christmas music, so now is a good time to join.

Thanks to everyone who is already singing and playing instruments for the Lord. Our worship services are enhanced by the good music you are presenting. We appreciate you, your talent, and the time and effort you expend.

Lynn Cooke

*Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord. Psalm 150: 6*

## Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

**The Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study continues to meet on the first and third Saturdays of each month. In October,** it will meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup>** and the **16<sup>th</sup>**. As always, it will be a chapter by chapter, verse by verse, word by word, comprehensive study.

During the sessions we will continue our study of **Paul's Second letter to Timothy** by completing **Chapter 2** and beginning **Chapter 3**.

The letter was written near the close of Paul's ministry and at the end of his life and constitutes something of "a last will and testament." Traditionally, it is viewed as Paul's last letter and expressed concerns for his successor in the pastorate whom he put in place in Ephesus.

**Last month**, we ended our discussion in Chapter 2 with Paul encouraging Timothy to "be strengthened by the grace of Christ Jesus" so that he could faithfully discharge the duties to which he had been called. He cautioned him not to get discouraged when faced with challenges and confronted by false teachers (he experienced both).

He reminded Timothy of Jesus' incarnation as an offspring of David's and of His resurrection from the dead, just as was declared by the prophets of old (and confirming two key foundation stones of the Christian faith).

**This month**, we will see that Paul admonished Timothy to have nothing to do with the foolishness of others but to be the Lord's servant with kindness, patience, and gentleness.

In Chapter 3, Paul related to him the difficult times to come "in the last days" which will go "from bad to worse." "But for you," he said, "continue what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

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. The homemade breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, grits, sausage gravy, fruit, orange juice, and coffee is the delight of those who attend. Breakfast begins at 8:00 am and is followed at 8:30 with Bible study and prayer. It concludes by 9:30 am, leaving plenty of time for Saturday morning obligations.

Bob Grymes

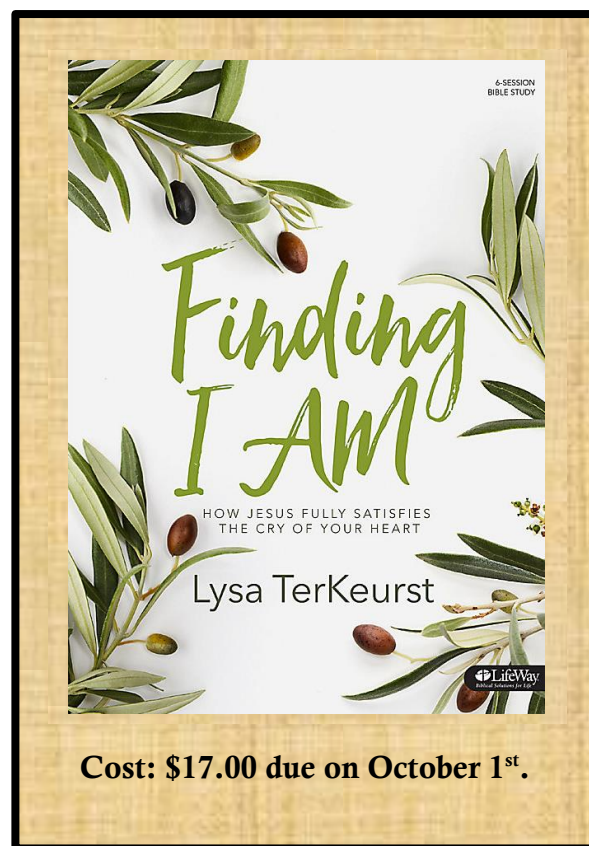


## Belong Ladies Ministry

Ladies, what is the deep cry of your heart? The ache in your soul that keeps you up at night? The prayer you keep repeating? Jesus not only cares about this deep, spiritual wrestling, but He also wants to step in and see you through it.

**Belong** invites all ladies to join us as Lysa TerKeurst takes us through the streets of Israel to explore the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Through this in-depth study, you will trade feelings of emptiness and depletion for the fullness of knowing who Jesus is like never before.

We will also spend time praying together and enjoying fellowship with our sisters in Christ. The Thursday evening study (led by Carol Brooks and Wendy Haynes) begins on **October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The daytime study (led by Linda Fry) will begin **Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm** at Linda's home – 5121 Rochelle Road, VB, 23464.



## Widow's Meeting, October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am



Come and join Charlotte Laws and Mitzi Ricks for a time of encouragement, fellowship, and refreshment in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**. Coffee and Tea will be provided.

