The

Suburban Connection

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HAPPY EASTER

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

John 11:25-26

Save the Date!

Food Pantry

April 4th & **18**th 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Easter Event, Egg Hunt, & Bake Sale

April 8th

10:00 am

Senior Ministry Mtg.

April 20th 11:00 am

Secret Church

April 21st

7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

From the Pastor's Desk The Power of the Passover

I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant. Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians." Exodus 6:5-7

Jewish tradition states that the four cups of Passover represent the four aspects of redemption listed in these verses from Exodus:

1. I WILL BRING YOU OUT FROM UNDER THE YOKE OF THE EGYPTIANS

This is the first stage of liberation – the practical and actual rescue from captivity. It is the physical transition out of Egypt and towards the Promised Land. As believers, we can see that when Yeshua paid for our sin on the cross, we were made free from condemnation, and can start our journey of a life walking with God. The fact that the Jewish people went through water might also parallel the believer's baptism as part of the liberation process.

2. I WILL FREE YOU FROM BEING SLAVES TO THEM

The second stage is more about mental liberation. Even when freed, humans and animals can sometimes still act as if they are not. Sometimes this is called institutionalization. We get so used to living in a cage, we don't know how to walk in freedom. Here, God promises to free Israel of the slave mindset, and we too need to be liberated from a mind that has been in bondage to sin. We need to understand more and more that we really are free, and learn how to live accordingly.

3. I WILL REDEEM YOU WITH AN OUTSTRETCHED ARM AND WITH MIGHTY ACTS OF JUDGEMENT

The Exodus story is full of the supernatural. I often wonder if these miracles happened today what we might think . . . are we willing to accept God in all his supernatural wonder? His mighty outstretched arm? Some of the miracles and judgments are hard to accept – especially when seen from the perspective of the ordinary Egyptian. This is our God – mighty in wonders, unfathomable, unstoppable, and unlike anything we could possibly understand. But this is our rescuer. He wants us to embrace him and his redemption, and let him decide how things must be done.

4. I WILL TAKE YOU AS MY OWN PEOPLE, AND I WILL BE YOUR GOD

The ultimate goal is relationship. God wants intimacy with his people. The desert can be seen to represent walking in intimacy with God, and in fact God looks back at that time right after the exodus as something of a honeymoon with his people (Jeremiah 2:1-3; Hosea 2:14-15).

My pastor once said, "a dessert is something you want and don't need, but the desert is something you don't want, but you do need." Desert life is not easy, but it's often where our walk with God gets deeper and more intimate. One day we will be in the promised place of ultimate rest but until then, life with God is not always going to be a walk in the park. It's a time to learn about our rescuer, and grow in our ability and willingness to trust, love and follow him. We are with him, and he is with us. We are his people, and he is our God. We are bonded in relationship, and that is our joy and his.

(HTTPS://www.ONEFORISRAEL.ORG/2016/06/01/)

Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

The Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study continues to meet on the <u>first and third</u> <u>Saturdays of each month</u>. In April that will be on April 1st and the 15th. The study continues in the Book of 1 Samuel with its usual chapter by chapter, verse by verse, word by word, comprehensive examination of Scripture.

On April 1, in **Chapter 15**, the study will deal with God's rejection of Saul's reign ("I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned his back from following me and has not performed my commandments.") Once again Saul will ignore God's directions (to utterly destroy the Amalekites) and take matters into his own hands and once again Saul attempted to justify his disobedience. This time, to no avail.

On the 15th, attention will be directed to **Chapter 16** in which God instructed His prophet, Samuel, to go to the house of Jesse the Bethlehemite, "for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." After Samuel anointed David the Spirit of the LORD came upon him. Simultaneously, the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, replaced by a distressing, troubling spirit. God then placed David in Saul's employ to sooth his "harmful, tormenting spirit" with his skillful playing of the lyre. Ironically, Saul became dependent on the one who God had designated to replace him. Thus beginning their love/hate relationship that will playout for several chapters.

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.

PLEASE JOIN US

The Discovery Class Sunday Mornings – Fellowship Hall A – 9:00



We will engage in different teachings each week highlighting the attributes of God as revealed in the Old and New Testaments. 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.



