

O C T O B E R 2 0 2 2

The Suburban Connection

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Fall Family Festival 2022

MONDAY, October 31st

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 12th

10:00 am

The Joys

October 8th

6:00 pm
Dessert Fellowship
following

Fall Festival

October 31th

Festivities begin @
5:30 pm



From The Pastor's Desk:

HOW TO DEAL WITH MY SIN? PSALM 25

As human beings, there are some things we all have in common. We were all created beings. Every man and woman have been created in the image of God. Another thing we share is the need for food and drink in order to survive. God designed us in such a way that we must eat and drink in order to live. Another area of commonality is sin. Every human being is a sinner. We all inherited from Adam and Eve a sinful nature. We have sinned in the past, we will sin today, and we will sin tomorrow. Sin is a major issue in our lives. The question is, what are we to do with our sin? In Psalm 25, David addresses the sin in his life. We can learn from David. We can learn how to deal with our sin.

***David focused on the magnitude of God's mercy.** "Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!" Psalm 25:6-7

Yes, David saw his sin, but his focus was on the mercy of God. When we sin, it is so easy to fix our eyes on how we have messed up. This plays right into the devil's hand. He would love nothing more than to keep you focused on your sin. We need to learn from David to focus on the tender mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. No matter how bad we've messed up, the grace and mercy of Jesus is infinitely greater.

***David confessed his sin.** "For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins." Psalm 25:11,18

David didn't try to excuse his sin. He didn't try to give God all the reasons for why he sinned. No, David confessed his sin. David didn't try to minimize his sin. He didn't try to convince God that his sin was not that big of a deal. No, David confessed that his sin was great. David didn't try to ignore his sin. He didn't try to play games with God about his sin. No, David confessed his sin and came clean with God. I John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Don't try to excuse, minimize or ignore your sin... come clean with God, confess your sin and you will be forgiven.

***David turned from his sin and walked in obedience to God.** "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I will wait all the day long." Psalm 25:4-5

It was David's desire for God to lead him in his truth, to teach him the paths to walk in, to make him know the ways of obedience. David earnestly longed for God to guide his steps in the path of righteousness. For the Christian, repentance involves not just turning away from sin but also turning to Jesus and following him in obedience. It involves a daily dying to self/sin, dying to the old way of life and walking in loving obedience to God's Word.

David was a sinner just like you and me. We can learn from David. We can learn how to deal with our sin. We can learn how to preach God's mercy to our sinful hearts. We can learn how to confess our sins and come clean with God. We can learn how to turn from sin and follow Jesus every day.

By his grace fighting sin with you,
Pastor Todd



Sunday School

Joshua 8:34-35 says, "And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and the cursings, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them". The Bible is for everyone! No matter their station, or age, or how many years they have been a Christian. I am excited to see the Word of God being taught to all the "little ones" at Suburban. Each week our teachers are focused on bringing the Word of God to their class on a level that they can understand. They are truly teaching the next generation! Let's pray and ask God to allow the children to realize the importance of what is being taught.

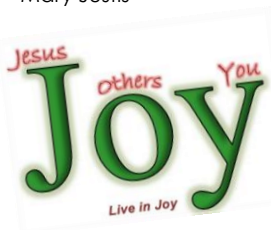
Laura Tyler



Children's Church

The Children's Church ministry invites all children in grades K – 3 to join us each Sunday as we hear a Bible story, play games, do crafts, sing, pray and fellowship together. This past month, we heard stories about David from the book of Samuel. We heard how, as a very young shepherd boy, God chose him to be the future king. Not because he was the oldest, strongest, or most handsome, but because he had a heart like God, full of love. We heard the story of how David defeats the giant Goliath, and how he wrote prayerful songs that are the Psalms of the Bible. We are also learning and using the J.O.Y. prayer model. First, we thank and praise Jesus (J), then we pray for other people (O), and then pray for yourself (Y). Hope to see many children join us in the weeks ahead!

