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# The Suburban Connection

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## Children's Church Update

In the month of May, we re-started our Children's Church following the pandemic. Thank you to the faithful volunteers who serve and to the parents/grandparents who entrust us to be a part of the children's lives each Sunday. We have been tailoring our lessons for the children to follow the doctoral statements, Pastor Todd has been sharing. On the Sunday, Pastor Friday was sharing in the sanctuary, the children were learning about being a missionary. The fact that we can be a missionary anywhere we go was stressed and we asked some of the children where they like to go. Logan Cooke told us he likes to go to Dollar Tree and Grayson Haynes shared he likes to go to Kroger and Walmart. We sang about letting our "little light" shine for Jesus. Diana Gorski incorporated letting their "little lights" shine at the Dollar Tree, at Kroger, at Walmart and of course, letting it shine till Jesus comes. 😊 The children are enjoying singing and lesson time each Sunday and we are moving toward alternating art time and/or game time each Sunday. Please continue to pray for us as we serve in working with the wonderful children of Suburban. Lois Ritger



## Save the Date!

**Fourth of July  
Church Cookout**  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
11:30 am – 2:00 pm  
Church Grounds

**VBS**  
July 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Church Grounds

**Praise & Worship Night  
(Ice Cream Social)**  
July 31<sup>st</sup>  
6:00 pm  
Sanctuary/Fellowship  
Hall

# Five Truths about the Incarnation

Pastor Todd is currently preaching a series of message on the Church Doctrinal Statement. These theological beliefs are essential to the spiritual wellbeing of Suburban Christian Church. These truths will provide a theological foundation that stabilizes the church, guarding us from being "tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine." (Ephesians 3:14) A few weeks ago we focused on the person of Jesus Christ, namely that in his incarnation the person of Jesus Christ is truly God and truly man. This article by Desiring God Ministries will help us further understand the significance of Jesus Christ being the God-Man.

"Here are five biblical truths of the incarnation.

## 1. The Incarnation Was Not the Divine Son's Beginning

The virgin conception and birth in Bethlehem does not mark the beginning of the Son of God. Rather, it marks the eternal Son entering physically into our world and becoming one of us. John Murray writes, "The doctrine of the incarnation is vitiated if it is conceived of as the beginning to be of the person of Christ. The incarnation means that he who never began to be in his specific identity as Son of God, *began* to be what he eternally was not" (quoted in John Frame, *Systematic Theology*, 883).

## 2. The Incarnation Shows Jesus's Humility

Jesus is no typical king. Jesus didn't come to be served. Instead, Jesus came to serve ([Mark 10:45](#)). His humility was on full display from the beginning to the end, from Bethlehem to Golgotha. Paul glories in the humility of Christ when he writes that, "though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking on the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" ([Philippians 2:6-8](#)).

## 3. The Incarnation Fulfills Prophecy

The incarnation wasn't random or accidental. It was predicted in the Old Testament and in accordance with God's eternal plan. Perhaps the clearest text predicting the Messiah would be both human and God is [Isaiah 9:6](#): "To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

In this verse, Isaiah sees a son that is to be born, and yet he is no ordinary son. His extraordinary names — Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace — point to his deity. And taken together — the son being born and his names — point to him being the God-man, Jesus Christ.

## 4. The Incarnation Is Mysterious

The Scriptures do not give us answers to all of our questions. Some things remain mysterious. "The secret things belong to the Lord our God," Moses wrote, "but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever" ([Deuteronomy 29:29](#)).

Answering how it could be that one person could be both fully God and fully man is not a question that the Scriptures focus on. The early church fathers preserved this mystery at the Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D.) when they wrote that Jesus is "recognized in two natures [God and man], without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence, not as parted or separated into two persons but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ."

## 5. The Incarnation Is Necessary for Salvation

The incarnation of Jesus does not save by itself, but it is an essential link in God's plan of redemption. John Murray explains: "[T]he blood of Jesus is blood that has the requisite efficacy and virtue only by reason of the fact that he who is the Son, the effulgence of the Father's glory and the express image of his substance, became himself also partaker of flesh and blood and thus was able by one sacrifice to perfect all those who are sanctified" (*Redemption Accomplished and Applied*, 14).

