OCTOBER 2023

The Suburban Connection

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Fall Family Festival 2023

Tuesday, 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 neighborhood 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!

Church Cookout
October 8th
After the Worship Service at 10:15 am

Senior Ministry Mtg.
October 19th
11:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Fall Festival
October 31th
Festivities begin @ 5:30 pm

From The Pastor's Desk:

The "I Am" Statements of Jesus

Jesus said many significant words that are recorded in the Gospels. Yet, there are seven statements Jesus made in the book of John that were particularly pivotal to His ministry, Old Testament prophesies, and His claims of who HE was. They were also particularly significant to the first-century Jewish listener who would have better understood the context of what Jesus was saying.

God had centuries earlier revealed Himself to Moses with the decisive statement, "I AM" (Exodus 3:14). Throughout the Old Testament, others added to His name "I AM" – translated Yahweh or Jehovah or LORD – by giving Him names that clarified His character, based upon His provision and His miracles. Scripture declares God's names as Jehovah-Jireh (the Lord, My Provider), Jehovah Rahah (the Lord heals), Jehovah Nissi (the Lord, My Banner), Jehovah Shalom (the Lord, Our Peace), Jehovah Raah (the Lord, My Shepherd), and more.

Then centuries later, Jesus used the same (I AM) in the Gospel of John to describe Himself when He said to the Samaritan woman "I . . . am He" (John 4:26), when he told His frightened disciples as He walked on the surface of the waters toward their boat in a storm "It is I" (John 6:20), when He reaffirmed to His followers, "I am He" (John 13:19), and when he told a gathering of Jews, "before Abraham was, I Am" (John 8:58).

Jesus further defined for us who He was in the Book of John through his seven "I AM" statements.

1. "I am the bread of Life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst" (John 6:35).

2. "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life" (John 8:12).

3. "I am the door of the sheep. All who every come before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture" (John 10:7-9).

4. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep . . . I am the good shepherd; and I know my sheep, and am known by My own" (John 10:11).

5. "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live" (John 11:25).

6. "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14: 6).

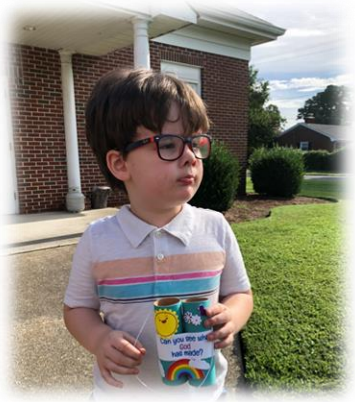
7. "I am the true vine and My Father is the vinedresser . . . I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:1-5).

For the next seven Sundays, we will look at each of the I AM statements of Jesus. We all want to know Jesus more intimately. In these I AM statement, Jesus is revealing to us who He is! My prayer is that Jesus will open His heart to us in His Word and that we will see more clearly His glory and His goodness!

In Christ, the I AM,
Pastor Todd

Sunday School

The Pre-K and Kindergarten class just finished learning about the six days of creation. At the end of their study, they made binoculars. Then they took their binoculars outside to help them spot things that God created. They saw everything from clouds to grass, to a dragon fly. Praise God for the wonderful weather that allowed this class to go outside and enjoy His creation! Laura Tyler



Children's Church

Children's Church will be starting again in October beginning with finishing our lessons about the Armor of God. Ms. Lois has an actual suit of armor for children to try on! The leaders have met and discussed some great new ideas for upcoming children's church meetings. We will have some new leaders too! We will still be having Bible stories, singing, crafts, games, and all the fun things that the children enjoy. We encourage all Kindergarten through grade 3 children to join us. We look forward to seeing you! Mary Justis

October Children's Church Schedule

Date	Lead	Assistant	Service Helper
10/1/23	Lois Ritger	TBD	Sophia Deuell
10/8/23	Mary Justis	Dale Camat	Samara Saucedo
10/15/23	Sammy Saucedo	Andrew Saucedo	Donovan Saucedo
10/22/23	Susan Haynes	Jeff Haynes	Elena Tyler
10/29/23	5th Sunday	**NO CHILDRENS CHURCH**	

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

Suburban
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

Just for Ambassador Youth Ministry

My Reflection In The Mirror

Background Story: Paul wrote the book of Romans to teach the church of Rome about the truths of living the Christian life.

Scripture: Romans 8:31-39

BIG IDEA: The love of God brings safety and security.