When: Friday, April 21, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 (payable at event)

Please sign up in the foyer if you plan attending. You will be given a study guide/workbook the night of the session.

This year's theme: Jonah

Jonah is one of the best known books of the Bible. But beyond the fascinating story of a fish swallowing a man, you will find the challenging account of God's most unwilling prophet and how, more often than not, we, like Jonah, choose our own comfort over nations, even those we would consider our enemies.

Join us on April 21 for a one-night, intensive Bible study walking through the book of Jonah, learning about the urgent spiritual and physical needs in Iran, and praying for the persecuted church around the world.

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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?

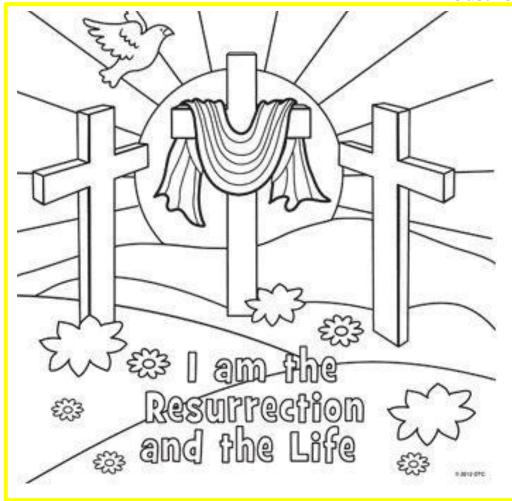
A growing faith in God A growing love for God A growing love for others

ACTION: HOW WILL THIS HAPPEN?

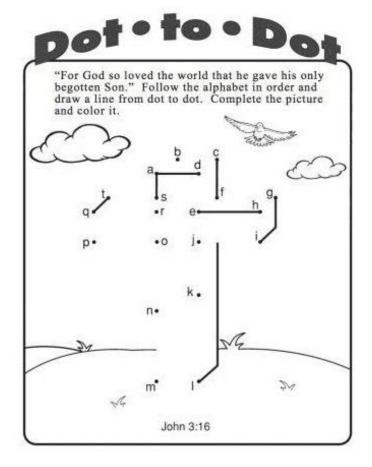
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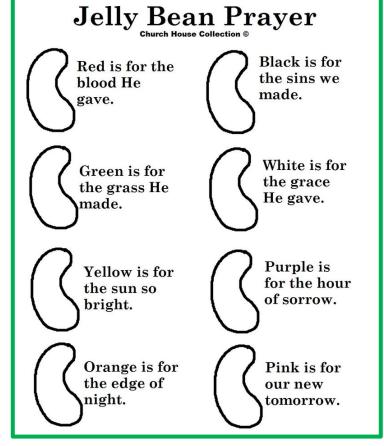
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What's Happening In... Suburbar

AWANA

Coming down the home stretch . . .

Our 2022-2023 AWANA club year is almost over, and we have had such an amazing year! This past month's highlight had to be F.R.O.G. night. The kids got to toss frogs onto different sized lily pads for points in games and got to take a souvenir frog home with them to remind them to Fully Rely On God. It's hard to fully rely on God every day because we always think that we know what's best, but we should never forget that God always keeps His promises, He always provides for us, His timing is perfect, and He loves us so much that He sent His only son to die for our sins! God is the same yesterday, today and forever. AMEN! Please continue to donate to our final store night where it's all about the TOYS! The kids finally get to do some shopping for themselves. Some toy ideas: stuffed animals, arts & craft kits, model kits (cars, planes, etc.), sport equipment, gift cards.

What's Ahead In April:

April 2: Palm Sunday

April 9: Easter Sunday – NO CLUB April 16: Dot the Leader Night

April 23: Prayer Jar Night (Children get to make their own prayer jars to take home.)

