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The Suburban Connection

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WALK WITH JESUS EASTER CELEBRATION

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the Walk with Jesus event this year! To all our egg stuffing volunteers: Ally Litzenberger, Charlotte Laws, Mitzie Ricks, Betty Langnecker & Marsha Utley. Even though they did hundreds we still didn't use all the eggs in our arsenal.

Due to the weather, we had to move the egg hunt inside this year. That did not deter our professional egg hiders: Kathy Herring, Melissa Tucker & Nancy Herbst! They hid eggs in both the youth room upstairs and the Suburban Kids room downstairs.

Our decorating crew did a SUPER job in setting up the rooms and creating the appropriate atmosphere in each room. Thank you to Brian, Stacey & Anna Super, Nancy Herbst, Laura and Elena Tyler.

To our station leaders & assistants: Sammy & Samara Saucedo, Donna Stanek, Chris Mowery, Hollis Wiggins, Jan Grills, and Sophie & Abby Deuell. You all did a fabulous job retelling the events of Jesus' last week before His glorious resurrection!

Of course, thank you to Pastor Todd for successfully delivering the message of salvation to a group of kids anxiously awaiting an egg hunt.

Despite the wet weather, we had a very decent turnout of 33 kids! Twenty-three of which do not attend SCC! We had 3 families from The Good News Club and 2 from AWANA. We have another year to think about how we can advertise this event even better next year. From the feedback we receive from the parents, they LOVE this event because despite the fact that it's only 2 hours, the message is clear.... Jesus Saves!

Carol Brooks

Save the Date

Blood Drive

May 30th

1:00 – 7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Senior Ministry Mtg.

May 18th

11:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Congregational Mtg.

May 17th

7:00 pm

Sanctuary



From the Pastor's Desk:

Daniel Sermon Series

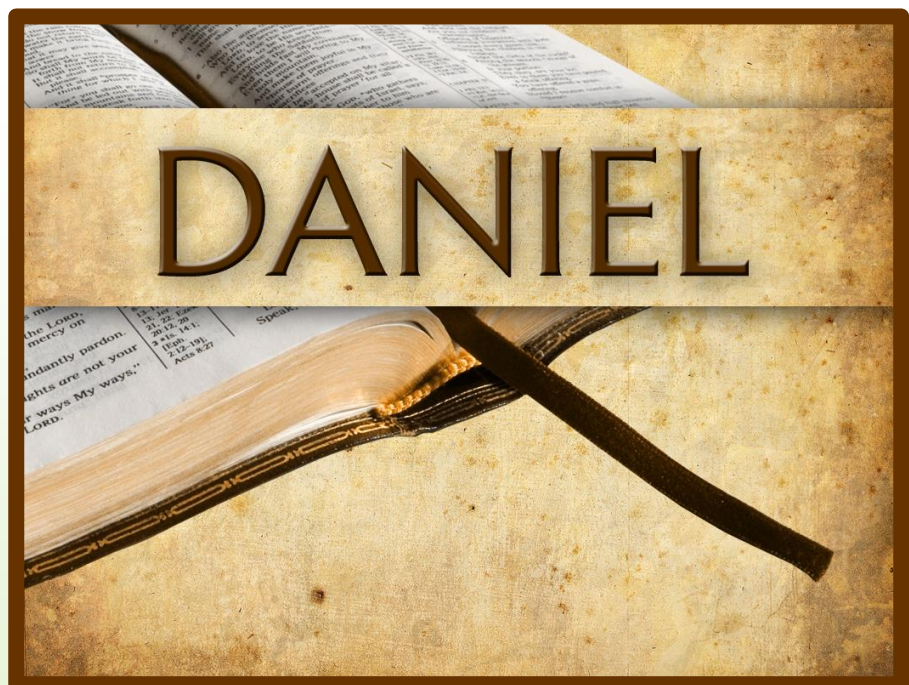
I want to thank everyone for praying with me about where God would have us to go in His Word. I believe that God wants us to hear the message He spoke through His prophet Daniel. This Sunday, we will begin our journey through the pages of Daniel.

The book of Daniel has two major parts. Chapters 1- 6 contain stories about Daniel and his three friends living in the palace of the King. Chapters 7 - 12 present four visions that contain apocalyptic prophecies.