You can trust in God's love for you. It never changes. His love for you is a safe place that is not dependent on your circumstance or performance. Don't believe me? The Bible says, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

Every morning when you wake up, God's love is available and waiting. How does God's love change us? God's love changes the way we view ourselves. Different relationships will come into our lives that bring good and bad outcomes. It's easy to see ourselves through the reflection of how our parents, friends, girlfriend, boyfriend, spouse, boss, or others feel about us. The problem is that people are fickle and unstable. Today a "friend" might think you're great and tomorrow they might feel differently. How can we be secure in ourselves when people's opinions of us are always changing?

Stability and security come when we see ourselves in the reflection of Christ's love for us which never changes. In His mirror, He says you are loved. He says you are chosen. He says you are seen. He says you are created for a purpose. He says you are of value. He longs for relationship with you. Thank God today for His unfailing love. Ask Him to give you a fresh perspective and to help you shake off the need of approval from people.

What's Ahead?

October 1st: AYM at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room (Mason Thomas – Next Generation Pastor Candidate)
October 8th: NO AYM due to the Church Cookout
October 15th: Nerf Wars
October 22nd: Capture the "Flags"
October 29th: Outside Dodge Ball
October 31st: Fall Family Festival

AWANA Ministry

2023-2024 AWANA Club Session –
Otherwise known as my constant reminder that
God is in Control!

Any time you are responsible for an organization, there is pressure to make it successful. That pressure can either be real or perceived. I tend to suffer, like many others I know from the later type of pressure when running a program. When we had our registration night on September 17th, I was expecting the doors of the church to be flooded with newcomers. I was hoping that the news had finally gotten out to the public about how great our AWANA leaders were and how much the kids had when they came to club.
Obviously, that didn't happen and thankfully it didn't! God once again reminded me (because the pressure of VBS was already 2 months behind me & I forgot already) that HE IS IN CONTROL! It's not about getting tons of kids registered because I want the exposure for our church or our fabulous leaders. . .it's about getting as many kids as I can through those doors to expose them to the Gospel!

I didn't need to worry because God was in the planning of our themes this year knowing full well that if we had bigger numbers, it would be challenging and put more stress on me and our leaders. God was in the selection of kids who decided to come back and those who are coming for the first time. With smaller groups, our leaders can work closer with the kids which will in turn really solidify those lasting relationships. God reminded me that He constantly listens to our concerns whether they are said out loud or not. Being concerned with volunteer burnout, perhaps this year we can slow down a little. So, despite my initial disappointment, I know that we are going to have a fabulous year together because we can't EVER go wrong when God's hands have been in the details!

Carol Brooks

Coming in October:

1st - Meet the Pastor Night
8th - Pastor Appreciation Night
15th - Food Pantry Night
22nd - Adam & Eve Night (a lesson on honesty)
29th - Fall Festival Night (we will have fun games to play & give out candy)
THIS IS SEPARATE FROM THE CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL.

Nursery Ministry

October Nursery Schedule

Date	Sunday School 9:00 am	Worship 10:15 am	Worship Helper
10/1/23	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Stacie Raymer Ravyn Thomas	Nathaniel Schnurr
10/8/23	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Jeff Herring Susan Haynes	Donovan Saucedo
10/15/23	Melissa Tucker Stacey Super	Nancy Herbst Chris Bulaski	Abby Deuell
10/22/23	Melissa Tucker	Laura Tyler Teresa Birk	Nyssa Rakes
10/29/23	Melissa Tucker	Stacie Raymer Mary Beth Wallace	Elena Tyler

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

Operation Christmas Child

National Collection Week, November 13 - 20th, is just around the corner. Our church is a drop off collection center for this area, so we have to have our shoebox gifts stuffed and ready to go **BEFORE** that week. We will have several opportunities to help stuff the boxes here including a night for the AWANA and the AYM groups to help. If your Sunday School Class, women's or men's Bible Study, or Senior Adult group would like a dedicated packing time, please let me know and I'll arrange it. October collections are **gloves, socks, and dolls.**

Be packing your shoebox gifts at home during this time, too. And remember to pray for the children and to donate monies to help with the shipping and handling of the gifts. You can donate online and track your box's delivery if you'd like. Remember every box represents another child touched with God's love. Lynn and the team

Music Ministry

Fall is here! That means it's time to plan and begin rehearsing special music for Thanksgiving and Christmas. I'm pleased that several people have let me know of their intention to sing with us. Rehearsals are Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm. The Canata this year is entitled "Christmas All Year Long, a Musical of Hope and Cheer". We will need, in addition to the singers, a narrator. So if you are interested and have a good speaking voice, please let me know.