April 30: Store Night



Sunday School

Each of our Sunday school classes have been busy learning this past month. Three of our classes have finished their study of the Old Testament and are on their way to the New Testament. It is exciting for the teachers as well as the students. What a great foundation that has been laid in their study of the Old Testament. We would love your prayers for our Sunday school classes. Each week is another opportunity for God to reveal himself to the children. Please join me in praying that families who come for the Easter egg hunt and Easter Sunday service will come back each week for Sunday school. Laura Tyler













Operation Christmas Child Story to Ponder . . . "Jaki and a Toothbrush"

I've never met my birth mother. People at the orphanage told me that she brought me there when I was a few months old. At the orphanage in Guatemala, the caretakers provided for our basic needs. They taught us, fed us, and clothed us, but their limited resources meant that we ate a steady diet of rice and beans and wore whatever clothes were available, no matter what the size. Sometimes, the girls wore boy clothes because that's what the orphanage had on hand. I don't remember us having any combs or brushes. We did have a toothbrush – one toothbrush for 10 girls. We share it, like we shared everything else. That's why I was so excited when ewe each received our own Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift.

My favorite thing I received in my box was a toothbrush of my very own. I got a lot of use out of it. It was a prized possession. To this day when I pack shoebox gifts, I don't just include one toothbrush – I pack at least four of them in each box! That way, the children can use them for a long time, or have enough of them to give to their friends or family members.





I also received a stuffed animal. I was 5 years old, so I loved to hug it. I was delighted to receive crayons and coloring books. When the girls and I colored, there was no white space left on the pieces of paper. We filled every available space with color.

We received our gifts in plastic containers, so we kept our larger gifts in them. The possessions we really cherished we kept underneath our mattresses. I didn't receive a photo in my shoebox, but some of the other girls did. They kept the photos underneath their mattresses so they could pull

them out to look at them then tuck them away again for safekeeping. I always include a photo and a letter in the shoeboxes I pack because I remember how much the girls treasured them. Even if they couldn't read the writing, it meant something to them that they were from those who had given them the gifts.

I had heard about Jesus at the orphanage. When we had received our shoeboxes, we learned the song, "Jesus loves me." But it wasn't until later that I truly knew who He is and that Jesus really does love me.

A year after I received my shoebox, I was adopted by a couple from the U.S. My parents took me to church and, within the year, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I still love the song, "Jesus loves me." I love to sing – I'm on the worship team at church. I'm also a nanny, so I get to teach the songs to the kids. Many of the children are form my church, which as packed shoeboxes for many years – long before I became a part of the congregation and began sharing my story.

I get to help the children pack shoeboxes. I tell them that I received a shoebox gift and answer their questions about what to put in the boxes. I explain how important basic items like paper and pencils are to a child who doesn't have them. They're amazed that I had to share a toothbrush – they couldn't imagine having to share things like that. But they grasp at an early age what it is to give to others. I hope that my story will make a difference in other children's lives – both those who pack shoeboxes and those who receive them. I'm so thankful that someone took the time to pack one for me. samaritanspurse.org





OCC continued . . .

Our OCC team at Suburban is growing! we had 12 people here for our March workshop on the third Monday and have several others working at home on items for the shoebox gifts. Thank you so much to each and every one of you for sharing the love of Christ with a child.

Our simple shoebox gifts reached over 1100 children in 2022 just from Suburban alone. That we may have changed someone's very life by stuffing a shoebox is unbelievable and awe-inspiring. Keep it up!

We are collecting empty shoeboxes, so remember us when you buy new shoes. I'm pretty sure even if we all buy new shoes, we won't be able to meet our 2023 goal without ordering some printed boxes from OCC. I want to thank whoever has been donating these boxes for the past couple of years. We could not have done it without you. Thanks again, Lynn and the team.



Music Notes

What are the "how to's" of faith? Are there daily practices that Christians should pursue? Yes, there are two basic resource books that are available to help us in our spiritual walk: the Bible and a church hymnal. Regular study of the Bible is essential for Christian living and the most important heritage of the Christian church, the hymnal, is one of the finest collections of man's thoughts and feelings about God. When these thoughts and prayers are combined with appropriate melodies, harmonies and rhythms, they create a reservoir of spiritual strength and encouragement.

So, allow God to speak directly to you through the scriptures and consider how other sincere believers have related to God with their "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs". Then respond to Him with your own praises and prayers. Carry a musical truth with you each day and let others see in you a living demonstration of joyful faith. As you do, you will become more aware of God's amazing grace and power. Reflect on the words of the hymn, "Amazing Grace", written more than two centuries ago, and let them have fresh, new meaning for you. (Paraphrased from Amazing Grace, by Kenneth W. Osbeck)

We will present our Easter music, "One Holy Lamb" on Sunday morning, April 2 at 10:15 am. Invite your friends and family and enjoy hearing the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection once again. See you in church, Lynn Cooke

AMBASSADOR YOUTH MINISTRY BAKE SALE

The Ambassador Youth Ministry is having a bake sale to help them raise money for their mission trip to Black Mountain, North Carolina. If you would like to donate a baked good for the sale, please have your item at the church on Friday, April 7th (2-4pm). The bake sale will take place during the Family Easter Event and Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.



