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The Suburban Connection

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“Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

Ephesians 4:15,16

Turn Your Clocks Forward!

Don't forget daylight savings time begins on March 13th at 2:00 am this year. If you want to make sure you aren't late for church, it's a good idea to turn the clocks ahead before you go to bed on the night of the 12th! I always love when we go forward. I know we lose an hour of sleep, but it reminds me that spring is coming, and we have that extra hour of daylight in the evening which is something I appreciate in the summer months.

Save the Date!

**Men's
Breakfast &
Bible Study**

March 5th & 19th
8:00 am

**Seniors
Ministry Mtg**

March 17th
11:30 am
Fellowship Hall

Belong

March 5th
“A Day with
Lisa Harper”
River Oak
Church

Baptism

March 27th
During Worship
Service



From the Pastor's Desk:

“SERVING AT SUBURBAN”

During the month of March, we are going to focus on serving. Why do you think that God left us here on earth after he saved us? God could have easily zapped us after he saved us and taken us straight to heaven...but he didn't. Why? Because God wants us to glorify him through serving. Ephesians 2:10 says, “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” In Ephesians 2, God's word is very clear, we are not saved by our works, but we are saved to do his work.

Each of the Sundays in March will focus on a different area of serving the body of Christ at Suburban.

1. March 6 - “Revival and Serving”

Our year verse in Psalm 85:6 focuses on revival. We are praying for revival. On this Sunday we will see how revival will lead to a renewed sense of purpose. This purpose is to serve God and his people.

2. March 13 - “Jesus and Serving”

Jesus said in Mark 10:45, “For even the son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” On this Sunday, we will focus on how Jesus came to serve us, providing a clear example for us to follow.

3. March 20 - “Christians and Serving”

Every Christian is a member, a vital part of the body of Jesus Christ (the Church). When you think about your own physical, human body, every “member” is important. Every “member” plays a vital role. The same as true in the body of Christ, every member has an important role to play. This Sunday will focus on how everyone is an active participant in the work of the Lord.

4. March 27 - “Excuses and Serving”

God's people have always been good at making excuses... excuses for why they can't serve. Moses tried to convince God that he had picked the wrong person to serve. Jeremiah was sure that he was too young to serve the Lord. On this Sunday, we will examine the many excuses people give for why they can't serve and Scripture that addresses each excuse.

Following the message on March 27, the church will provide a meal and an opportunity for you to see where you can serve. My prayer is that God will pour out his Spirit upon us, reviving us to serve with joy!

Serving with you,
Pastor Todd

Sunday School

Wouldn't you just love to spend an hour every Sunday with lively, eager 1st and 2nd graders discovering who God is and how He works? Mary Justis and Robert Ramirez lead this class and get to enjoy all the fun and "aha" moments as the children learn.

Mary met Jesus in her own Sunday school class when she was 10 years old. She has been a teacher in the public schools for 27 years, teaching both 1st and 3rd grades. Mary loves watching her Sunday school kids get excited about learning about God and Jesus and the people in the Bible.

Robert accepted the Lord at a revival meeting at his church when he was 8 years old. His parents had recently been saved and all of the family's life changed. Robert is an electrician and owns his own business.

He is really enjoying teaching Sunday school and loves hearing the children's answers and thoughts in class. We are so thankful that God leads committed, caring people to disciple our kids!

Jan Grills



Nursery News

Nursery Volunteers for March 2022

Date	Sunday School 9:00 am	Worship Service 10:15 am	Worship Helper
3/6/22	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Stacie Raymer Samantha Haynes	William Schnurr
3/13/22	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Jeff Herring Susan Haynes	Nathaniel Schnurr
3/20/22	Melissa Tucker Stacey Super	Nancy Herbst Chris Bulaski	Donovan Saucedo
3/27/22	Melissa Tucker Rebecca Beckner-Driver	Lou & Ara Miller	Abby Deuell

If you would like to join the nursery ministry by helping one Sunday per month – during Sunday School or the Worship Service – please contact Stacie Raymer (sraymer@odu.edu; 757-589-5731). Young teenage helpers are also welcomed to help.