Also, we are beginning a handbell choir the first Sunday night of October at 5:00 pm in the Choir room. We have enough people already available to form a complete choir at that time, but please let me know of your interest for possibly a second group. The bells have been shared with us by Woodland Heights Baptist Church in Chesapeake.
Music is God's gift to us. Our gift to Him is praising Him with our song and talent. See you in church.
Lynn Cooke

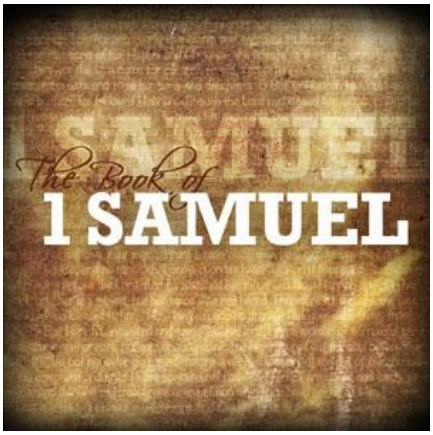
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!
Psalm 150:6

Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

October 7 & 21, 2023
The Book of 1 Samuel

The Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study will meet in October on the 7th and the 21st. As usual, the study will feature a chapter by chapter, verse by verse, word by word, comprehensive Bible study.

In last month's study in I Samuel, David continued to be pursued by King Saul and was hiding in the wilderness of En Gedi by the Dead Sea where he and his followers found refuge among its many caves. In Chapter 24, David once again demonstrated his character and loyalty to the king by sparing his life when he secretly encountered him in one of the caves. David also persuaded his men not to attack Saul.



In October 7th's study, in Chapter 24, despite the desires of his men, David refused to kill Saul saying, "*I will not out put my hand against my lord for he is the LORD'S anointed*" (24:10. He used the incident to try to convince Saul that his mercy toward him was sincere; so that he "*may know and see that there is no wrong or treason in (David's) hands (and that he had) not sinned against him, though (Saul)hunt (his) life to take it?* (24:11).

Hearing David's words, "*Saul lifted his voice and wept*" (25:16). He appeared to believe David's innocence toward him and affirmed David's succession to the crown. Then Saul went home, and David and his men went up to the stronghold.

Chapter 25 opened with the death of Samuel, then recounted the relationship between David, Nabal and Abigail. The study will consider David's request of provisions from the wealthy Nabal, his insulting refusal to provide them, David's angry response, and Abigail's intervention. The Chapter concludes with Nabal's death and David's marriage to Abigail, and others.

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, church members and non-church members. Come and enjoy good fellowship and the Good News found in God's Word. Robert Grymes

Food Pantry Ministry

Thanks to the caring and generosity of our church family, our food pantry continues to be a blessing to our community. Our current food pantry needs are: peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, canned chicken, Jell-O, pudding mix, canned fruit, canned corn, canned beans, pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, canned soup, pork n' beans, cereal, hamburger and tuna helper.

The food pantry provides food for our community the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 1:30 – 3:00 pm.

Belong Women's Ministry Fall Bible Study Update

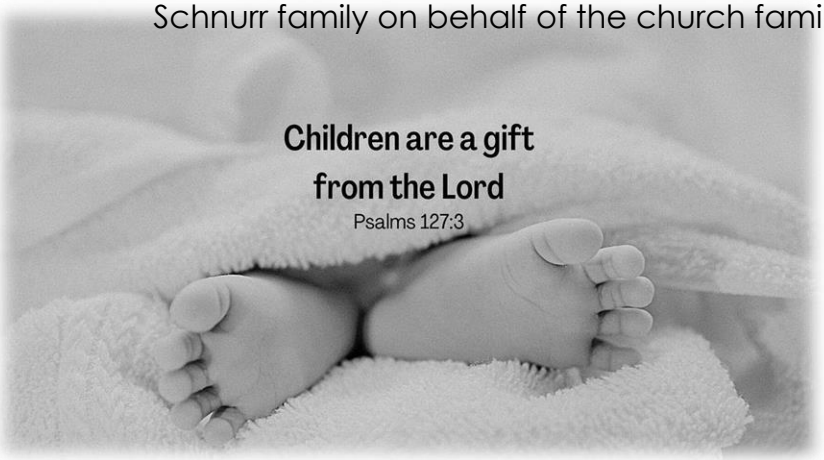
Our fall Bible study began in John 6:5-11. Jesus sees a great crowd coming toward him and decides to feed them. After discussing the matter with Philip, Andrew speaks up about a boy having a lunch of five **small** barley loaves and two **small** fish. Jesus takes that small lunch and feeds over five thousand people. What a great lesson in God's provision! But there is also the lesson of God values the small things. He took a lunch that a mother probably packed for her son and used it to feed a great crowd. He took twelve ordinary men and changed the world. He takes the **small** pieces of our lives and uses them to make a difference where we are.