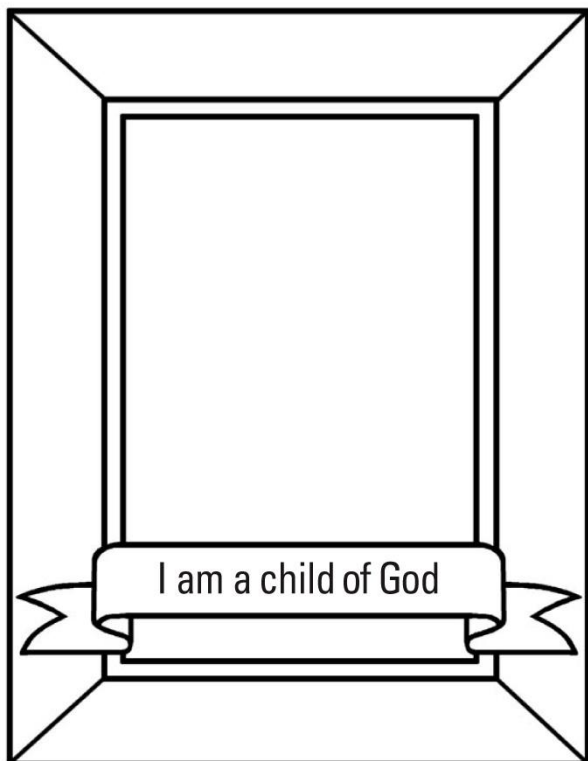
*And he called his disciples to him and said to them,  
"Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more  
than all those who are contributing to the offering box.*

*Mark 12:43*

JUST FOR...

Suburban  
Kids

Directions: Draw your picture in the center of the frame and color the frame.



Directions: Answer the questions below.

Why do we go to church?

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What do you like about Sunday School?

\_\_\_\_\_

How can you serve others at home or at school?

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite praise song?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Scrambled Bible Verses

Directions: Look up the Bible verse and put them in order. Sometimes only a portion of the verse is used.



1. Psalm 145:9 all good The is Lord to

2. Proverbs 2:6 gives For wisdom the Lord

3. Isaiah 26:4 the forever Trust Lord in

4. Proverbs 30:5 God word of proves Every true

5. Numbers 6:24 bless and the Lord you you keep

6. Proverbs 3:5 heart in all your Trust the Lord with

7. Psalm 119:105 lamp is for Your a feet word my

## Fall Harvest

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LEAVES  
FALL  
ACORNS  
WIND  
TREES  
APPLES  
PUMPKINS  
MAPLESYRUP  
SCARECROW  
CORN  
RAKE  
SQUIRREL  
HAY  
TURKEY

## Clothing Drive for Afghan Refugees

A ministry opportunity was presented to us last month regarding the crisis in Afghanistan. Pete Schnurr spent time in Afghanistan working with families during his deployment. Pete has since retired, but he has kept in touch with these families who had begun the paperwork process of leaving Afghanistan. When the crisis began, they were told to pack a bag and bring their paperwork with them. They were forced to leave their bags and had to depart with only the clothes on their backs.



A fellow marine veteran of Pete, Michael Murray, began a charity called [rescueops.org](http://rescueops.org) with the purpose of helping these Afghanistan families to leave Afghanistan and meeting an immediate need of clothing.

Sarah Schnurr brought this need to our attention during our Belong Women's Ministry Bible study which led to it being brought before the church. She stated that this unique mission field was being brought to us and challenged us to help. Kathy Herring and Sarah Schnurr, with the help of several volunteers, organized the clothing drive, spent hours sorting and boxing the donations, and praying over the clothing. The clothing drive is paused at the moment to reassess the needs of the refugees. We will keep you updated as needs arise.



The collection room was **FULL** of clothing that had to be checked and sorted. A plan was made, and the process began. Once sorting was done, clothes and shoes were boxed according to sizes and gender and placed in the nursery for pick up. Donations came from our church family and neighborhoods in our surrounding area. We would like to thank all of those who helped in this project: Kathy Herring, Sarah Schnurr, Pete Schnurr, Betty Owens, William Schnurr, Nathaniel Schnurr, Elijah Schnurr, Evelyn Schnurr, Rebecca Beckner-Driver, Gloria Livingston, Charlotte Laws, Ara & Lou Miller, Marsha Utley, and Julia Wilson.