“But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 19:14





The **Pastor's Study Partners** meet every Friday from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm at the church. Read over the Scripture noted in the bulletin and come prepared to share your thoughts. Everyone is invited!

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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What's Happening In.... Suburban Kids

AWANA MINISTRY

After all the snow days we missed in January and February, we have been plugging away at memorizing verses! We had Popcorn with the Pastor night served up fresh from the popcorn cart - it was a hit! We also celebrated hard work at our first official awards night for all groups. All of our Cubbies earned awards for completing sections and most of our Sparks received their "wings" and their first "jewel" for completing a section in their handbooks. We had about 6 T&T clubbers earn patches for saying their verses. It was a very successful night to say the least.

We are moving into March with the Armor of God (fitting don't you think with what is unfolding in Europe), our first Bible Trivia night and Favorite Verse night. I can't wait to share with you all some of the verses our clubbers choose as their favorites. My prayer is that if they don't have a favorite verse right now, that by spending time in Suburban's AWANA program, they will!

We have the BEST leaders any program could ask for. Each week they take the time to work with the kids helping them to not only recite the verses but understand how The Word impacts their daily lives. It really is a beautiful thing. We couldn't do any of this without the help and prayers from our congregation! Thank you for all of your support and love!

Sincerely,
Carol Brooks



Baptism Sunday, March 27th!



A service of baptism is planned for Sunday, March 27th during the Worship Service. If you would like to be baptized, please contact the church office (495-0352 or office@sccvb.org) to set up an appointment with Pastor Todd.

AMBASSADOR YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello, Suburban Christian Church Family! Ambassador Youth Ministry is going strong! We finished a study on *Having a Biblical World View* and are currently doing a study on *Media* and how it impacts us every single day.

In Session One, we learned that media is basically any form of communication that reaches or influences groups of people. People in the media who have a worldly perspective on things will view things differently than those who have a biblical perspective. As followers of Christ, we need to examine our views on issues to be sure we are listening to God's Word rather than the world. Scripture says that our faith should be "not in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:5).



In Session Two, we learned that one of the goals of media is to push "you need this in order to be happy." Money, beauty, and fashion appear to be a necessity and we can easily be tempted to believe that these things are the "keys to happiness." God's Word has different views concerning all of these. The Bible says that the love of money is the root of all evil and that we should seek treasure in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Timothy 6:10). Concerning beauty, our main focus should not be looking good on the outside, but on the inside (1 Samuel 16:7). Regarding fashion, our effort/time should not go toward keeping up with the newest styles, but on becoming Christ-like (1 Peter 3:3-4).

Our Creator makes it clear that only lasting satisfaction and true happiness can be found in Him. As Psalm 37:4 says, "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart."

FUN FACTS FROM AYM:

One of the highlights of AYM are the games Pastor Todd and Wendy plan. We have played "Ultimate Dodgeball," "Capture the Noodle," "Life and Death," "Laser Tag," "Nerf War," "Spoons," and "Infection."

Pastor Todd is challenging "all those willing" at Foosball. He used to play a lot in college, and it seems like he still has the "skills to pay the bills." LOL! 😊

There are several kids who have been assigned new nicknames: William Schnurr is "Toes," Seth is "Crowbar," and Abby Cooke is "I Don't Run Abby."



Office Hours

**Tuesday – Friday
8:30 am – 4:00 pm**

**Thank you for observing office hours
when dropping off items for various
ministries of our church.**

Food Pantry

On the first and third Tuesdays of every month our food pantry is able to help families in our community who are in need of food because of the donations from you! The food pantry needs are updated in the bulletin after every distribution Tuesday. The immediate needs are always printed in bold. You may drop off donations for the food pantry during office hours (8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday).



Regularly Needed Pantry Items

Peanut Butter	Canned Fruit
Jelly	Pudding
Saltine Crackers	Jell-o Mix
Spaghetti Sauce	Ramen
Rice-a-Roni	Mac/Cheese
Cereal	Rice
Canned Vegetables	Paper Towels
Fresh Fruits/Vegetables	Toilet Paper
Hamburger/Tuna Helper	Laundry Detergent
*Toiletry items are given if available.	

