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The Suburban Connection

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OUTREACH INTERN – REBEKAH PENCOOK



Sunday School & Worship Service Time Changes!

During the months of July and August we will be changing our Sunday School and Worship Service times. Sunday School will begin at 9:00 am and there will be a combined family worship service at 10:15 am.

We would like to welcome Rebekah Pencook to the Suburban staff as our Outreach Intern. Rebekah grew up in Virginia Beach all her life, her family being brought here before she was born by the Navy. She decided to give her whole life to Christ at the age of 15, and later after graduating high school, had the great privilege of being led to join a mission's organization, Youth With A Mission (YWAM), for two years spending that time with her home-base in Carlisle, England. During that time with YWAM, she grew a new understanding of how God loves us even when we are still deep in our messiness. Having learned many lessons in England and other countries around the world, she then returned home with a new expectancy for what the Lord can do in our beautiful city and on this earth. She is currently a student at Regent University pursuing a BA in business and a minor in international studies. She has a passion to see His kingdom come in Virginia Beach, lost hearts understand how loved they are by God, and for unity to be re-established in His Church! She feels that it is a privilege to be able to do these things on staff at the very church that helped raise her.

Save the Date!

VBS

July 9th – 13th

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Theme: "Shipwrecked"
A light dinner will be served at 5:15 pm

AYM Mission Trip

July 13th – July 15th

Middle School Mission trip to Exmore, VA

24/7 Week of Prayer

July 29th - August 4th

See details inside....

The Absolute Necessity of Prayer in Spiritual Battle

Ephesians 6:18

As Paul closes out his letter to the church in Ephesus, he gives vital instructions for spiritual warfare. Paul realizes that our battle is not against flesh and blood. It is not a physical battle, but it is a spiritual one. We are fighting against the schemes of the devil, against spiritual forces of evil. Thankfully, for us, greater is He Who is in us than he who is in the world, namely Jesus. As followers of Jesus Christ, we step onto the battlefield in His power and might, not our own.

In Ephesians 6:18, Paul emphasizes the importance of prayer, the absolute necessity of prayer as a way in which we experience the power of Christ on the battlefield..."Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me and opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the Gospel."

It is through prayer, through praying at all times in the Spirit, that God has chosen to fill us with His power and strength.

So, what does it mean to pray at all times in the Spirit?

1. I think part of the answer is admitting that without the help of the Holy Spirit we cannot pray as we ought. It's the same idea that Jesus shared with His disciples when He said, "I am the Vine, you are the branches and apart from Me you can do nothing." Praying in the Spirit means that we are totally relying upon the Holy Spirit as we pray. One practical way that we can do this is when we don't feel like praying... we may be too tired or hurt or confused or depressed to pray. It is in those times that we must trust in the Holy Spirit to help us to pray when we think we are unable to pray.

2. Another way that we pray in the Holy Spirit is when we pray the promises and truths of God's Word. Paul seems to make a connection between the Word of God and prayer in Ephesians 6:17,18. In verse 17, he talks about taking up the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God and then in verse 18, he instructs us to pray at all times in the Spirit. Do you see how the Spirit is mentioned in both of these verses? In verse 17, the Word of God is described as the sword of the Spirit and then in verse 18, we are told to pray in the Spirit. One thing that will help you to pray in the Spirit is to meditate on the Word of God which is the sword of the Spirit. In other words, the Spirit of God will use the Word of God to lead you into the presence of God.

Relying on the Holy Spirit to pray and reading the Word of God before praying are ways that we pray in the Spirit. And as we pray at all times in the Spirit, we will experience the power of God giving us victory over the enemy.

Praying for you,
Pastor Todd

Suburban Kids MDO

MDO PRAYER REQUESTS:

- *Coordinator: Andrea Hoover
- *Two-year-old teacher: Liz Bonnett
- *Three-year-old teacher: Juli Cox
- *Four-year-old teacher: Please pray this position will be filled soon
- *MDO Assistant: Melissa Gilbert
- *All student slots will be filled soon

We can't believe it's July! Before you know it, September will be here, and that means that our Suburban Kids Mother's Day Out will begin. As you enjoy your summer days in the sun, we ask that you remember to pray for this ministry. God has allowed us to serve numerous families throughout the years and we hope to do that again this year.

We have openings in all classes – ages 2 ½ to 4. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. If you know of anyone looking for a Christ-centered program for their children, please let them know about us!



Sunday School News

Suburban Christian Church Sunday school aims to keep the Bible central to all we learn and do. Each week, the children learn true stories from the Bible and the Biblical principles that apply to our lives from those stories. Recently, the preschoolers learned that David was brave and faced Goliath "in the Name of the LORD." They also got to think about and discuss situations where they could trust God and be brave. Our kindergarten and first graders learned that Paul taught people the truth of the Gospel. They had a game where they had to decide what was true and what was false. Each week we pray and trust the Holy Spirit to make Gospel truth live in the hearts and lives of our students – and us!



