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The Suburban Connection

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HOME COMING JUNE 24

Going home is always an exciting event. Mark your calendar for Suburban's very own HOME COMING! It begins with Sunday School at 9:00 am with one worship service following at 10:15 am. After the service, a delicious meal, catered by Currituck BBQ (Pork BBQ, Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, and Green Beans) will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dessert to share. Everyone is invited!

Congratulations 2018 Graduates!



Miss Bailey Smiley
Bayside High School

Bailey plans to attend
Christopher Newport
University to study business.

Miss Jaimee Park
College of William and Mary

Jaimee plans to attend
Regent Law in the fall of
2018.



Save the Date!

AWANA Awards
June 3rd

5:00 pm in
Sanctuary
*Pizza served
afterwards

AYM Parent Mtg.
June 6th

6:00 pm in the
youth room

Spaghetti Dinner
June 10th

After the 11:00 am
worship service

AYM Mission
Trip to
Houston, TX
June 17th-23rd

Homecoming
June 24th

Invite friends and
family. You bring
dessert!

From the Pastor's Desk: God's Power Meets Our Deepest Needs – Psalm 114

1. TO BE DELIVERED FROM SIN'S POWER

Psalm 114:1 "When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of a strange language, Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion."

In the Bible, Egypt represents the controlling power of sin. For 400 years, Israel was under the control of mighty Egypt, with its pharaohs, pyramids and powerful army.

Just as Israel was dependent on the power of God to deliver them from Egypt, so we are dependent on the power of the Gospel to set us free from sin's dominion. Just as Egypt was no match for the Lord, so also our sin is no match for the power of God's grace.

2. TO BREAKTHROUGH BARRIERS

Psalm 114:3,4 "The sea looked and fled; Jordan turn back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs."

The psalmist personifies three powerful barriers that confronted the Israelites on their way to the promised land... the mighty Red Sea, the mighty Jordan River, and the mighty mountains. These powerful natural barriers we're no match for the mighty power of God.

There will be many times when we come up against what seems to be insurmountable, immovable, and intimidating barriers. God desires for these barriers to turn into opportunities to trust the Lord. Whatever the barrier is that you are facing, just know that that we serve a God who is able to move mountains and split oceans.

3. TO PROVIDE IN BARREN PLACES

Psalm 114:8 "Who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water."

There were two occasions when the Israelites were led to a barren place... a place where there was no water. It is hard to imagine what it would be like to be in the wilderness with our families and have no water to give them.

Here we see the Lord powerfully turning rocks into pools of water...enough water to satisfy an entire nation. Amazing! Does it feel like you are in a dry and desert place? Remember the words of Jesus to the woman at the well in John 4, "the water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." No matter how dry the place is, we have a God who rains down bread from heaven and turns rocks into gushing springs.

May the Lord help us to look to him to meet our deepest needs, for He is able!

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Todd

Sunday School News

“Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Recently, we had a quarterly teachers' meeting and were able to put this admonition into practice. As we learned to present our lessons in a more engaging way, the teachers were able to encourage and build one another up as they refined their Bible lesson for that week. It was great to laugh together and share ideas with one another. We are so grateful for our committed, loving teachers who want to serve God and their students with excellence. “May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, Who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.”





**Salad
Spaghetti
Bread
Drink
Dessert**

Sounds good, right?

Take the hassle out of finding a place for lunch after church or going home to cook! AYM will serve lunch in exchange for donations towards Summer Camp and Missions Trip. Make plans to join us on June 10th!



SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes
Senior Pastor



Sally Harden
Director of Youth Ministry



Sarah Nelapaty
Director of Children's Ministry



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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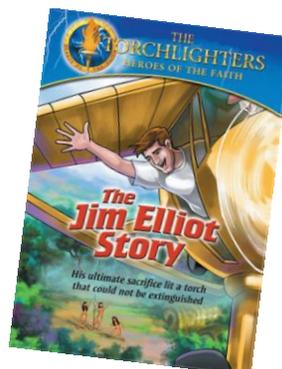
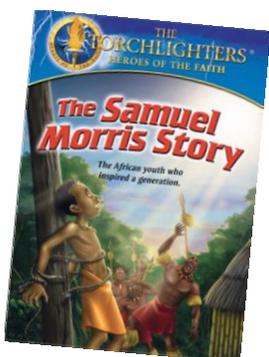
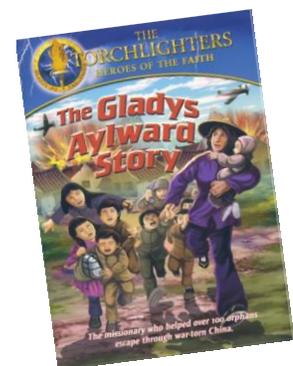
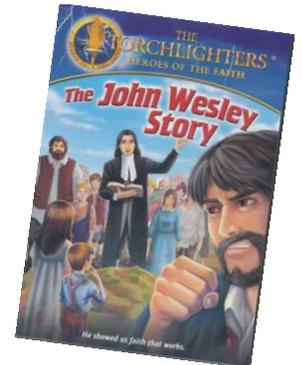
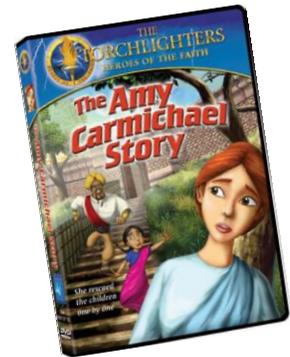
We want to hear from you! Contact us at newsletter@sccvb.org

Super Summer Sundays at Suburban Kids

We're looking forward to seeing how God plans to work in our families and children in this coming year. We are so thankful for all the hard work that has gone into making our children's church/ministry a vibrant and growing ministry and are excited about our whole church catching God's vision for its future.

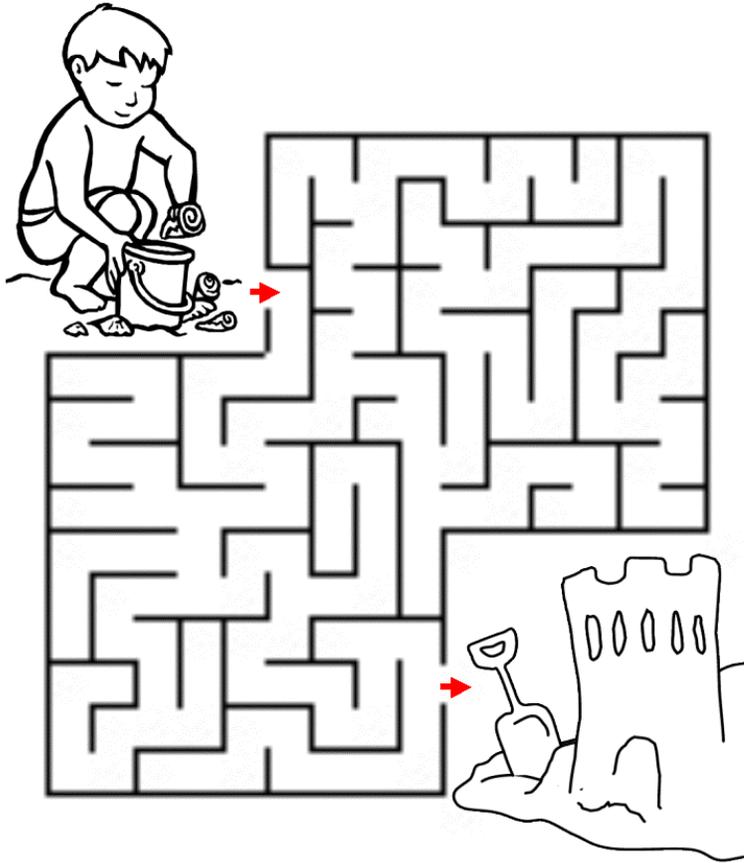
Most of us could say that we have people that we look up to and admire for one reason or another. Our children are bombarded with "heroes" of various kinds in today's world. But, are these heroes the kind of heroes we want them to look up to and admire? Probably not.

As we begin the month of June, we will learn how Paul, through perseverance and joy, reaches the end of his earthly race as a hero of the faith. We will continue with **Super Summer Sundays** by learning about recent life 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.