Mary Justis



October Children's Church Schedule

Date	Lead	Assistant	Service Helper
10/2/22	Lois Ritger	Jeff Herring	Liam Cooke
10/9/22	Mary Justis	Jeff Haynes	Nyssa Rakes
10/16/22	Lois Ritger	Jeff Herring	Samara Saucedo
10/23/22	Mary Justis	Susan Haynes	Liam Cooke
10/30/22	Lois Ritger	Jeff Haynes	Nyssa Rakes



**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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Church" on www.facebook.com

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

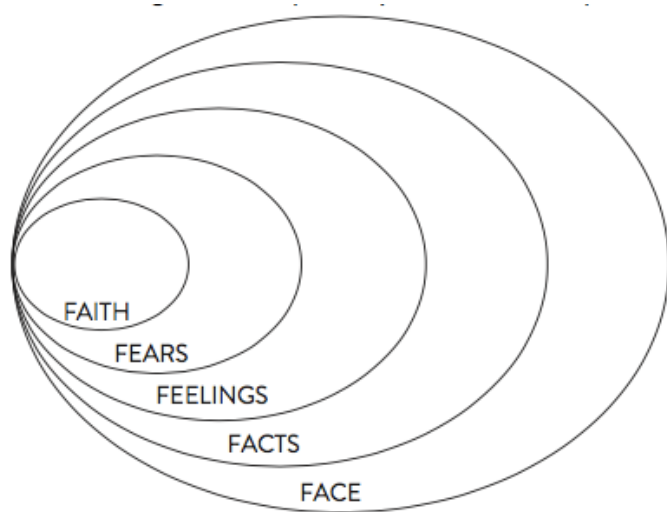
Just for Ambassador Youth Ministry

Authentic Community

Being a part of a community is more than being surrounded by people or having a position on a team or group. Many people are part of several groups but are still lonely. This happens because the depth of their community is shallow; it lacks authenticity and purpose. Often these shallow groups are filled with people who refuse to open up or pretend to be someone they're not (they wear masks).

The thing is, to follow Christ, to join his mission of making disciples and reaching the lost and the least of this world, we need some serious help. We need a ton of abilities, gifts, talents, resources, and wisdom. Thankfully, God already knew that. He set up the church to be a community where Christ-followers could get together, worship him, and do great things. The people who make up Christ's Church should help each other out, rely on each other, and reach the corners of the world with the story of Jesus. Unfortunately, many of us have downgraded church to just the place we go on Sundays.

Take some time to evaluate your own community. Think of five to ten friends (maybe the ones in your small group or youth group) and write their names in the circles below according to the depth of your relationship.



1. FACE: You recognize them, but you don't really know them.

2. FACTS: Now you know their name, a little bit about them, where they live, what they like, what their family is like.

3. FEELINGS: Your relationship starts to go a little deeper – you learn about their opinions, how they feel about certain subjects, events, and a little bit of their story.

4. FEARS: Once you get to an authentic level of friendship, people begin to share their deepest concerns, their fears, and their anxieties. They start taking off the mask so you can see the real person beneath.

5. FAITH: This is the deepest level of friendship. You know about their walk with God; their temptations; their weaknesses; and their spiritual gifts, goals, and passions.

Hebrews 10:24-25 says, “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” How does this verse relate to “authentic community?”

Leadertreks.org

Now take some time to answer the following questions:

- *What's the deepest level of friendship you have with someone?
- *What level are most of your friendships on? Do you wish they were deeper? Why or why not?
- *How can you start moving your shallower friendships to deeper levels?

**Friendly Reminder: Parent/teen Meeting – Sunday, October 2nd
Right after the Worship Service**

AWANA Ministry

AWANA kicked off its 2022-2023 club year on September 25th with 26 clubbers registered. God is so GOOD! Once again, He's given us the opportunity to meet new families who attend other churches and show them how our church family loves and supports each other.

Suburban is blessed to have just about all of our leaders return this year with the addition of DeeDee O'Brian (Cubbies) & Ron Raymer (Games Director)! We are still hoping that there are some men in our congregation that would like to help, even if it's just a few times a month.