Daniel was written to encourage those living in times of oppression and persecution. Its stories and visions show us that it is possible not only to survive, but to thrive as faithful followers of God, under the most difficult of conditions. While most Christians today do not face the severe persecution that Daniel and his friends encountered, we do live in a culture that is toxic and hostile to Christian principles.

The book of Daniel is a strong reminder that God sits on the throne and is sovereign over all! Throughout the book of Daniel, God demonstrates His control and proclaims His final victory over all opposition. These truths provide God's people with the courage we need to live in the present and the hope to face the future. May God pour out His Spirit upon us as we receive the truth of His Word.

God is good,
Pastor Todd



What's Happening In... Suburban Kids

AWANA

We had so much fun in April! To celebrate Palm Sunday, we played Pin the Tail on the Donkey. I don't know if the kids practiced before they came to club that night or what, but we had some really close guesses! They were really good at it!

On "Dot the Leader" night, the kids got to put a sticker on a leader for every verse they said. When I tell you the kids were highly motivated to say verses, it's an understatement! Things got pretty wild as you can see from our Sparks leaders. More than a few eyeglasses were covered with stickers by the end of the night.

My favorite activity was making prayer jars. Everyone got to decorate a plastic jar to hold prayer prompts (ex: pray for your teachers, praise God for something He's done for you) written on popsicle sticks. Prayer is sometimes difficult for smaller kids, so the prompts help them get a prayer started.

We will round out the end of our club year with store night and finally the closing Awards night. Look for final awards pictures in the June Newsletter!

Carol Brooks

We also need DONATIONS for our last AWANA store night on April 30. 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:



Wednesday, May 17th
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

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

AMBASSADOR YOUTH MINISTRY

WHAT'S GROWING?

“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” Galatians 6:7-10

BIG IDEA: We grow what we plant.

If you want to grow a tomato, you wouldn't plant a cucumber. If you want lemons, you're not going to plant an apple tree. It's a simple straight forward concept. Yet as Christians, we sometimes forget to plant the right seed to grow the harvest we are hoping to see in our lives.

Our hearts are like the soil and as we pray to overcome struggles and patterns of sin, we need to be aware of what seeds we keep throwing at our heart. We will continue to grow what we plant. If low self-esteem is a struggle, spending all your time on social media comparing yourself to others is not going to help. If discontentment is hard, surfing the web for the next item to buy won't help.

So if you are looking for victory over a personal struggle, thought pattern, or sin in your life, you have to change what you're planting. The Word of God has the power to transform us and every situation. Check out these verses from God's Word about the way the Bible transforms us and brings victory over sin: Psalm 119:9-11, Psalm 1:1-3; Romans 12:2, and Galatians 5:22-23.

Today, confess any personal struggles and secret sins to God knowing that He loves you. Search for Bible verses about your specific struggle and start memorizing them, putting them deep in your heart. Get support by asking for help and accountability from your youth pastor, pastor, or Christian friend. Keep praying because God is stronger than any struggle you are facing. Devotionsforteens.com

What's Coming in May:

AYM will be gearing up for the Silent Auction that will take place on **Friday, June 2, 2023**, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The entire church family is invited as well as your friends and neighbors. If you have volunteered to donate to the Silent Auction, please make sure Wendy Haynes receives your item by **Friday, May 19th**. **Pastor Todd and Mrs. Wendy will be meeting with all teens going on the trip on Sunday, May 21st, to discuss the Silent Auction plans.**



Sunday School

The Sunday school department would like you to join us in prayer! We would love to see each Sunday school class grow! Our teachers desire to serve more children. We have a unique opportunity to invite new families to our Sunday school hour. Each family from the community that attended our Easter egg hunt will receive a postcard in the mail inviting them to bring their children to Sunday school. Please join us in prayer over the next few weeks as the postcards are sent out. We are asking that God draw new families to our church and that the families would be obedient to God's call. Let's pray collectively for church growth! Laura Tyler



Thanks to the caring and generosity of our church family, our food pantry ministry continues to be a blessing to our community. This April we served 20 families an Easter meal and several new families signed up.

Our current food pantry needs are: peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, canned chicken, individually wrapped snacks (i.e granola bars), jello, pudding mix, canned fruit, canned beans (pork&beans, pinto, black) pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, saltine crackers, cereal, soup, paper towels, toilet paper, Hamburger and Tuna Helper.

The food pantry is open the first and third Tuesday each month from 1:30-3:00 pm.