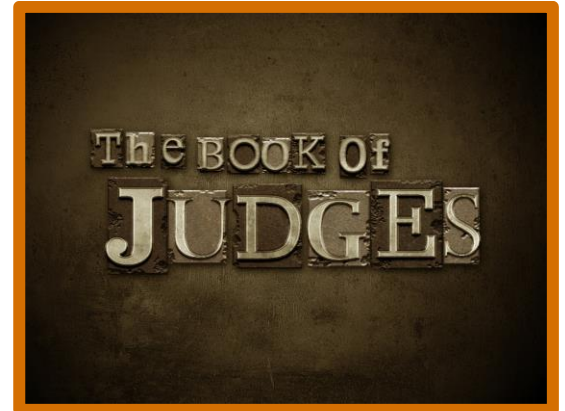
Thank you, **Amie Mitchell, Gloria Livingston, and Nicki Daniels** for your service in the Food Pantry Ministry and for being a light to those who come in need.



Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study

The Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study will meet in March on the 5th and the 19th and will continue with the study on the **Book of Judges** that was begun last month. As usual, the study will feature a chapter by chapter, verse by verse, word by word, comprehensive Bible study.

Last month's study of Chapters 1-3 ended with the introduction of **the first of Israel's 12 Judges, Othniel, Ehud and Shamgar**, and their leadership in the conquest of Canaan, "The Promised Land." It laid the foundation of Israel's pattern of peace and prosperity followed by rebellion, punishment, repentance and deliverance; and God's restoration of mercy, grace, and forgiveness. The book demonstrate that God keeps His word: He will not overlook sin, it will be punished, but He will always forgive those who repent and seek His forgiveness."



The study also introduced **Deborah**, Israel's only female Judge, in **Chapter 4**, She was also a prophetess. After the Israelites once again "*did what was evil in the sight of the LORD*," and God "*sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan*" for 20 years, Deborah rallied the aid of Barak, a man of Naphtali who formed an army and defeated Canaan's forces, under Sisara, the Canaanite commander, at Mount Tabor.

This month's study will compete **Chapter 4's** account of the death of Sisera at the hand of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, and the defeat of Jabin the king of Canaan.

The study will continue with a study of **Chapter 5's "Song of Deborah and Barak."** The song is of victory over Israel's Canaanite adversaries. It is widely viewed by many biblical scholars as being among the most ancient of all biblical materials. It appears to have been sung by both of them and recounts their victory over the Canaanites with praises to the LORD.

Chapter 5 concludes with, "*And the land had rest for forty years,*"

Chapter 6 opens with the recurring words, "*The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD . . .*," and God "*gave them over into the hand of Median seven years.*" That leads to a study of **Gideon** of the tribe of Manasseh, the fifth judge over Israel and his forty years of leadership. An angel of the LORD called as a young boy ("*O mighty man of valor*") who was threshing wheat. He destroyed an altar to the pagan god Baal and united the Israelites against their common enemies.

This month's study will describe his call, his uniting Manasseh with Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali, and "the sign of the fleece."

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-members.

The breakfast and the Bible study are open to all men and 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.

Bob Grymes

PLEASE JOIN US

Operation Christmas Child Corner

The worldwide collection of shoebox gifts for 2021 total was 10,505,155!! Our part from Suburban was 906. That we have a part in such a huge witnessing event is unbelievable. Keep up the good work. Keep praying for the children who are reached with every shoebox. Keep collecting and making items to fill more boxes this year to reach more children. As our church revives our commitment to God, let our love show through our actions as well as our words. Thank you for caring. Lynn



Music Notes

Easter is fast approaching. The choir is working on a special presentation for Palm Sunday, April 10 that will remind us all of what Christ has done and continues to do for us. Keep the music ministry in your prayers. The singers, the musicians, the sound crew and me, the director, are truly appreciative of the support.



The Senior Adult Choir begins rehearsals on Monday, March 7 at 1:00 pm. Everyone who likes to sing is invited.

Thank you especially to Dana and to Denny who have stepped up to play the piano for the past couple of months while Sharon was not available. Lynn

Senior's Ministry



Pastor Todd was our speaker for the February meeting. He shared his thoughts and plans for 2022 and told us how we could be a part of it. Then we all enjoyed soft tacos made by Charlotte Laws and Evonne Thomas. Taco Bell, move over – they have you beat by a mile!