Another change this club year is our meeting location. Moving to the Suburban Kids room down the front hallway gives us a chance to utilize a more intimate setting to put up a special prayer wall for the kids. They can write down their own prayer needs and praises and have a leader pray with them. We want them to know that God not only loves them but that He listens and answers prayer. Our calendar is full of exciting activities and themes. October themes are:

10/2 – Thank our Pastor Night (October is Pastor Appreciation month) But don't forget about Wendy & what she does for not only our church but Pastor Todd!!

10/9 – Bring a Friend Night

10/16 – Guess the # in the jar Night

10/23 – Bible Scavenger Night

10/30 – Costume Night

Carol Brooks

Nursery Ministry



October Nursery Schedule

Date	Sunday School 9:00 am	Worship 10:15 am	Worship Helper
10/2/22	Melissa Tucker	Stacie Raymer Samantha Haynes	Liam Cooke
10/9/22	Melissa Tucker Vicki Chitty	Jeff Herring Susan Haynes	Will Schnurr
10/16/22	Melissa Tucker Stacey Super	Nancy Herbst Chris Bulaski	Nathaniel Schnurr
10/23/22	Melissa Tucker	Laura Tyler Teresa Birk	Samara Saucedo
10/30/22	Melissa Tucker	Stacie Raymer	Abby Deuell

New Nursery volunteers are needed! Contact Stacie Raymer (sraymer@odu.edu) if interested.



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you so much to whomever purchased 400 shoeboxes for us this year! That gives us enough for our expected collection. We already have filled over 400 boxes and are working toward our goal of 1000!

The senior ministry group filled 50 shoeboxes at their September meeting to add to our total and people are bringing in donations every week. Thank you for supporting the ministry. We are still in need of several basic items like crayons and washcloths as well as our October suggestions of **dolls, hot wheels cars, and flashlights.**

We have about 6 weeks left before the shoebox gifts are shipped off around the world. If you'd like to donate to help with the shipping costs, you can make a check out to the church, noted for Operation Christmas Child, use one of the pill bottles for change or the envelopes for cash and place it in the container on the table in the sanctuary or the welcome desk in the hallway, or donate online at Samaritanspurse.com.

Several of us are trying to go to the processing center in Charlotte again this year to help send the gifts on their way. Please pray for those who go that they have safe trips and joyful times of service. Lynn Cooke



Seniors Ministry

At the September meeting Lynn Cooke provided some basic information about Operation Christmas Child, including a brief DVD. Then everyone had fun taking part in the filling of 50 shoeboxes to be sent to children all over the world! Lunch featured baked potatoes and all the toppings – which promises to be another favorite.

The next meeting will be held **Thursday, October 6, at 11:00.** Stacie Raymer will speak to us about hearing issues for seniors. She has a lot of great information, so mark your calendar and plan to attend. Please bring chili, a favorite bread and/or a side dish to share at the luncheon afterwards. The Seniors Ministry sponsors all of our programs, but they are open to adults of all ages. Dana Mosteller

Music Ministry



The choirs are all practicing Christmas music. If you like to sing, come on and join in the fun!

We have a special opportunity to hear some gospel music this month. The Joys, a local gospel group, is going to be in concert at our church on **Saturday, October 8 at 6:00 pm**. Come out and support their ministry spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ by your presence. Invite your friends and family to share in the experience. The concert is free, and we will be taking up a love offering. We also will be having a dessert fellowship to follow, so bring your favorite dessert to share; cookies, cakes, pies, cobblers, whatever you love to eat. See you there! Lynn

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

Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

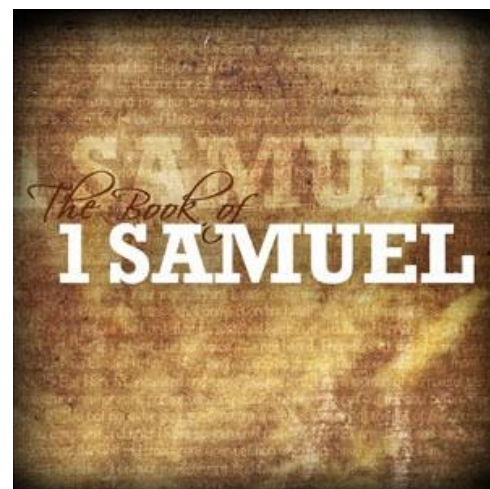
October 1 & 15, 2022

The Book of 1 Samuel

The Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study will meet in October on the 1st and the 15th and will begin the study on the Book of 1 Samuel. As usual, the study will feature a chapter by chapter, verse by verse, word by word, comprehensive Bible study.