And the author to the Hebrews likewise writes that Jesus "had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people" ([Hebrews 2:17](#)).

The incarnation displays the greatness of God. Our God is the eternal God who was born in a stable, not a distant, withdrawn God; our God is a humble, giving God, not a selfish, grabbing God; our God is a purposeful, planning God, not a random, reactionary God; our God is a God who is far above us and whose ways are not our ways, not a God we can put in a box and control; and our God is a God who redeems us by his blood, not a God who leaves us in our sin. Our God is great indeed!"

Joseph Sheumann, Guest contributor to Desiring God Ministries.

## Music Notes

One of the greatest contributions to the spiritual development of my life has come from the influence of sacred songs and hymns. Over the years, I have witnessed the lasting appeal of hymns and songs of praise and their power to unite the hearts of a congregation. Wherever Christians gather, singing is a vital and meaningful part of worship. The stories behind the hymns have always been of interest to me also and I have begun posting one each week in our bulletin for you to enjoy.

I have also begun compiling a new list of favorite hymns and songs from all of you. Please give me some suggestions for congregational singing to include in our worship plans. You can email or text me your suggestions by calling 757-339-2174 or by email [lynncshome@gmail.com](mailto:lynncshome@gmail.com).

We are adding some new worship songs each week, too. Even if you don't know the song yet, please read and absorb the words and let the music enter your heart and raise your spirits. We'll sing them often enough to make them new favorites, then we'll just add them to our old favorites and expand our joy.

If you like to sing, please feel free to come to choir practice Tuesday nights at 7:00. This choir meets every week, learning new music continually. We'd love for you to join us. With summer here already, our Senior Adult Choir will be taking the month of June off but will resume the 1st Monday of July at 1:00pm. Please join in the fun as we sing some really old favorites that may not even be in our hymnals anymore. Looking forward to seeing you at church. Lynn



## Operation Christmas Child Corner

We were so happy to receive a certificate honoring our 5 years of manning the Drop Off Center for OCC Shoebox gifts here at Suburban on Sunday. The certificate is on display in the foyer across from the Welcome Center if you'd like to see it. Thank you to everyone who helps every year with receiving, cartoning, and delivering the shoebox gifts to Gateway Christian Central Drop Off Center. Our June collection items are: **FLIP FLOPS, SUNGLASSES AND T-SHIRTS**. Keep on praying for this ministry and for all the people who are touched by it.



## Financial Peace University Class

Tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went! *Financial Peace University* is a nine-lesson class designed to help you build a budget, dump debt, grow your wealth, and leave money stress behind. Each lesson is based on biblical wisdom and common sense. Sign up for this class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace at **fpu.com/1150073**. Class starts **Thursday, June 2, 2022**. Facilitated by Clyde and Stephanie Councill.

?? Already taken FPU in the past and need a refresher ?? You are ALWAYS welcome to attend again at no cost! Email us at [stephaniecouncill@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniecouncill@gmail.com) to be added to the class.

**About Us:** We are a single-income homeschooling family who became consumer DEBT FREE 13 months after taking FPU. Ready to help & encourage you!

**Why We Lead:** We believe in the power of the Baby Steps and the freedom to GIVE that comes when you learn to budget, eliminate debt and save.

**Stats for Previous 2 Classes:** 35 attendees, 26 credit cards cut up, \$29,069 saved and \$36,780 debt paid off during 9-week classes!

Stephanie Councill

## 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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# Ambassador Youth Ministry

## THE POWER OF PRAYER. II Thessalonians 1: 3-12

Through prayer God guides you to make the right choices. Regular prayer. Real prayer.

Wait! Don't panic. You may think prayer is a real drag. You may think it's hard or boring. Your understanding of prayer may come from your childhood or from listening to grown-ups talk to God in thee's and thou's or six-syllable theological words you never heard of.

Relax. Prayer is simply talking to God about your thoughts, feelings, and concerns. God really does understand modern English (even the bizarre language spoken by your brother or sister). You can be totally confident that God hears you when you pray. In fact, God eagerly waits for you to come to him in prayer. You are his child, and he values every minute you spend with him!