Ambassador Youth Ministry – Why Jesus is Better Than the Easter Bunny!

Can you remember the Easter Bunny coming to visit your house as a little kid? Do you recall the packages of chocolate, jellybeans, and the awesome toys he would bring? The Easter Bunny brought lots of awesome things into kid's lives. However, as great as the Easter Bunny is, he sure pales in comparison to Jesus.

*You Can Talk To Jesus - I Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing."

Jesus, unlike the Easter Bunny, isn't meant to visit your life for only one Sunday of the year. He doesn't just visit and then goes away. Instead, Jesus comes to live in your heart when you accept him as savior. That means that you are able to talk to him at any time or in any place.

Talking to Jesus isn't weird or difficult. It's just including him in the moments of your life. When you are going to the restroom on your lunch break thank Jesus for the nice weather outside. It could be a simple, "please help me on my math quiz". Or maybe it's getting some time alone at home and asking for his help planning your schedule for the upcoming school year and asking Him what classes you should take.

Whatever it looks like for you, talking to Jesus isn't complicated. It's easy. Start by including Him in those moments every day. Get His help and wisdom with the big and small things in life. Jesus is so much better than the Easter bunny because He's there for you. He's ready and willing to listen and speak if you'll let Him.

*Jesus Defeated Sin - Hebrews 10:10, "And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

The Easter Bunny is cute and fluffy, which definitely makes him lovable. His ears flop and he has a puffy tail, but when push comes to shove, he's just a little bunny. Jesus, on the other hand, is the definition of awesome! Jesus was able to do what no other person (or Easter Bunny) could do. He paid the price for the sins of the whole world. Jesus defeated death, hell, and the grave because we could not.

Jesus came to free us from sin, once and for all. That's the good news of the Easter story. It's that God came down and helped us be free from the sin, fear, and anything else that kept you from following after God. Jesus freed us from all that. And while the Easter bunny is a fun character, Jesus is the one Easter is really about. He's the one that did what no one else could.

So the next time you see stuff in the stores about the Easter Bunny, remember that as neat as the Easter Bunny is, he doesn't even compare to how awesome Jesus is. Jesus did what no one else could do. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin, which is the best Easter present!

*Jesus Sticks with You - Proverbs 19:2, "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother."

If you've noticed, once Easter is over, the Easter bunny leaves. The stores tear down his decorations and pictures. They make way for the new holiday. Also, have you noticed that no one really hangs out with the Easter Bunny on Easter? He just leaves eggs and baskets and heads out.

Jesus, on the other hand, is there for you. He doesn't sneak around trying not to be seen. Instead, He wants a place in our hearts and lives. He wants to walk with you through the trials you face. He wants to be there in both the good and bad times.

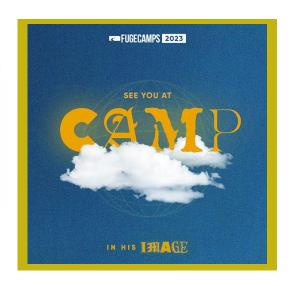
Jesus loves us with an everlasting love. His desire is a relationship with you. And He did what it took to make that happen. So when you're going through difficulty, be encouraged. Jesus is there. He's been through trials too and He wants to be there as you go through them. He's there to lead and guide your life, if you'll let Him.

So today, be thankful for Jesus. This Easter, don't focus just on the candy, presents and Easter Bunny, but remember what it is we celebrate on Easter. It's that Jesus has broken the power of sin over us. He desires to know you and be known by you!

AYM Continued...

Pastor Todd and Wendy are taking the teenagers to Black Mountain, North Carolina for MFUGE Camp. The theme of the week will be "In His Image." During the week, the kids will be putting their skills to work completing different missions in the area. At night, the kids will experience a "camp atmosphere" with group activities and worship services.

