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# The Suburban Connection

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## WALK WITH JESUS EASTER CELEBRATION

A **HUGE Thank You** to all that helped with the Walk With Jesus Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt! Because of your hard work and dedication, it was a success! We haven't had the opportunity to put together anything for the neighborhood in the past 2 years so it was really hard to tell how many would venture out this year, but we had 22 kids, 12 of which do not attend Suburban. This was a great time to show our neighbors not only our beautiful church but how we offer a God-loving, God-fearing and Jesus Chasing church family. We pray that we will once again be able to bring the story of Easter to many more families next year.

Carol Brooks



### Save the Date

#### Blood Drive

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

2:00 – 6:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

#### Young Life Sunday

May 8<sup>th</sup>

10:15 am during  
the Worship  
Service

#### Congregational Mtg.

May 11<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm  
Sanctuary

# The Church Doctrinal Statement

Pastor Todd is currently preaching a series of messages on the Church Doctrinal Statement – What We Believe. 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)

1. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as verbally inspired of God inerrant in the original writings, and that they are of the supreme and final authority in faith and life. **(2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Matthew 24:35)**

2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **(Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:13-17 and 28:19; John 1:1-3 and 14:25-26)**

3. We believe that in His incarnation, Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit, was born of the Virgin Mary, and is truly God and truly man. **(Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; Romans 9:5; Titus 2:13)**

4. We believe that man was originally created in the image of God as a sinless being. By voluntary transgression, he fell from that sinless state by rejecting God's word and submitting to the deception of Satan. As a result, all mankind are now sinners by nature and by conduct and thereby incur not only physical death, but also that spiritual death, which is separation from God and are justly under His condemnation. **(Genesis 1:26-27, 2:16-17 and 3:6-7; Psalm 51:5; Romans 1:18-23, 3:9-18, 23 and 5:12-19)**

5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, that He arose victorious from the grave on the third day, that He ascended into heaven, and that His present life there for us is as High Priest and Advocate. **(Isaiah 53; Matthew 28:6; John 3:16; Acts 1:9; Romans 3:24-25; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:14-16)**

6. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood and thereby become children of God. True faith is always accompanied by repentance from sin. Repentance is agreeing with God that you are sinful, confessing your sins to Him, and making a conscious choice to turn from sin and pursue Christ and obedience to Him. **(John 1: 12-13 and 3:3, 5; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Luke 13:3, 5; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; Matthew 11:28-30; John 17:3; 1 John 2:3)**

7. We believe that every saved person is involved in a daily conflict – the new creation in Christ doing battle against the flesh – but adequate provision is made for victory through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. The spiritual struggle never completely ends. Eradication of sin is not possible in this life, but the Holy Spirit does provide for victory over sin. **(Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 4:22-24; Philippians 3:12; Colossians 3:9-10; 1 Peter 1:14-16; 1 John 3:3-9)**

8. We believe that God has instituted marriage as the union of one man and one woman as husband and wife in a covenant commitment for a lifetime. **(Genesis 2:15-25; Matthew 19:3-9)**

9. We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. **(John 5:24, 6:37-40, 10:27-30; Romans 5:9-10, 8:1 and 31-39; 1 Corinthians 1:4-8; Ephesians 4:30; Hebrews 7:2; 1 Peter 1:5; Jude 24)**

10. We believe that God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth which is our blessed hope; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord. **(John 5:28-29; Acts 1:11; 1 Corinthians 15; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Titus 2:13; Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 20: 11-15)**

# What's Happening In...

# Suburban Kids

## AWANA

Another year of Awana is coming to a close. It has been such a blessing to see all of our clubbers get excited about learning more about God's word and how His love covers us all. When I asked some of the clubbers what their favorite part of club was, here is what some of them said:

Elizabeth Bulthouse (T&T) - "Best thing is Games, store night & Dot the Leader night!"

Joseph Kim (Sparks) - "Store night & the Armor of God night because I was the only one that came with Armor on, and I got double points!"

Abel Schwartz (T&T) - "Store night because you get something to show for all your hard work."

Kaitlyn Swedlow (Puggles) - "Coloring & Snack time!"

I want to thank all of our volunteers this year:

Puggles: Ally Litzenberger & Melissa Tucker

Cubbies: Sammy Saucedo & Mary Justis

Sparks: Ashely West, Nancy Herbst & Stacie Raymer

T&T: Brad West, Hollice Wiggins & Samara Saucedo



We also need DONATIONS for our last AWANA store night on May 15. We need toys/gifts for all ages (books, notepads, cards, even gift cards). There is a basket in the foyer for donations.