Marsha Utley

Seniors Ministry

For our April meeting, we enjoyed interesting Rhine River Castle pictures compiled by Bob Grymes. Larry Thomas played a classical piece written by Ferdinando Carulli and spoke briefly about modern and historical music.

Be sure and attend May 18th to hear the King's Choir. Between their solos, harmonies and piano accompaniment by Donna Thomas, we can expect a real treat. We're going to prepare food for more people since they've agreed to eat with us. We're having Barbecued wings. Our resident philosopher, Billy Robinson says, "A chicken is a bird, but a wing is a thing." We love Him 'cause He first Loved us. Larry Thomas



Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study & Prayer Breakfast

May 6 & 20, 2023

The Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study continues to meet on the first and third Saturdays of each month. In May, it will meet on May 6 and on May 20.

The study on May 6 will feature verse by verse instruction led by Tom Tracy on "The Temptation of Jesus" as found in Matthew 4.

On May 20, the study in the Book of 1 Samuel will resume with **Chapter 17 and the **Biblical account of David and Goliath**.**



The story depicts the Philistine army's gathering for war against Israel and David's encounter as a young shepherd with their mighty champion who was over 9 ft. tall. Empowered by God, David killed Goliath, proved his valor and demonstrated his worthiness to be Israel's next king.

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

Good News Club Update



During our last Good News Club meeting of the school year at Woodstock Elementary, we combined a review of some of the Bible lessons from the last few weeks AND an end of the year pizza party! (Of course there was pizza - Pastor Todd made sure of it!) And what a year we had.

Our first lessons reminded us that Jesus is God, and how He cares for us. Other lessons during the year introduced Samuel, Peter, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah, Nebuchadnezzar, Saul, David, Goliath, Jonathan and others. We learned and sang songs that highlighted the attributes of God (and getting up to sing helped "get the wiggles out"), interactive games, Bible verses and, of course, snacks.

The staff at Woodstock was so supportive of our efforts, and they were so helpful accommodating our group in a school where it seemed every square foot was being used. While the exact meeting room changed from time to time, we were always made to feel welcome.

A big thanks to the wonderful team of volunteers – Dawn Thompson, Gloria Livingston, Jan Grills, Jim Bishop, Kathy Herring, Lou & Ara Miller, Marcia Prendergast, Patricia Shoop, Susan Cofer, Todd Haynes and Vicki Chitti. Thank you also to all of you who were on the GNC Prayer Support Team this year; your support and prayers on behalf of the students and volunteers was vital.

Please continue to pray for the Woodstock GNC – that the Holy Spirit will water and grow the spiritual seeds that were planted in the students' hearts this year; that Woodstock would invite our group to return for next year; and that God will again call volunteers to spread His Good News to these students. And while you are praying, ask God if you might be just the right addition to the team next year.





Belong Women's Ministry

What Are You Reading?



When I was growing up, I always hated when the teacher would call on me to read a passage aloud in the classroom. I wasn't a very confident little girl for several reasons of one being my reading and vocabulary skills. But nevertheless, it seemed like the teacher would call on me to read EVERY SINGLE DAY!

As the years past, the fear lessened as I became used to being called on. Maybe that was my teacher's strategy, calling on Wendy. Whatever the case was, I became more confident no matter what genre we were reading. I will never forget when my family moved to Virginia Beach in the 80's. I had begun a new year in a new school in the 11th grade, and my English teacher "called on me to read." O boy! I remember saying to myself, "Really, I just moved here. I am new to this school, and you have called on me to read!" And to beat it all, we were reading *The Scarlet Letter*! Needless to say, I made it through the day and realized that I may be called on to read for the rest of my life. LOL!