The cost per "camper" is \$300.00. To help with the cost, we have scheduled several fund raisers (2 Bake Sales, "Hire-A-Teen," Parents Night Out, and the Silent Auction). You also have the opportunity to "Sponsor a Teen." If you can help in any of the scheduled events or have any questions, please let Pastor Todd or Wendy know.



Suburban Children's Church

April Children's Church Schedule



| Date | Lead | Assistant | Service Helper | |
|---------|------------------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| 4/2/23 | EASTER CANTATA | | | |
| 4/9/23 | EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES | | | |
| 4/16/23 | Diana Gorski | Jeff Haynes | Sophia Deuell | |
| 4/23/23 | Lois Ritger | Jeff Herring | Samara Saucedo | |
| 4/30/23 | Mary Justis | Susan Haynes | Elena Tyler | |
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Children's church has been learning about parables, relatable stories that Jesus told to help people understand God's messages. We learned that knowing and following God is like finding a treasure. And Jesus doesn't just want grown-ups to listen and follow. He wants children to listen and follow Him too! No one liked Zacchaeus, the tax collector, and he had no friends. But Jesus loved him and wanted to be His friend. And through the parable of the prodigal son, we learned that no matter how far away you go or how many sinful things you do, God is waiting with open and loving arms to welcome you back home. All children ages K - 3rd grade are welcome to join us each Sunday!

Nursery Ministry

April Nursery Schedule

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| Date | Sunday School 9:00 – 10:00 am | Worship Service 10:15 am | Helper |
| 4/2/23 | Melissa Tucker | Ravyn Thomas Amanda Maupin | Liam Cooke |
| 4/9/22 | Melissa Tucker | Jeff Herring Susan Haynes | William Schnurr |
| 4/16/22 | Stacey Super | Nancy Herbst Chris Bulaski | Nathaniel Schnurr |
| 4/23/22 | Melissa Tucker | Laura Tyler Teresa Birk | Samara Saucedo |
| 4/30/23 | Melissa Tucker | Stacie Raymer TBA | Abby Deuell |



Thanks for all of our wonderful volunteers! We could still use two volunteers for those months when we have 5 Sundays! Please contact Stacie Raymer (sraymer@odu.edu; 757-589-5731). Young teenage helpers are also welcome to help.

"And now little children, abide in Him...." (1 John 2:28)

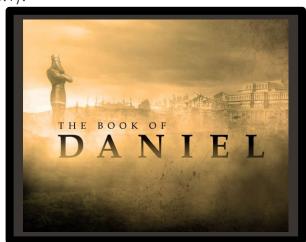


Pastor Study Partners

Named after its writer, Daniel's book is a product of his time in Babylon as a Jewish exile from Israel. While still a young man, Daniel travelled to Babylon with a group of young Israelite nobles, men of promise whom the conquering power felt could be of use in service (Daniel 1:3–4). Once Daniel arrived, the leadership in Babylon renamed him Belteshazzar in an effort to more closely identify him with his new home (1:7). Daniel lived there throughout the Jews' seventy-year captivity (1:21; 9:2), eventually rising to become one of only three administrators over the provincial governors throughout the kingdom (6:1).

From the interpretation of dreams, to the familiar stories of the fiery furnace, the lion's den, and the handwriting on the wall, to the prophetic visions, the recurrent theme is God's sovereignty over all. Chapters 1 – 6 demonstrate the sovereign God rescuing Daniel and his friends the remaining chapters consists of visions of future judgment and ultimate triumph by the coming Messiah.

Daniel Sermon Series begins April 23, 2023!



Belong Women's Ministry

Equip Women's Conference - Awaken

Isaiah 43:19, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Several ladies from the Belong Women's Ministry enjoyed a refreshing and empowering weekend in Yorktown at the **Equip** Women's Conference at Bethel Baptist Church. The weekend started with lunch at an Italian restaurant and then a little shopping at the Outlets. When the six of us were all shopped out, we checked into the hotel, where we got settled into the two-bedroom suite. Wendy did a great job securing this room; it was perfect for us all with a common gathering area that made for great conversation and fellowship late into the night. Dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all at Food For Thought and comes highly recommended for atmosphere, service and food. After dinner and dessert, we went back to the room and stayed up a little too late because Saturday started bright and early.