# Come join us for:



**younglife Sunday**

**Sunday, May 8, 2022 @ 10:15 am**

Guest Speakers: Virginia Beach Area Director, Mike Terranova, along with testimonies from high school students



## 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)



# Congratulations

to  
Our High School Senior



## Keith Cooke

Keith will graduate from Indian River High School in Chesapeake. He is active on the senior student council and will attend TCC in the fall. He plans to get a general studies associates degree then move on to a four year university to pursue a bachelors. Ultimately, he would like to study law.

On Sunday mornings, Keith is responsible for our live streaming and works in our sound room. Thank you for your faithfulness!

To help support Keith as he goes to college, the Belong Women's Ministry is placing a basket in the foyer for our Suburban Family to fill with some of the things he will be needing while in college. We will be collecting these items during the month of May. Since he will be staying in the area, he says his main needs are gift cards for gas or Amazon.

# AMBASSADOR YOUTH MINISTRY

Pastor Todd planned fun night with the teenagers on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed playing cornhole, roasting marshmallows, making smores, and eating hot dogs. There were some who also enjoyed playing on the church playground.

Pastor Todd brought a devotion on Jesus coming in as King from Luke 19: 28-40. The teens joined in on the discussion. There were two responses of the people: those who welcomed him as King and those who rejected him as King. The Jews were looking for the anointed One to come, but Jesus came to conquer sin and death (spiritual battle) instead of coming as a military leader to conquer their political adversaries and liberate them from Roman rule. He came to deliver us from the rule of sin in our lives.

After the devotion, we played "Capture the Noodle." We have some pretty competitive teenagers, so Pastor Todd keeps everyone in check! There were some who REALLY ENJOYED the smores and had chocolate and marshmallow all over their hands and faces (sorry moms and dads). 😊





## Financial Peace University

Did you know that **89%** of the people in a typical American congregation don't have a financial safety net? Shocked? We were too. But there's **HOPE!** And that hope is Financial Peace University.

FPU is a 9-lesson course taught by Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. With FPU, our church members will learn step by step how to handle money using biblical wisdom and common sense.



Through life-changing videos, online tools and resources, and group accountability, we will learn how to create and stick to a budget, save for emergencies, pay off debt, and plan for the future.

Just imagine the impact we could have on the community if we were all debt-free! Marriages and families would be strengthened. People would be freed up to be outrageously generous. This kind of hope will ignite change in our entire community!

Join Clyde and Stephanie Council on Thursday nights beginning **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pricing begins at \$59.99 now and everything is online (books, too) and everyone can use a 14-day free trial (**fpu.com/1150073**) so that's pretty neat! AND anyone who has ever taken the course before can always re-take at no additional cost. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the foyer by the church office.



Because of the generosity of our church family, our food pantry has been a blessing to our community and have ministered to several new families. At this time, our pantry is in need of a few things: **Jell-O mix and pudding mix, Jelly, Beans, Cereal (regular size), Saltine Crackers, and tuna/hamburger helper. Also, when you go grocery shopping, would you mind asking for paper bags? The food pantry uses them to pack the groceries for those we serve, and we are running very low.**

Our Food Pantry provides for food for the community on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. Donations for the pantry are accepted during church office hours (Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm).

## Serving Suburban – Church Workday

We would like to thank all of those who came out to help complete some spring cleaning and projects around our church facility. God gave wonderful weather, and we enjoyed a lot of laughter, fellowship, and the body of Christ coming together to serve. The children helped Mrs. Wendy outside by loading bricks and cleaning one of the slides on the playground, the teens cleaned the church van and trailer, several cleaned the windows, baseboards, doors, kitchen cabinets, the attic was assessed, the sheds were cleaned out, and 6 truckloads were taken to the dump. We began with prayer and when all the tasks were completed, we got together for Hollice's famous grilled hotdogs. We would also like to thank the Belong Women's Ministry for planning and organizing the workday.

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## Update on Serving Tool

The first release of the Suburban Christian Church "Serving the Body" resource is now available! An insert has been included with the May newsletter. We recommend you keep this resource in your church directory. The resource includes a list of willing servants for helps/skills/trades, as well as a contact sheet with phone numbers, e-mail addresses and available days and times.



For those whose names appear on the list, if you have an update to make or we didn't get it quite right, please reach out to Wendy Haynes or Chris Tyler so revisions can be made for the next version.