Where We've Been: Houston, TX Mission Trip

A week back from Texas and I'm still having dreams of sanding and mudding drywall. However, I still wish we could have stayed longer to help our home owners, Bob and Nola, finish their home. Hurricane Harvey is nearly a year finished and there is still so much to do for the people of Houston and surrounding counties and towns. There are still so many people who are living in hotels or living in subpar living conditions. Through Next Step Ministries, we got to help a couple take one step closer to being able to move back into their home. One week doesn't seem like it can do much, but you combine that with other weeks put in by other groups and you would be surprised how quickly a home can come together. It was not an easy week with all the rain, but despite all the setbacks we were able to bless Bob and Nola and show them God's reckless love for us and them. The exciting part about this week is that it does not have to stop there in Houston. In Virginia Beach, there are so many people in need. They may not need their home rebuilt, but a lunch, new socks, or something as simple as your time or prayer. We are called to be the light in the darkness and the best way to shine is through serving others.

Mark 10:45: For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."



SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes
Senior Pastor



Sally Harden
Director of Student Ministry



Sarah Nelapaty
Director of Children's Ministries



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

24/7 Week of Prayer

“...If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”
2 Chronicles 7:14



As the body of Christ, we are called to bring everything to God in prayer, and in turn, He promises to move mightily. In order to partner with what God is doing and do our part to cultivate our land that God has entrusted to us, we are kicking off Saturday night prayer meetings with a **24/7 Week of Prayer!** For this week of prayer (**July 29th – August 4th**), in the foyer you will find popsicle sticks with hour-long time slots, and we ask that you would pick up a stick, write down that you have chosen that time slot, and commit to praying during that full hour on that given day. Our hope is that the Lord will move mightily as we come together as a church family to pray for our church ministries, our community, and for God's Kingdom to be established on earth. The end of that week on Saturday, **August 4th** will be our first hour-long church-wide prayer gathering (**7 pm-8 pm**) where we will come together and continue to lift up Suburban's ministries and the global Church as we are commanded to in Scripture. Join us in partnering with the Lord to see His Kingdom come, and we know that God is faithful to bring healing to the land!

Church-wide trip to Haiti Interest Meeting



Suburban Family! There is an opportunity to partner with **Youth With A Mission, St. Marc**, in serving the Haitian people next summer! There will be an interest meeting with all of the initial details of this trip on **July 22nd following the 10:15 am service** to talk about what the trip will look like, when it will be, and some ways we plan to fundraise. This is a church-wide mission trip beginning with students that have completed the 9th grade all the way up through our seniors' ministry. If there is even the

slightest nudge in your heart from the Lord regarding Haiti, we encourage you to check out the meeting. Coming to the meeting does not obligate you to join the trip, it is purely to communicate information for those that are considering going. The opportunity to officially sign up for the trip will begin immediately following this initial interest meeting!

Rebekah Pencook

Men's Ministry

The Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study continues its study of Paul's letter to the church at Rome. The Book of Romans explains that salvation and justification for Jews and Gentiles alike is by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ. It reveals the righteousness and steadfast love of God.

It represents the clearest and most systematic presentation of Christian theology in the Bible and might be best summed up in Romans 1: 16-17: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'"

Currently, chapters 12 and 13 are being studied as Paul relates the characteristics of true Christians. As always, they will be discussed in an open format with the full participation of all.

In those chapters, we will see that Paul warns us not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought and not to be conformed to this world. And, we will discuss, among other topics, the need to understand that as members of Christ's church, we are of one body with many members. As such, we have different gifts, according to the grace given to us, with which to perform different functions.

As Christians, we are to have certain distinct characteristics. Among them are to fervently serve the Lord, to have genuine love for one another, to abhor what is evil, and to overcome evil with good. Paul reminds us that "the one who loves another has fulfilled the law" (13:8). In all things we are to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires" (13:14).

The study is open to all men, church members and non-members. All are invited to enjoy good food, good fellowship, and the good news found in God's Word. We begin at 8:00 am on the first and third Saturdays of each month. So, plan to attend and bring a friend.

Bob Grymes



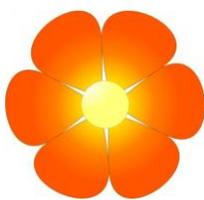
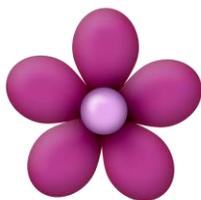
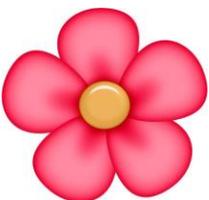
Seniors' Ministry

The seniors met at the church on June 14th to go to Anderson's Nursery & Gift Shop and to eat at the Sage Kitchen. They enjoyed a self-guided tour through the amenities and collections as well as the beautiful flowers and shrubbery.