### Why is prayer so great?

1. Prayer helps you to focus on God. It helps you get to know him better. The psalmist said, "Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always" (Psalm 105:4, NIV). When you pray, you "unplug" your mind from the television and CD player and "plug in" to God.

2. Prayer is intimacy with God. When you pray, you discover what it means to be intimate with God. The Bible says that when Moses entered the tabernacle, "The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend" (Exodus 33:11, NIV). That is what happens in prayer. You become friends with God. He becomes a deep, intimate, personal friend who loves you unconditionally.

3. Prayer is a vital weapon in making right choices. If you want to stop lying, pray; praying will add God's power to your desire. If you want to be more loving toward your brother, pray; that will add God's help to your good intentions. If you need more patience, more compassion, or more self-control, pray; prayer will add God's energy to your efforts.

When we pray, God takes action! So pray. Pray for yourself. Pray for your family. Pray for your friends. And watch God work.

REFLECT: How often do you pray (not counting grace at meals)? How often do you think you should pray? When is a good time for you to pray every day? (Morning? After school? Bedtime?) How long do you plan to pray every day? (Five minutes? Ten minutes? Fifteen? More?) Tell someone else about your commitment to pray.

PRAY: Make a list of four or five kinds of right choices you need to make more often or more consistently (like honesty, compassion, faithfulness, fairness, and so on). Pray for at least one item every day, asking God to help you develop that virtue.

Taken from: Josh McDowell's Youth Devotions

### Activities we have enjoyed lately:

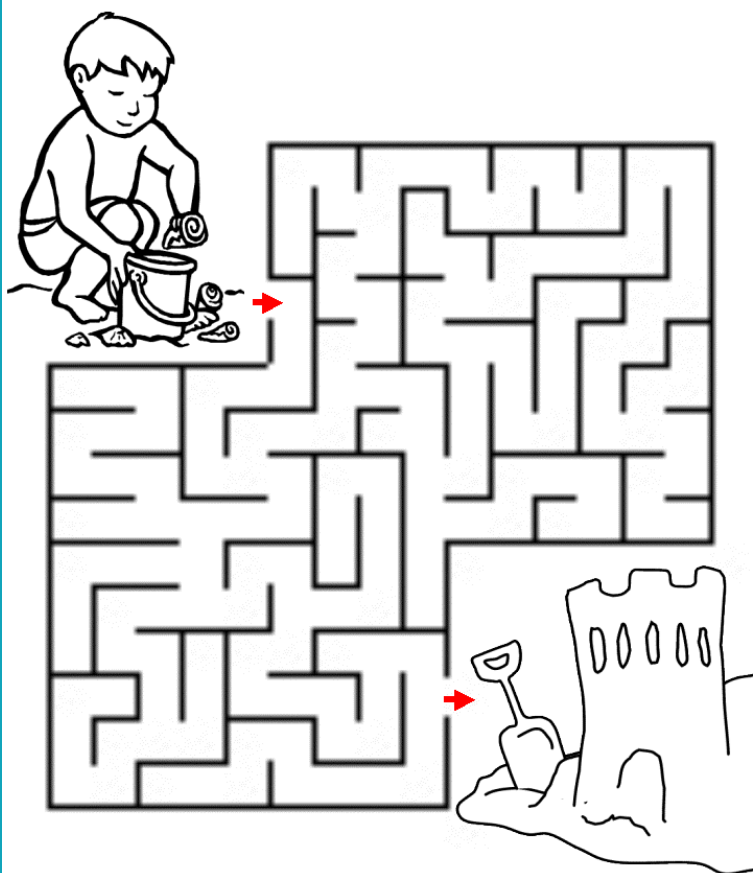
- \*Field Trips: Dairy Queen and YNot Pizza
- \*Played "Life and Death," "Ultimate Dodge Ball," and Basketball (Pastor Todd still has the skills.)

# YOUTH MINISTRY



## Summer at the Beach Maze

Help the little boy find his sand castle.