Chris Tyler will be the speaker at the March meeting, when he will talk about prayer. Come hear his inspiring message and enjoy a time of food and fellowship afterwards. The Seniors Ministry sponsors all of our programs, but they are open to adults of all ages.

Dana Mosteller

Belong Women's Ministry

The Belong Women's Ministry of Suburban were excited to host a baby shower for Mason and Ravyn Thomas who will be welcoming a baby boy, named Micah, at the end of March. Our church family, along with friends of Mason and Ravyn, were in attendance. Pastor Todd led a devotion to begin the festivities, followed by cake, nuts, mints, and punch. I would like to thank Carol Brooks, Marsha Utley, and Phyllis for helping decorate the Fellowship Hall, Ara Miller for serving the cake, Charlotte Laws and Julia Wilson for serving the punch, and Emma Tyler for passing the gifts to Ravyn to open. Most importantly, we would like to give praise to the Lord for blessing Mason and Ravyn with this little one. ^{wh}



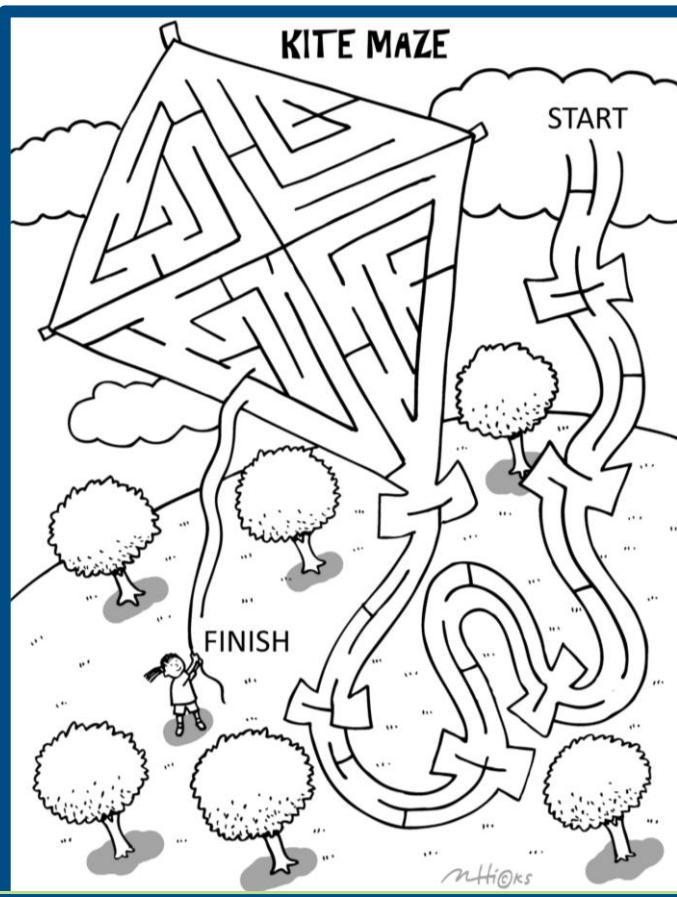
On Saturday, March 5th, a group of ladies from Suburban went to hear Lisa Harper at River Oak Church in Chesapeake. We especially enjoyed the fellowship and reminders from God's Word.

What's coming up in Belong?

- *A church workday is in the works for the month of April. Details will be announced soon.
- *The planning for VBS is underway so we are encouraging all who can to get involved.
- *In August, we hope to begin a new Bible study.

Behold, Children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!

Psalm 127:3-5



DID YOU KNOW the Bible describes God as a lion and a lamb? Look up the following verses and see.

Revelation 5:5

"Weep no more; behold the _____ of the tribe of _____, the Root of David, has conquered."

John 1:29

"Behold, the _____ of _____, who takes away the _____ of the world."

WHAT'S THE ANSWER? Pastor Todd played a certain sport when he was growing up. You must be in good shape to play the game and work as a team. What do you think the sport was? Write your answer in the blank, then bring it to Pastor Todd to see if you have the correct answer. If you do, you get a prize!

I think the sport was _____.