Our regular monthly meeting was held Thursday, June 21st, at 11:00 am. Many people brought pictures of their fathers and spoke briefly of how their life was influenced by their father.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 19th, at 11:00 am. This will be our annual indoor picnic; the church will provide hotdogs... please bring a picnic side to share.

Our programs are sponsored by the Seniors Ministry but are always open to people of all ages. Please plan to attend and bring a friend!



Operation Christmas Child Corner

Our June collection went really well. The three items for **July's** collection are: **SCHOOL SUPPLIES, HAIR BRUSHES, AND TOOTHBRUSHES**. The collections are building up nicely and I thank everyone for keeping the ministry in their minds when they see a good bargain. Keep saving your change too for the "pill bottle campaign". We are getting a lot of change and will be getting a sub total of the amount soon, so we can see how well we are doing to help with the shipping. We still need shoeboxes or donations to purchase the printed ones from Operation Christmas Child, so when you buy new school shoes, remember to save the boxes. Thanks for your help.

Lynn Cooke



OCC SHOEBOX STORY TO PONDER

GOING TO THE HARD PLACES

When Pastor Marco Kayumbo and his church in Tanzania distributed shoebox gifts to children in a community steeped in idol worship and witchcraft, some of the children similarly asked, why would strangers give us gifts?

Curious parents began asking the same question. They were used to hearing about retribution and the appeasement of false gods, not a gift of forgiveness and eternal salvation.

The few Christians who lived in the village had been praying for years that the Lord would send other believers to open doors that had been closed to the Gospel message.

Now, these believers worship together with their new brothers and sisters in Christ in a congregation of 16 believers, including several children who came to faith as a result of the Operation Christmas Child outreach event.

A couple of times each week, Pastor Marco rides two hours on his bicycle to lead the evangelical church he has planted there.

"I know the power of a shoebox to plant churches," he said. "I have seen fruits out of it."



the *power* of a simple *gift*

Mission Trip 2018 Houston, Texas



Just for...

Suburban Kids

Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests - bugs! Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.

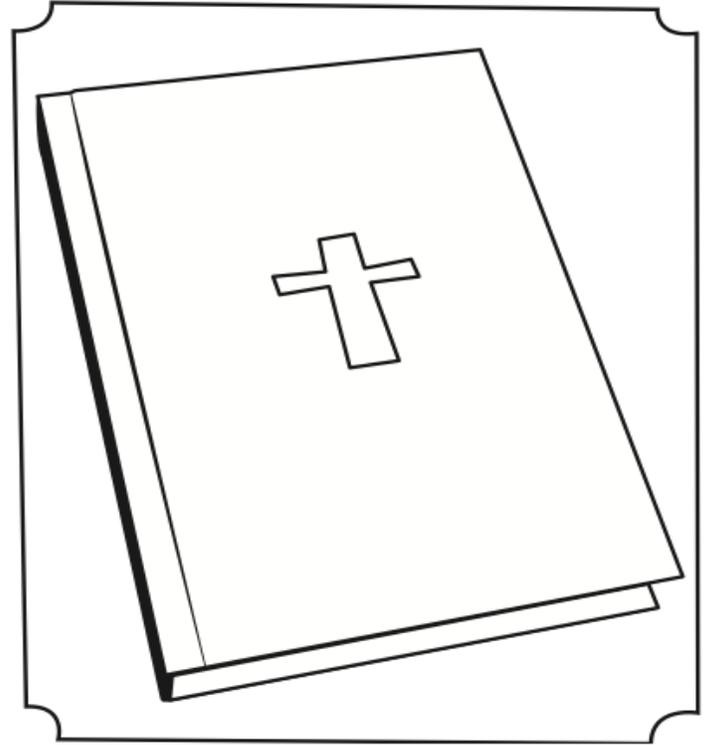


Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse. Circle them in the puzzle below.

- Proverbs 6:6 _____
- Exodus 16:20 _____
- Psalms 78:45 _____
- 1 Sam. 24:14 _____
- Matt. 23:24 _____
- Isaiah 50:9 _____
- Judges 14:8 _____
- Isaiah 59:5 _____
- Acts 12:23 _____
- Leviticus 11:22 _____
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- Deuteronomy 7:20 _____



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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"
 - John 1:1

How many books are in the Old Testament?

How many books are in the New Testament?

Lead the Children to Jesus By Going Through the Old Testament

Entrance books: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, Matthew, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Daniel, Ezekiel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Philemon, Galatians, Acts, Titus, Philippians, John, Colossians, Moses, Hebrews, 1 Peter, Revelation, James, Zephaniah.