# Suburban Kids

## Summer Word Search

BARBECUE  
CAMPING  
FISHING  
FRISBEE  
ICE CREAM  
PICNIC  
POOL  
SUNGLASSES  
SUN TAN  
VACATION

MBPAPNZENBPG  
XALIAAUHOFON  
COETCCQBIROI  
OANRENVVTILH  
XUMBCBINASLS  
SCRPQEICCBRI  
TASKIACLAZF  
BSNNYNLIVEZT  
SESSALGNUSAL



**Directions:** Look up this verse in your Bible and fill in the blanks.

It is my eager expectation and \_\_\_\_\_ that...\_\_\_\_\_ will be honored in my \_\_\_\_\_, whether by \_\_\_\_\_ or by \_\_\_\_\_. For me to \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 1:20-21



Paul preached the Good News in Jerusalem and in many other cities around the Roman World, and many people became followers of Jesus.

# Sunday School News

Every week The Gospel Project curriculum we use for elementary and Middle School classes provides a "Big Picture Question" that highlights an important Bible truth. Our kids focus on one question for 4 or 5 weeks, planting that truth deep in their hearts and minds. This summer they will be studying the lives of kings Saul, David and Solomon. The questions will be:

\*Why does sin separate us from God? - Because God is holy, sin has broken our relationship with God.

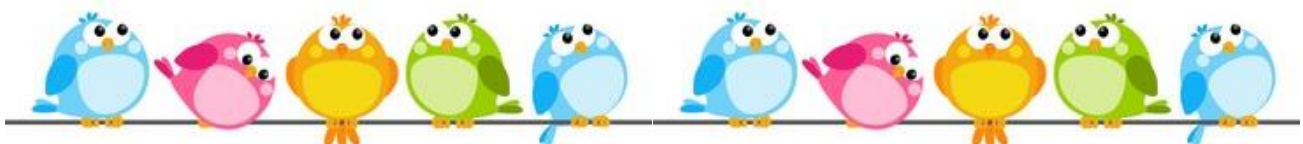
\*What is grace? - Grace is when God gives us something good even when we don't deserve it.

\*What is mercy? - Mercy is when God does not give us the punishment we deserve. The Big Picture Questions remind the students that the weekly Bible stories and the people in them are part of God's big story of redemption...and that all the stories point to Jesus. Jan Grills



## Nursery News

Date	Sunday School Nursery Hour 9:00 – 10:00	Worship Service 10:00 – 11:15	Service Helper
6/5/22	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Stacie Raymer Samantha Haynes	Elena Tyler
6/12/22	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Jeff Herring Susan Haynes	William Schnurr
6/19/22	Melissa Tucker Stacey Super	Nancy Herbst Chris Bulaski	Nathaniel Schnurr
6/26/22	Melissa Tucker Rebecca Beckner- Driver	Laura Tyler Ara Miller	Donovan Saucedo



# Seniors Ministry

The Kings Choir presented an uplifting program at our May meeting. About 40 choir members, including several singers from Suburban Christian Church, came. They sang some songs that we knew and could sing along with them, as well as a few pieces most of us weren't familiar with. After the music we all enjoyed a Bar-B-Q luncheon and a time of fellowship.

This month our meeting will be Thursday, June 16, at 11:00. We will hear a talk by Fred Devan, from Kempsville Baptist Church. Then "Maria And Friends" will treat us to a meal of authentic Italian foods, from salad to dessert. Mark your calendars – you definitely won't want to miss this meeting and the meal prepared by Maria Gewerth!

The Seniors Ministry sponsors all of our programs, but they are open to adults of all ages.  
Dana Mosteller



## Men's 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 June 4<sup>th</sup> and finish Judges Chapter 9 and begin Chapter 10. On June 18<sup>th</sup> we will study Chapter 11 and Jephthah. As always, it will be a chapter by chapter, verse by verse, word by word, comprehensive study.

**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.** Come and enjoy a good, homemade breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, grits, sausage gravy, fruit, orange juice, and coffee.

**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.**

**PLEASE JOIN US!**



# Suburban Kids

# Awana

## THANK YOU, SCC AWANA CLUBBERS AND VOLUNTEERS!

Hello there SCC!!! SCC AWANA officially ended on May 22nd with our end of the year Award Ceremony and Pizza Party. Thank you ALL for your never-ending support for our AWANA program! I think we are all looking forward to a little break so we will be fresh and energized for September! Carol Brooks