Summer at the Beach Maze

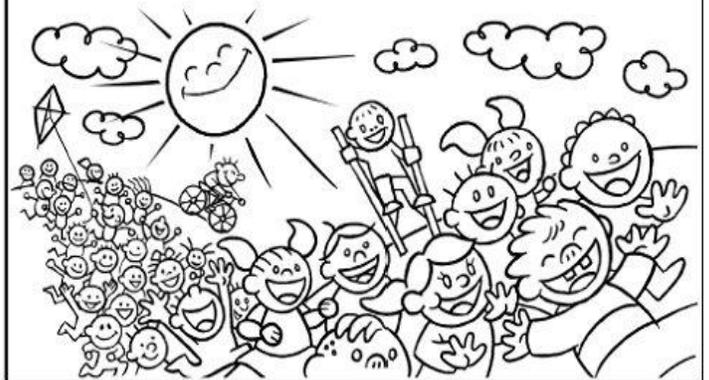
Help the little boy find his sand castle.



Suburban Kids

Summer Word Search

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| BARBECUE | M | B | P | A | P | N | Z | E | N | B | P | G |
| CAMPING | X | A | L | I | A | A | U | H | O | F | O | N |
| FISHING | C | O | E | T | C | C | Q | B | I | R | O | I |
| FRISBEE | O | A | N | R | E | N | V | V | T | I | L | H |
| ICE CREAM | X | U | M | B | C | B | I | N | A | S | L | S |
| PICNIC | S | C | R | P | Q | E | I | C | C | B | R | I |
| POOL | T | A | S | K | I | A | C | L | A | E | Z | F |
| SUNGLASSES | B | S | N | N | Y | N | L | I | V | E | Z | T |
| SUN TAN | S | E | S | A | L | G | N | U | S | A | L | |
| VACATION | | | | | | | | | | | | |



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

It is my eager expectation and _____ that..._____ will be honored in my _____, whether by _____ or by _____. For me to _____ is _____ and to _____ is _____.

Philippians 1:20-21



Paul preached the Good News in Jerusalem and in many other cities around the Roman World, and many people became followers of Jesus.

AWANA

As AWANA comes to an end for the summer it is a time of reflection of what both the kids and adults got out of AWANA this year. It was certainly a wonderful year and leaders (adults and teens) were all reminded of the joy of serving. One of the most motivating things about being a leader is seeing the light go on when a clubber really understands concepts of kindness, patience or giving. As one leader put it "God can do a lot with a little". All of us would agree "that memorizing Scripture is hard work" and as another put it, "enjoyed spending time with the kids and learning with them." All the leaders were a real inspiration to each other. We asked the kids what they learned and loved in AWANA this year and received varied responses, some that will warm your hearts and some that will bring you a chuckle!



What they learned:

- That Christ died for our sins and we didn't deserve it. ~Stella (Sparks)
- I learned about God and about Jesus. ~Nyla (Sparks)
- That Jesus didn't really deserve the punishment to die on the cross. ~Jack (Sparks)
- To be powerful and strong just like God. ~Steffany (Sparks)
- Verses. ~Nathaniel (Sparks)
- All I remember is learning about animals. ~Riley (Sparks)
- Giving Mrs. Liz a hug. ~Aydyn (Sparks)
- That we have to be kind to one another. ~Donovan (Sparks)
- Verses. ~Elizabeth (Sparks)
- Bible verses. ~Bryson (Sparks)
- About Sparks being nice. ~Aiden (Sparks)
- That Jesus is our Savior, He died on the cross for our sins and He is the Son of God. ~Brendan (Sparks)
- Learned to be a good team player. ~ Elena (T&T)
- Learned about being honest ~ Crystal (T&T)
- Learning about Jesus ~ Samara (T&T)
- Learning about how much Jesus loved him ~ William (T&T)
- Learning about who the Holy Spirit is ~ Kiera (T&T)
- The reason we memorize verses is because knowing Gods law helps us to not sin and gave a Scripture reference, Psalm 119:11 ~ David (T&T)



What they loved:

- Playing games. ~Richie (Sparks)
- That we get to play games. ~Aiden (Sparks)
- That I get to learn all kinds of verses about the Bible, play games with my friends and cheer them on. And to talk about Jesus. ~Brendan (Sparks)
- That we get to learn verses in the Bible. ~Stella (Sparks)
- I love that we learn about Jesus. ~Nyla (Sparks)
- Book time. ~Jack (Sparks)
- That it's great and you learn things. They teach you about learning about being grown up. ~Steffany (Sparks)
- That we get to play games. ~George (Sparks)
- Playing games. ~Nathaniel (Sparks)
- I like reading verses. ~ Riley (Sparks)
- We get to play games and we get to do classes. ~Donovan (Sparks)
- We get to do verses. ~Aydyn (Sparks)
- That I get to spend time with my friends and do fun stuff. ~Elizabeth (Sparks)



Meet Our Director of Children's Ministry

We are happy to announce a new addition to the Suburban Staff. Sarah Nelapaty has joined us in the new position of Director of Children's Ministry. She has been a part of our church family for over 25 years (let's not think too hard about how old that makes her). Sarah and her husband, Rohit, homeschool their 3 children, Keertan, Elsa, and Matthias, who all currently enjoy the benefits of our different children's ministries!