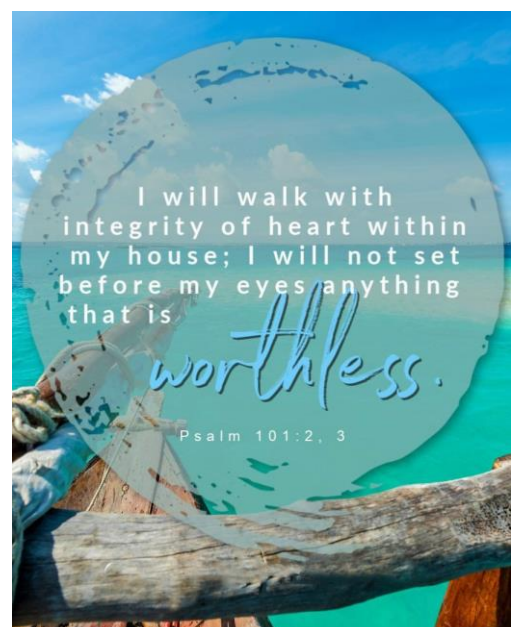
Again, as the years have passed, I have read MANY, MANY books – aloud! As a teacher, it's one of the things you do. You read aloud to your classroom of children who are soaking up every word you are reading AND saying. Wow! I hope I have been an instrument of encouragement to every child who hated reading aloud – like me.

When I retired from teaching, I reluctantly packed up all of my favorite children's books. (The Berenstain Bear books, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, and books on frogs, were just a few of my favorites.) Now that our granddaughter, Willow, has been born, I can't wait to get those out to read to her.

As times change, the genre of things we read changes. As a mother, I read everything I could get my hands on about parenting. As a teacher, I read everything I could get my hands on concerning teaching. As a wife, I still read everything I can get my hands on about marriage. As a pastor's wife, I read everything I can get my hands on about that role and being in ministry. I am always looking for what I could read concerning the paths before me.

The number one book that we need to be diving into is God's Word, the Bible. We can never go wrong searching the Scriptures for answers and guidance for particular situations. We do have to be careful what we read apart from Scripture. There have been books that I started reading and I have thought . . . "This contradicts what Scripture says," so I put it down. There are times when I have underlined almost every sentence in the book because it's so rich in wisdom and backed by Scripture. As we read, we must have discernment about what is between the first page and the last. God is gracious to give us that discernment as we trust in Him daily. Our reading doesn't just involve books. Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Tic Toc, television) is such a temptation to "read" without any thought of its impact on our lives. We must be diligent to say, "Nope, not today!" So, what are you reading? Reading isn't a "chore" like it once was for me. It's an enjoyment. May God give us the desire to read His Word like never before and to be on guard concerning what we put before our eyes. (Psalm 101:2-3)

Wendy Haynes



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CORNER



NEEDED: SHOEBOXES, SHOEBOXES, SHOEBOXES!!

It was a simple idea that became the worldwide outreach of Operation Christmas Child. A man named David from England called Franklin Graham one summer morning in 1993 to ask for help. The war in Bosnia was at its height, there were thousands of refugees spread throughout the Balkan states. Men; husbands, fathers and sons had been killed; the hospitals were crowded with young widows and orphaned children with multiple injuries. They were suddenly homeless, helpless and hopeless. It was chaos. David's idea was simple, fill an empty shoebox with small toys and needed items to deliver to children of war at Christmas time. What a job.

Since then, over a billion shoeboxes have been distributed all over the world thanks to people like you with a heart for God. Every shoebox not only contains toys and necessities, but a booklet about Jesus Christ in the child's own language. Won't you help us again to secure, fill and ship shoebox gifts this year? Last year 1140 children received the gospel message through shoebox gifts that Suburban packed and shipped. We are truly helping to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth.

This summer, we are going to have an OCC Christmas in August luncheon. **Saturday, August 12, 11:30-1:30** is the date and time. Plan now to attend and bring your friends and family for a good time of food and fellowship. Watch this space and the bulletins for further information as the time grows near.

We will begin our monthly collections this month with **JUMPROPES, YO-YOS AND PADDLEBALLS**. We'll need lots of each item, so watch for multipacks or bulk purchases if possible. Walmart has 4 regular sized light up yo-yos in their party section for \$2.00. That's a great buy. Less than half what the Dollar Tree charges. Keep praying for the kids and the workers. Thanks for all you do. Lynn and the "team"



Music Notes

I love to hear great Christian music. Whether performed by huge professional choruses or small intimate volunteer groups singing to the glory and adoration of God. Our choirs and other musicians work tirelessly to bring inspirational music to our worship services. Thank you, every one of you, who make such a difference in Suburban's life.



God put a song into man, but sin garbled it and brought disharmony into his life. Let God replace your discord and distortion with a song again. Sing one of the great hymns or new choruses to yourself as you go about your day, and you'll soon begin to see that God's gift to you is music and your gift to him can be returning a song of praise straight from your heart to His.