Throughout the **Book of Judges**, the study centered on the fact that, ***"In those days there was no king in Israel and everyone did what was right in their own eyes."***

This month we will begin a study on the establishment of Israel's Kingdom. The Book of Samuel documents the history of Israel as it moves from being individual tribes under the rule of judges to a unified nation under kings. The study will begin with an introduction on Samuel's miraculous birth, his mother's dedication of him to the LORD and his life as a Nazirite. It proceeds through God's selection of a king despite the prophet's insistence that Israel already had a king; God Almighty. It records the rise and fall of Saul and the rise of David. The study will be divided into two sections: the life of Samuel (chapters 1-12) and the life of Saul (chapters 13-31).



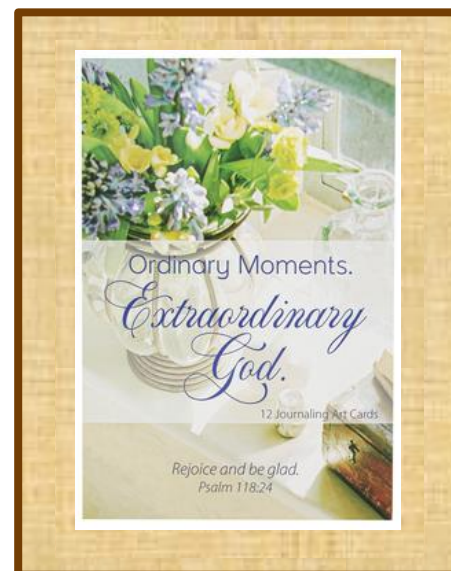
The Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study is an outstanding opportunity for the study of God's Word, prayer, and fellowship for men of all ages. All are invited to enjoy a good, homemade breakfast of eggs (scramble and fried), sausage, corned beef hash, pancakes, waffles, biscuits, grits, sausage gravy, fruit, orange juice, and coffee. Come and enjoy good fellowship, and the Good News found in God's Word. It all begins at 8:00 AM and concludes around 9:30, or so.

Robert Grymes

Belong Women's Ministry Fall Bible Study Update

Session One Summary: Extraordinary Mercy

God created and delights in every day AND he created and delights in us, too! His love for us is so great that he sacrificed his only Son to bring us closer to himself. This is particularly extraordinary because every ordinary day, we do, say, or think something that should separate us from God. Our sin is so real and constant. No amount of good behavior could make up for it. YET, God saw our sin and inability to redeem ourselves. Romans 5:8 tells us, "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." This is truly EXTRAORDINARY! God loves us - ordinary people living ordinary lives - so much that he gave up the life of his precious Son, shouldering the punishment our sin earned us. Our debt was paid. The insurmountable barrier that our sin created between God and us was demolished. What does this mean for us? Our ordinary life, ordinary moments, tasks, routines, and schedules are now infused with the magnificence of God's grace. The now, the present of your life is extraordinary, not because of what we do, but because of what God has done for us. So, we can delight in this regular day. Psalm 118:24 says, "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Today is God-made. You never know what part of his story our extraordinary God is writing through your ordinary moments.



Session Two Summary: Extraordinary Restoration

Most of us like surprises - especially good ones. None of us likes to get bad news. When we suffer, it is a natural reaction to question God. Job (and his wife) were very familiar with suffering. The manner in which Job lost everything is tragic. Job's wife seems to reach her breaking point when Job was struck with boils. She tells Job to "curse God and die."

Job and his friends argue about the reasons for the suffering and cannot find the answer to the question, "Why?" When we suffer, we may find ourselves asking why. But our real question is more personal than that. Our real question is this: "Can I trust you, God? Can I trust you even when I don't understand you?" How does Scripture answer this question? Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." We may never understand why. But even when we don't understand our Lord, we can trust him. His love for us is unconditional and his commitment to do the very best things for us knows no limits. In everything, he is at work for our good.