Sarah loves children and has a passion for seeing them reached and discipled with the Gospel. Through her work over the years as an elementary school teacher, as part of the youth ministry, VBS, and Sunday school, she has seen firsthand how important it is to speak the truth of Jesus to children from birth on through elementary school.



Sarah is looking forward to the opportunity to serve the Body of Christ through serving our families and children as we seek to bring unity of vision and mutual edification across our children's ministries. She is grateful to be a part of how God is working and leading us as a church in growing our commitment to excellence in this area. She welcomes your suggestion, ideas, constructive, feedback and willingness to serve alongside her in ministering in this ripe harvest field!





AYM Ministry

A lot is going on this summer! Our latest Bible study has been "Leading Others and Influencing Peers." If you really want to make a difference and have an impact in the lives of people around you, this study is for you! Come join us on the upcoming dates for fun and fellowship.



June 2nd – Beach Day! Come ready for some fun in the sun!

June 6th - Parents and Leaders Prayer and Mission Trip Meeting @ 5:45 pm in Youth Room

June 10th – Spaghetti Lunch after the 11:00 am Worship Service

June 17th-23rd – Mission Trip to Houston, Texas

July 1st – Youth Sunday! Be ready to give testimonies about the mission trip and help lead the worship service

Permission slips for off campus activities are available through the weekly emails or by contacting Sally.



Seniors Ministry

Our regular monthly meeting was held Thursday, May 17th. In honor of Mother's Day, many of us brought a picture of our mother or the person who raised us, and after a delicious covered-dish luncheon we shared a little bit about her.

The next meeting will be June 21st. This month we urge everyone to bring a picture of your father or father figure. Please bring a favorite salad to share for lunch, and afterwards we will tell a little about our fathers.

The Seniors Ministry sponsors all of our programs, but they are always open to people of all ages. Please plan to attend and invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!

Senior
Adult
Ministry

Operation Christmas Child Corner

Our monthly collections for OCC have begun. We've been collecting toothbrushes, washcloths, and soap for the month of May. For June, bring: **flip flops, jump ropes, and sun glasses** and place them in the collection bin in the foyer. Whenever you are out and about, keep your eyes open for these items to help fill the shoe boxes.

It is so good to hear of the people who are making things and collecting items at home to help in this ministry. Sewing, crocheting, and jewelry making are some of the ways people are helping. You can help too! Watch for bargains on seasons end sales at department stores and buy what you can. Decide to spend \$1.00 a week on something for the boxes, like toothbrushes, barrettes, socks, or small games at the Dollar Tree. You'll be surprised how quickly you'll have enough items to fill a shoebox or to help fill multiple boxes at the church.

We are also saving our spare change in the Pill Bottle Campaign to help with the shipping of the shoe box gifts. Fill your bottle, bring it in and empty it into the Giant Pill Bottle at the Children's Ministry desk in the hallway and take the empty home to fill again. Keep doing this until the National Collection Week, November 12-19, and we'll see how much we've saved over the year. You can, of course, just place any donations into the Giant Pill Bottle without using the small bottles if you'd prefer.

We can still use as many empty shoeboxes as we can get, so bring them in as you can. Call me if you have questions or ideas (424-9869). I so appreciate all the work and prayers that you give for the ministry.

Thanks,
Lynn

ON THE RIGHT FOOT – AN OCC STORY TO PONDER

Erika has been praying for new shoes – sneakers to be exact – to replace her old pair. But her mother was between teaching jobs in the highlands of Peru, so the family didn't have enough money to buy them. The shoebox gift that Erika received not only contained a pair of sneakers but also several pairs of socks, as well as towels, soap, a comb, notebooks, and stickers. "When I opened my box and found shoes, I learned that God can make miracles," said Erika, who asked Jesus to forgive her sins and be Lord of her life during the Operation Christmas Child outreach event. Whenever Erika wears her sneakers, it reminds her of the commitment she made to Christ that day.