What a great reminder! In order to be faithful in the small things, we must remain in the **Vine** (John 15:1-4). We must remain rooted to the **Source**. Let's wake up every day and say, "God, I'm going to go where you lead me to go today. What do you have for me today? Where can I be faithful to you today? This family that you've given me, this job that you've given me, this life that you've given me – where can I show up and be faithful today? It may not be the glamorous thing, but it's the faithful thing." wh

Schnurr Baby Arrival in November

Schnurr Family Baby Care Basket

The Belong Women's Ministry would like to bless the Schnurr family with a huge care basket in preparation for the birth of their 6th child and we know our church family would love to help! We asked Sarah to provide us with a list of things she will need, and she provided us with an Amazon Baby Registry to make it simple. Just go to find a registry, type in Sarah E Schnurr, and choose baby registry. Pick one or two of the items to purchase and bring them to the church office by **Sunday, October 22nd**. Please attach a card to your item with your name on it. The care basket will be delivered to the Schnurr family on behalf of the church family.



Widow's Meeting, October 11th @ 11:00 am

Come and join Charlotte Laws and Mitzi Ricks for a time of encouragement and fellowship in the Conference Room on **Wednesday, October 11th at 11:00 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

Nicholas Daniels becomes an Eagle Scout

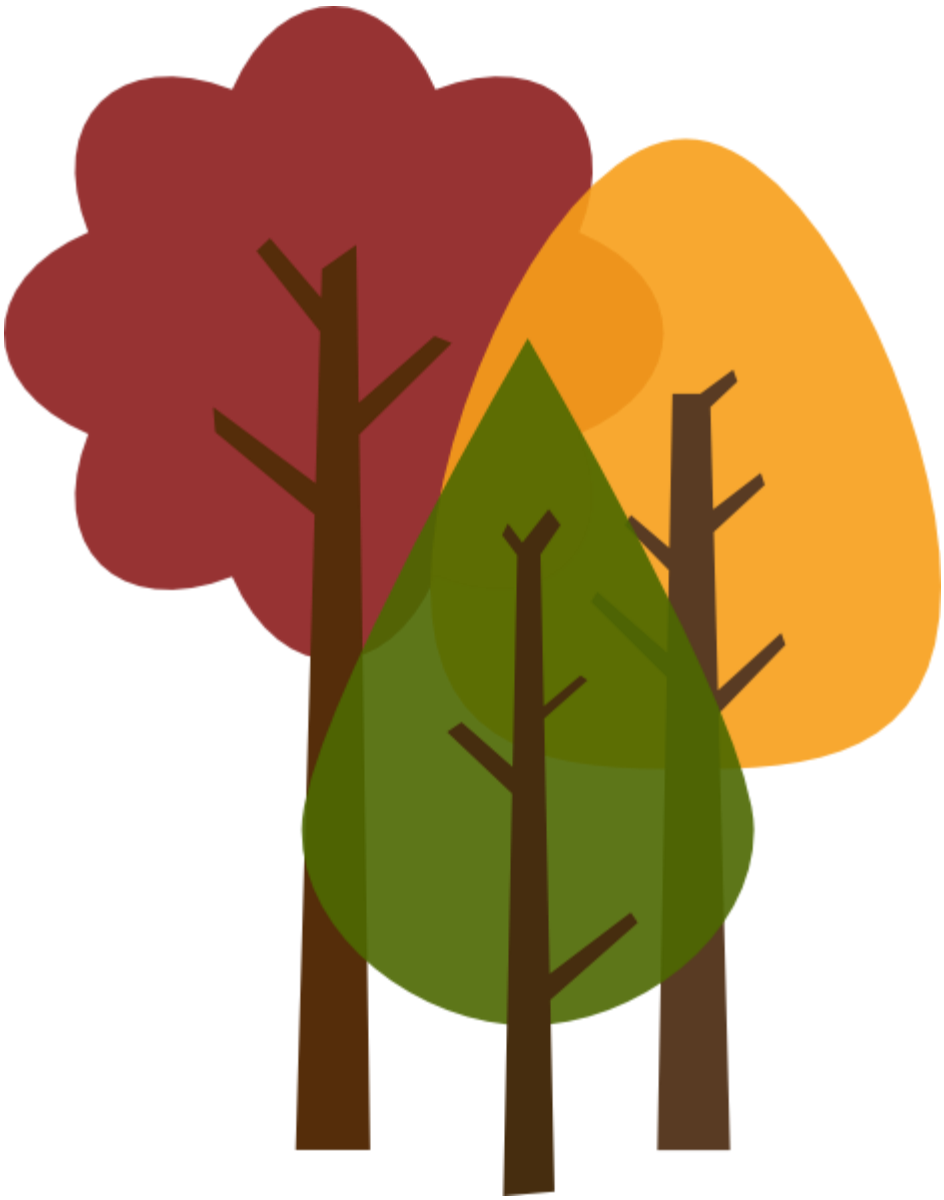
October 15th @ 1:30 P.M.