WHAT'S TO COME:

October 6th - Session Three: Ordinary Service
 October 13th - Session Four: Moments as an Outsider
 October 20th - Session Five: Moments of Worship
 October 27th - Session Six: Ordinary Work
 November 3rd - Session Seven: Extraordinary Faith

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Please join us for a baby shower in honor of

Todd and Samantha Haynes

Saturday, October 29th at 2pm

Suburban Christian Church
 Fellowship Hall

Registered at [Babylist.com](https://www.babylist.com)

Widow's Meeting, October 12th @ 10:00 am



Come and join Charlotte Laws and Mitzi Ricks for a time of encouragement and fellowship in the Conference Room on **Wednesday, October 12th at 10:00 am.**

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.

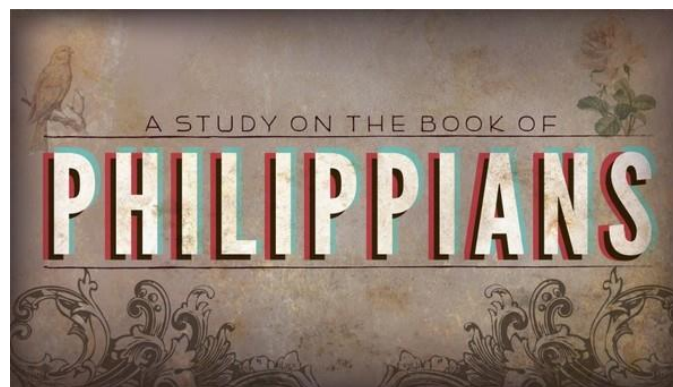
Mark 12:43



Pastor's Study Partners – Fridays from 11:30 – 12:30

Beginning October 2, 2022 - Philippians Sermon Series

Philippians is about Christ in our life, Christ in our mind, Christ as our goal, Christ as our strength, and joy through suffering. It was written during Paul's imprisonment in Rome, about thirty years after Christ's ascension and about ten years after Paul first preached at Philippi.



Study of Colossians – Adult Sunday School - A



Bill Cofer is leading a new Sunday school class at 9:00 in the fellowship hall closest to the kitchen. We hope anyone interested in learning more about God and His Word will join us.

We are currently studying the book of Colossians. Our focus will be discovering how God's Word reveals His character and His good plans for our lives. We are a laid back, fun group who love getting into God's Word!

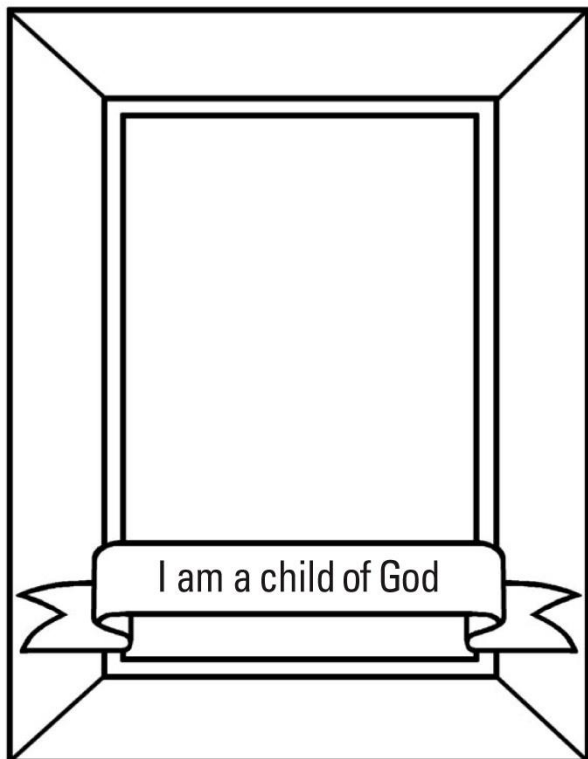
Please join us and enjoy fellowship and growing together in Christ!

Bill Cofer

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?

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
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