We are planning another Praise and Worship Night and Ice Cream Social to follow. Put Sunday night, July 30, 6:00 pm on your calendar and plan to attend and bring your friends and family. We had such a good time last year at this event that we are looking forward to even more fun this time. If you play an instrument, or like to sing, please let me know so we can include your talent in the schedule.

Our Senior Choir will be taking a break for the summer this year, but the Adult Choir will still be rehearsing on Tuesday nights at 7:00. Everyone who likes to sing is welcome to join in. Summer is a perfect time to get involved without the pressure of cantata season looming. See you in church! Lynn Cooke

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. We could still use two volunteers for those months when we have 5 Sundays! Anyone who would like to help in the nursery during church or Sunday school, please email or call Stacie Raymer (sraymer@odu.edu; 757-589-5731). Stacie Raymer

MAY SCHEDULE

Date	Sunday School 9:00 – 10:00 am	Worship 10:15 am	Worship Helper
5/7/23	Melissa Tucker	Stacie Raymer Ravyn Thomas	Nyssa Rakes
5/14/23	Melissa Tucker	Jeff Herring Susan Haynes	Elena Tyler
5/21/23	Stacey Super	Nancy Herbst Chris Bulaski	Samara Saucedo
5/28/23	Melissa Tucker	Laura Tyler Teresa Birk	Liam Cooke



Children's Church News

This past month our Children's Church lessons enhanced our understanding of events leading up to Easter. Through stories, games, crafts, and songs we learned how Jesus came to serve and not to be served. We found out he was betrayed by Judas for 30 pieces of silver, and how he, himself became the Passover Lamb. We learned the significance of the last supper and how we remember it through our communion service. We listened to the story



of how Jesus and his disciples went to the garden of Gethsemane so that Jesus could prepare to take the punishment for all of us. Our memory verse was Mark 8:31, "The son of man must be killed and after 3 days rise again." All children ages K – 3 are welcome. We would love to have you join us! Mary Justis

May Children's Church Schedule

DATE	LEAD	ASSISTANT	HELPER
5/7/23	Diana Gorski	Jeff Haynes	Sophia Deuell
5/14/23	Mary Justis	Jeff Herring	Samara Saucedo
5/21/23	Lois Ritger	Susan Haynes	Elena Tyler
5/28/23	Diana Gorski	Jeff Herring	Sophia Deuell

Blood Drive

Our annual blood drive was rescheduled to **Tuesday, May 30th from 1:00 – 7:00 pm.** Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: SCC to schedule an appointment. Our goal is 20 units!



American Red Cross

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Pastor Todd would like to thank all the musicians, choir members, and audio-visual personnel for their dedication to practicing for the Easter Cantata. 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 _____.
By this he condemned the
_____ and became an
_____ of the righteousness that
_____ by _____.

Noah's Ark Word Search

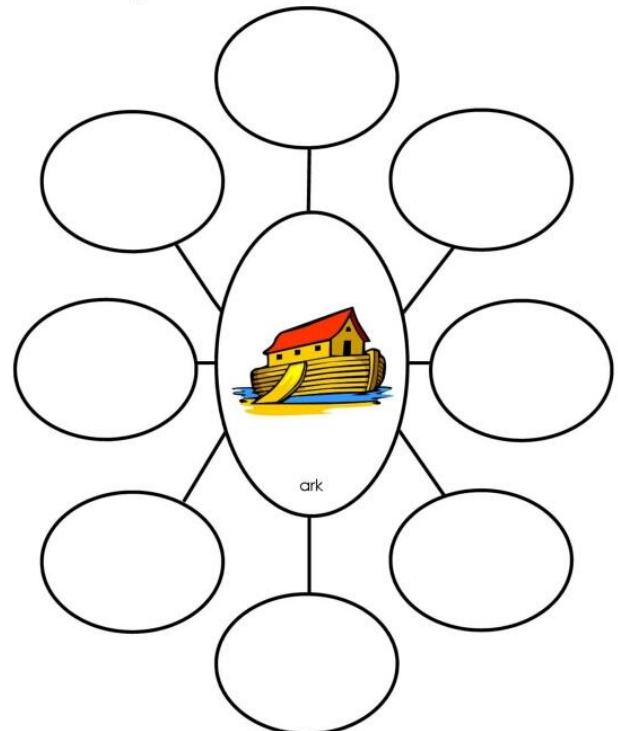
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Color Me



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