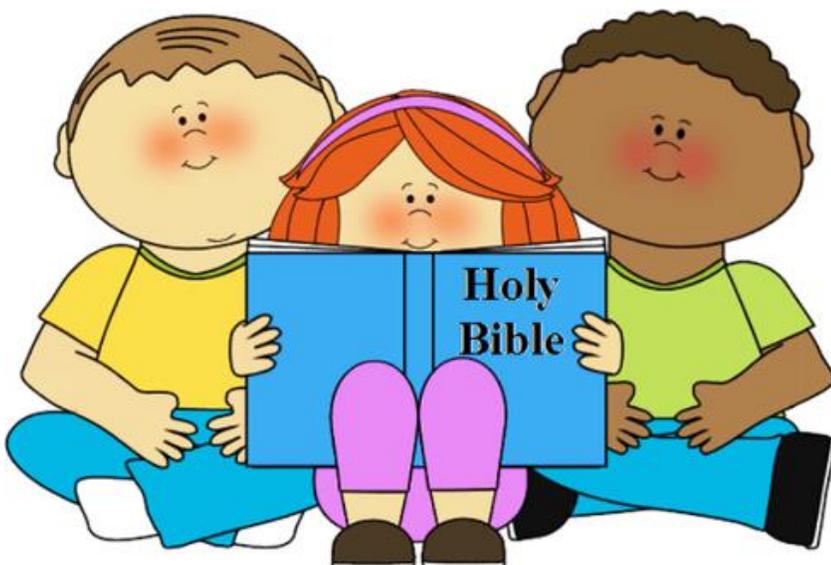
SUPER SUMMER SUNDAYS Suburban Kids

During our **Super Summer Sundays** in July and August, we are learning about recent heroes of the faith that can be admired by us all. Through a series of videos, your children will see the joy and sacrifice others have made for the cause of Christ around the world. As you prepare your children for all the fun summer activities, think about going to the library and checking out a children's book about these heroes to prepare them for what will be taught during the summer in Suburban Kids: John Wesley, Augustine, Jim Elliot, Gladys Aylward, Samuel Morris, Corrie ten Boom, Adoniram and Ann Judson, and Amy Carmichael. Reading and learning about these great heroes can stir up Gospel questions and generate life lesson conversations. Please join us in praying for and working with God to instill a love for God's Word and His people in our children.

As we move in to September, Children's Church will be reformatted in order to offer both a Preschool Children's Church (for 3-5 year olds) and an Early Elementary Children's Church (for Kindergarten - 3rd Graders) during the 8:30 Service and the Early Elementary Children's Church during the 11:00 Service. At this time there is not a need during the 11:00 Service for a Preschool program, but we will keep an eye on this and implement this when the need arises.

During our Fall quarter, we are excited to introduce the children to the incredible gift God has given us in His Word. Our theme verse will be 2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." God says the Bible is like a sword. Just like a sword takes practice to use, we need to practice using God's Word. One of the ways we can do that is by knowing what God has included in the Bible and where we can find it. How exciting for the kids to learn all the books of the Bible in order and an overview of what each book contains! Our hope is that we ALL become more familiar with God's Word along with our children as we help them learn how to use this most precious tool with which we've been entrusted!"

Sarah Nelapaty



Thy Word is a
lamp unto my feet
and a light unto
my path.

Psalm 119:105

Ed Laws & R.G. Haynes Memorial Golf Tournament

On Monday, June 11th, the Ed Laws & R.G. Haynes Memorial Golf Tournament was held at Honey Bee Golf Club in Virginia Beach, Virginia. There was a total of 7 teams and several businesses sponsored holes. The teams enjoyed great weather, fellowship, and food provided by Star Spangled Catering.



The Ambassador Youth Ministry includes teenagers from 6th – 12th grades. Every summer funds are raised for them to go on mission trips to serve others. The golf tournament is just one of those ways the church raises those funds.



The middle school group will be going to the Eastern shore to work with Harvest of Hope July 13th-15th, 2018. The students will be gleaning in potato fields to collect what the farmers have left to feed the needy and serve in soup kitchens in that area.

The high school students just returned from Houston, Texas. They worked with Next Step Ministries to help the rebuilding efforts due to Hurricane Harvey. Many families were displaced and left homeless because their homes were destroyed by high winds or flooded. Our very own Thomas Super was one of the leaders during the trip!



The Winning Team
Emma Staten, Don Staten, Joe Kelsick,
and Lance Funderburk



AWANA Awards Night



AWANA awards night was a blast! We would like to thank **Mr. Tim Jackson** for being a **SUPER AWANA COMMANDER** and **ALL the teachers** for the time they have given to help our children learn God's Word and for making AWANA such fun!