For those who have not yet turned in the SCC Spiritual "Body" Building Tool with your willingness to serve the church and the body of Christ, there is still time. The church office has extra tools, and you can return your completed tools to Wendy. The "Serving the Body" resource will be updated throughout the year as more people step forward to use their God-given abilities, gifts and willingness to serve and grow the body of Christ.

For those that expressed willingness to serve **within** the church (Sunday School, Children's Church, Food Pantry, Greeters, etc.), your names have been shared with Pastor Todd and the other ministry leaders within the church. They may be reaching out to you where there is a need.

Thank you for serving and choosing to participate in the awesome things God is doing!

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## Seniors Ministry

At the April meeting Jim Fry presented a spellbinding account of a mission trip to Morocco. Very, very few Christians live there, and those who do are persecuted as soon as their identities are discovered. After the meeting we all enjoyed a delicious lunch featuring Evonne's Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwiches and various side dishes.

The Kings Choir will be our guest at the next meeting, May 19 at 11:00. Mark your calendars to save this date. Come hear this outstanding group and enjoy a time of food and fellowship afterwards. The entrée of pork bar-B-Q will be provided; please bring side dishes to share. We will be feeding about 40 singers, so plan LARGE side dishes!

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

Dana Mosteller



# Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study & Prayer Breakfast

May 7 & 14, 2022 / Judges 8 & 9

**The Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study will meet in May on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup> and will continue the study on the **Book of Judges**.** 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 6** involved God's call of Gideon, his destruction of his father's altar to Baal, and his uniting of the tribe of Manasseh with those of Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali in their war against their common enemies, the Midianites, the Amalekites and the people of the east.

Before embarking on his God-given charge by the angel of the LORD to *"save Israel from the hand of Median" (6:14)*, he sought "the sign of the fleece." God gave him that sign that very night.

And the study of **Chapter 7** presented the intriguing account of God requiring Gideon to reduce the number of his forces from 22,000 to 300 *"lest Israel boast over me saying, 'My own hand saved me'" (7:2)* and his surprise attack that routed the armies of Midianites and the Amalekites and all the people of the East (Arabs) who awoke from their sleep to the commotion in a panic, even turning on each other in the confusion, and fled.

**This month's study will feature chapters 8 and 9.**

**In Chapter 8**, the study will follow Gideon and his forces as they pursued the enemy to the east side of the Jordan River and killed the remaining foes.

It will include accounts of how even God's anointed can engage in behaviors that result in dire consequences.

One will involve Gideon's desire for a share of the plunders of war. After refusing the peoples' attempts to make him a king, he requested that, *"every one of you give me the (golden) earrings from his spoil, (8:24)* from which he made an ephod.

Another will involve his *"seventy sons. . .for he had many wives. And his concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a son. . . Abimelech." (8:30-31)*, **Those behaviors and their consequences will be fully discussed.**

*"Gideon died in a good old age and was buried in the tomb of Joash his father at Ophrah. . ." (8:32).*

*"As soon as Gideon died, the people turned again. . . and did not remember the LORD their God" (8:33-34).* **And Israel's cycle of sin continued.**

**Chapter 9** will follow Abimelech's rise and fall, including his treachery that led to the killing of Gideon's seventy sons, save Jotham who escaped.

It will cover Abimelech becoming king of Shechem and his downfall when *"God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the leaders of Shechem" (9:23).*

Abimelech served three years before he was killed by *"a certain woman (who) threw an upper mill-stone on (his) head and crushed his skull. Then he called quickly to the young man his armor-bearer and said to him, 'Draw your sword and kill me, lest they say, 'A woman killed him'"*

As for the people of Shechem, *"God rendered upon their heads. . . the curse of Jotham. . ." (re: 9:20) (9:57).*

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. It begins at 8:00 am and concludes around 9:30 am.

Bob Grymes



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CORNER



It's time for our monthly collections to begin for this year's Shoebox Ministry. During the month of May, we'll be collecting **YO-YOs, JUMP ROPES, and PADDLE BALLS**. Just pick some up each time you're in the Dollar Tree or someplace similar and bring them to church and deposit them in our basket in the hallway, across from the Welcome Desk. This year, our goal is more than last year's total of 906 shoebox gifts filled, funded, and delivered to children all over the world. Join in and help us meet the goal. Thanks, Lynn



Don't forget to be setting aside money donations to help with the shipping costs.