Once at the church, we met up with some other wonderful Suburban ladies and of course, Phyllis ran into at least two old friends. The keynote speaker for the conference was Rachel Lovingood, and after some awesome worship, we got to hear her speak about *fire* as *passion*. She started out powerfully with Jeremiah's *passion* for God's Word in Jer. 20:9 "I am weary with holding it in and I cannot." She pointed out six facts about *fire* and how it relates to us as individuals and how we can and ought to stir up the *fire* for Jesus within ourselves. It was practical and powerful!

After the keynote session, we all split off for the breakout sessions; a couple of us from SCC went together to the session called Reaching Your Community for Christ. This session was extremely informative and encouraging. I left feeling **equipped** for the bigger kingdom outreach and ministry. This session answered the question, "Where and how do we (I) fit into the mission of God?" I was reminded that God's commission (Matt 28:19) is a command; it is the work of the Holy Spirit through me and there are Gospel opportunities all around me daily. She discussed two types of missions: partnership missions (international and local missionary support); and compassion missions (local, community outreach, projects, and ministries). We were also adequately **equipped** with all we need to create and share a 15-second testimony, that allows us to share the Gospel in our lives quickly, while leaving the opportunity open for a deeper Gospel conversation in the future.

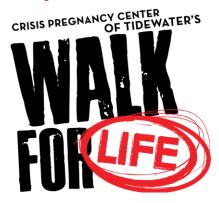
At this point, it was time for lunch! And who else, but Chick-fil A, would feed a hundred or so hungry Jesus loving ladies?

Then came breakout session number two, for which I chose Biblical Literacy and Discipling Women to Pour into Their Families. During this session, we were encouraged to **awaken** to Biblical literacy by studying the Bible, all on its own, in context. The speaker mentioned Titus 2:3-7 & 11-15 to explain how women of the body of Christ can and should disciple other females and cultivate an environment of discipleship within our homes and churches. She also pointed out that we should have a sense of urgency toward expanding the Gospel and Biblical literacy in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). After the session, I spent some time chatting with the speaker and made it back to the main room in time for the final worship and prayer session. I walked into a room of women, all physically linked together and spiritually **awake** to what God has called us all to do, regardless of our differences.

Equip is a verb that means to furnish for service or action by appropriate provisioning and that is exactly what this weekend did for me. I also will cherish the time getting to better know some special ladies within our church body. I look so forward to our next gathering. Sarah Schnurr



Mark your calendars:



Partner with Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater in providing support for families in our community facing unplanned pregnancies.

Simply go to:

http://walkforlife.cpcfriends.org/suburbanchristianchurch to sign up or donate to help CPC save more lives, spare more tears, and spread the Gospel here in South Hampton Roads. The walk dates are April 15, 22, and 29, 2023 at various locations in the area.

Seniors Ministry Update

In March, Ron Raymer presented a most interesting program about China. He began with the early history of the country and progressed to the 20th & 21st centuries, including the strength of their military forces and how the country was ruled as well as how ordinary citizens were treated. The meeting closed with two songs sung by Wendy Haynes and Susan Williams. Then everyone enjoyed a lunch of hot ham and cheese sandwiches plus a variety of side dishes.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 20, at 11:00, when Bob Grymes will be our speaker and take us on a trip along the Rhine River. For the luncheon the church will supply all the "fixins" for a baked potato bar. Please bring a favorite side dish to share.

Mark May 18 on your calendars ... the Kings Choir will come sing for us again! They are planning to stay and eat lunch with us, so please be thinking about a side dish you can prepare in LARGE quantities. The Seniors Ministry sponsors all of our programs, but they are open to adults of all ages.



Walk with Jesus Easter Event & Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8th, @ 10:00 am

Looking for a place to serve? Our Easter event is one of those places that needs **YOU!** This event is simple, easy, and a lot of fun for our Suburban kids and community. If you like to decorate, hide eggs, be a volunteer in one of our "stations," or help with clean up, please see Carol Brooks if you wish to volunteer. Grab a friend and serve the Lord together!

We will also be needing a lot of small, individually wrapped candy (no chocolate) for the Easter egg hunt. Candy may be placed in the church office by **Sunday**, **April 2**nd.