A few weeks ago, Pastor Todd met with a team of Boy Scout leaders to interview Nicholas Daniels regarding becoming an Eagle Scout.
His ceremony will be on Saturday, October 15th, in the Fellowship Hall.

Discovery Class - Adult Sunday School - A

We engage in different teachings each week highlighting the attributes of God as revealed in the Old and New Testaments. In September and October, we look at God's creation as we see His Glory in all His design (Psalm 19). It is in thinking about God in His greatness, in the full array of His attributes, that our minds are enlarged, our lives are reoriented, and our thirst for Him is deepened. Please come and enjoy the fellowship of the Discovery class . . . no Bible knowledge is necessary . . . just an open heart for the Lord.

Bill Cofer



FALL CHURCH COOKOUT-

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH!

Right after church on Sunday, October 8th, we will have a church cookout. The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks. We are asking you to bring a side dish or two to share. This will be a great time to get to know one another better and meet new faces at Suburban. Bring some clothes to change into for a Suburban game of kickball!

Senior Ministry

In September, we enjoyed a travelogue of Ron Raymer's family vacation to Austria and Germany. We learned that even though the Cathedral of our Lady is beautiful, only 10% of Europeans go to church.

The German school children are required to visit the historical concentration camps. This was a terrible time in Germany. It was shocking to view a map of the camps (numbering in the hundreds).

Ludwig II built the Castle of the Swan in Bavaria. It's beautiful and familiar since Walt Disney used it in designing his Sleeping Beauty castle.

We also got to see the Abby of the nuns from the Sound of Music. This is in Salsburg where Mozart also lived. We learned of the way the scenes from the Sound of Music were filmed, and how they used poetic license in sharing the Von Traps walking across a hill to Switzerland, when in reality that walk would have taken them to Hitler's vacation home. Many more things were shown, and the scenery was as good as post cards.

We would also like to thank Maria and her Italian friends for the delicious Italian meal we enjoyed! You are welcome to cook for us any time!

Coming in October

We have Christen Haynes-Bulaski coming to inform us about the strategy and mission of Operation Smile, where she is the Senior Manager of Program Planning and Operations.

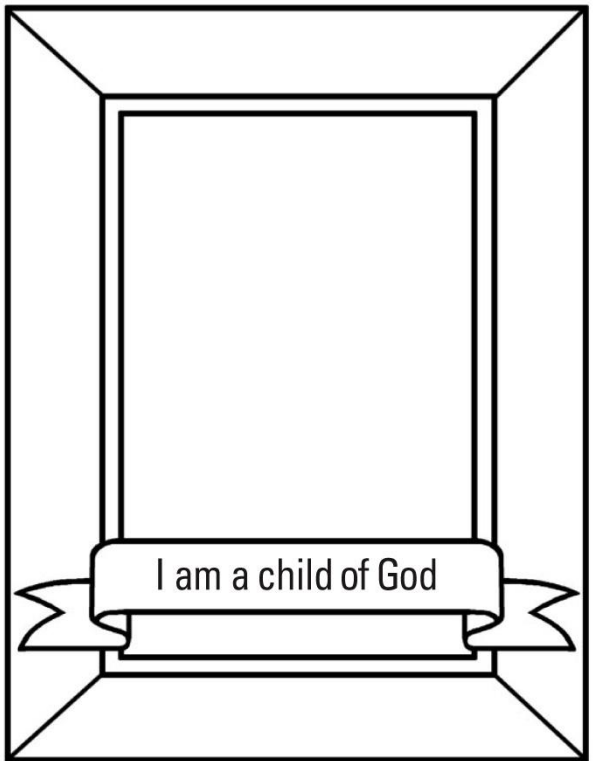
Christen is also getting her Masters of Business Administration from William and Mary.

Bring your favorite chili or a dessert to share for our October meeting. Our September meeting was well attended and I'm sure October will be great as well!

We love him 'cause He first loved us,
Lary Thomas

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?

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How can you serve others at home or at school?

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What is your favorite praise song?

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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

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2. Proverbs 2:6 gives For wisdom the Lord

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3. Isaiah 26:4 the forever Trust Lord in

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

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

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

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

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Fall Harvest

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