## Music Notes

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Easter cantata and to those who are so faithful to fill in when needed on an instrument. If you play and want to participate, please let me know. If you like to sing, there is a place for you, too. Now is the time to find your place of service as you share your gift with us.

If you have a favorite hymn or worship song that you would like to have sung in the worship service, please let me know so I can get it on the schedule. Just call, text, email, or speak to me about it. I'm in the directory. Thanks, Lynn



## Nursery News

The nursery is open for families who need childcare for their little ones during the church service. An adult and student helper are present each week to care for the children. Anyone who would like to help in the nursery during church or Sunday school, please email or call Stacie Raymer ([sraymer@odu.edu](mailto:sraymer@odu.edu); 757-589-5731). Following is the church service nursery schedule for May 2022.

## MAY SCHEDULE

Date	Sunday School 9:00 – 10:00 am	Worship 10:15 am	Worship Helper
5/1/22	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Stacie Raymer Samantha Haynes	Nathaniel Schnurr
5/8/22	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Jeff Herring Susan Haynes	Donovan Saucedo
5/15/22	Melissa Tucker Stacey Super	Nancy Herbst Chris Bulaski	Abbey Deuell
5/22/22	Melissa Tucker Rebecca Beckner-Driver	Laura Tyler Ara Miller	Sophia Deuell
5/29/22	Melissa Tucker	Stacie Raymer TBD	Samara Saucedo





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## Children's Church News

Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be offering Children's Church again!! The pandemic caused so many challenges and we are prayerfully moving toward normalcy. As we begin, we are looking to be serving children from kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade currently. We received a wonderful response to the "Serving Survey" recently offered to everyone. We are THANKFUL for Vanessa Anderson and her dad Scott, Jim Bishop, Carol Brooks, Diana Gorski, Susan Haynes, Jeff Herring and Mary Justis who have volunteered to assist to get things up and rolling and Samara Sucedo from the younger group who volunteered to assist also. If anyone else would like to join us in following God's direction given to us in Proverbs 22:6; "Train up a child in the way he should go; and he when he is old, he will not depart from it." (ESV); please let us know.....we would LOVE to have you!

Lois Ritger



## Easter Cantata – Thank You from Pastor Todd



Pastor Todd would like to thank all the musicians, choir members, and audio-visual personnel for their dedication to practicing for the Easter Cantata. Thank you, Stacey Super, for organizing the children to be a part of the celebration. AND THANK YOU, Lynn Cooke, for your faithfulness and dedication to the music program at Suburban.

Just for...

Suburban  
Kids

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

### Hebrews 11:7

By \_\_\_\_\_ Noah,  
being \_\_\_\_\_ by  
God concerning \_\_\_\_\_ as yet  
\_\_\_\_\_, in reverent \_\_\_\_\_  
constructed an \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_.

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\_\_\_\_\_ and became an  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the righteousness that  
\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

## Noah's Ark Word Search

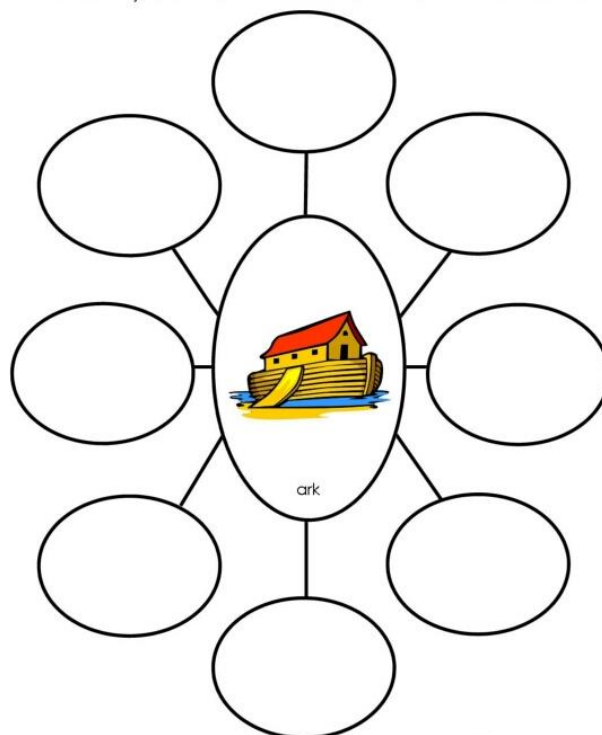
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Color Me



Write a word in the circles that describes the picture in the middle circle.