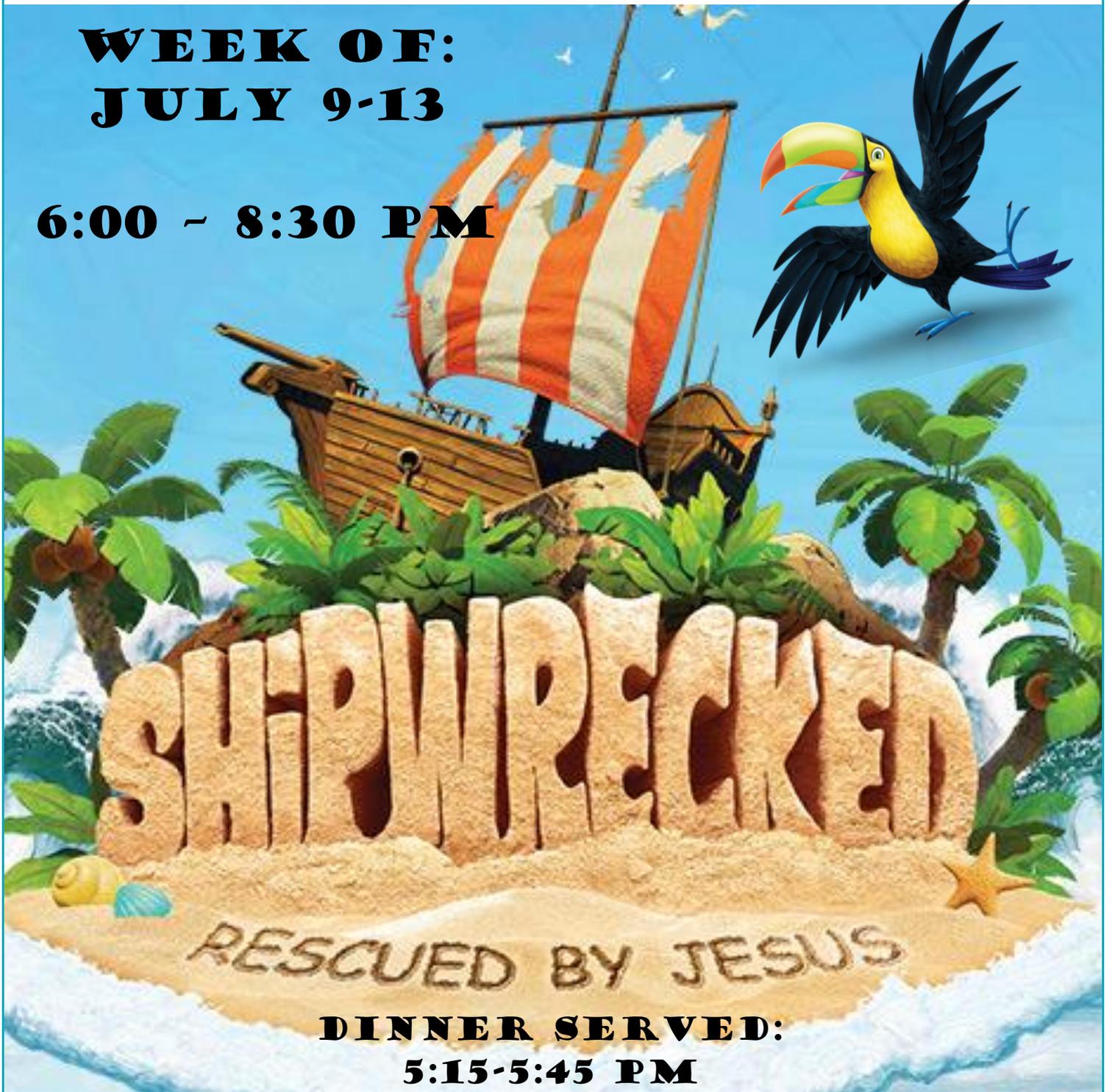


GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

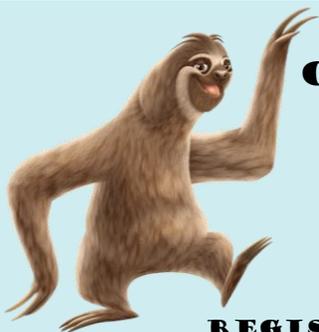


**WEEK OF:
JULY 9-13**

6:00 ~ 8:30 PM



**DINNER SERVED:
5:15-5:45 PM**



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