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The Suburban Connection

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Valentine's Banquet 2018

The annual Valentines Banquet was held on the 17th of February. Many of our folks turned out for a wonderful dinner and decorations prepared by our own Barbara McGrady and her assistants. The highlight of the evening was the crowning of this year's Sweetheart, Jan Grills, who is very active in our Sunday School ministry. Former "sweethearts" were also recognized. John Williams led us in several songs regarding the love of God and ended the evening with "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Save the Date!

Easter Cantata

March 25th

11:00 am Service

"Big Mighty God"

One Service Only!

Easter Egg Hunt

March 31st

10:00 am to 12 noon

AYM Bake Sale

March 31st

All funds raised help
AYM Missions!

Turn Your Clocks Forward!

Don't forget daylight savings time begins on March 11th at 2:00 am this year. If you want to make sure you aren't late for church, it's a good idea to turn the clocks ahead before you go to bed on the night of the 10th! I always love when we go forward. I know we lose an hour of sleep, but it reminds me that spring is coming, and we have that extra hour of daylight in the evening which is something I appreciate in the summer months.



From the Pastor's Desk: CAN I START OVER WITH GOD?

Can I start over with God? That is the question that we will be answering for the next several months as we begin our journey through the book of Zechariah. The Israelites in Zechariah's day were wondering if God wanted them back. Would it be possible to have a second chance with their God?

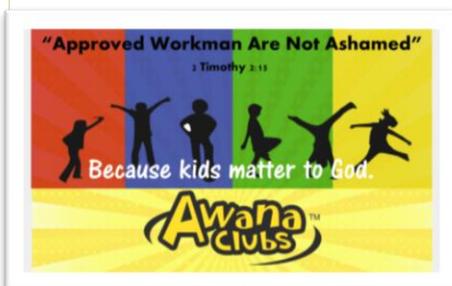
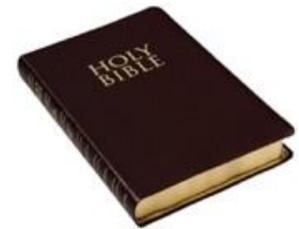
The Israelites never thought that God would allow them to be so completely devastated. In 586 BC, God allowed the Babylonians to destroy Jerusalem and to deport most of the nation to Babylon. Israel had disregarded three prophets that God sent to them. His word was met with rebellion rather than obedience.

In Zechariah, God is inviting the nation to return to him with the promise that he will return to them. God is offering Israel a second chance. Not only does he want them to rebuild

the Temple, but more importantly, he wants to rebuild his relationship with them.

Maybe you are asking the same question, Can I start over in my relationship with God? Maybe you look at your past and all you see is how you've messed up. Maybe you are wondering if God wants anything to do with you. Well, I have good news for you! Our God is the God of the second chance and he promises that if you will return to him, he will return to you.

By His Grace,
Pastor Todd



March Madness is all around us and AWANA is not excluded. As we enter the spring season, we are looking forward to all the upcoming activities and events. It is amazing how hard many of our clubbers have worked in memorizing an enormous amount of Bible verses. In fact, some of the kids have already finished their handbooks and we are having trouble finding something for them to do at times. As a result, clubbers have not only earned a lot of awards, but a lot of "AWANA Bucks" as well, which means we must have more and more items in stock for our store nights. The last store night we had, we were bought out. Other exciting news is that we have started our Christmas box early to start collecting for next year's Christmas store. We are also looking forward to some exciting themes coming up to include the ever-popular movie night where clubbers make cardboard cars to bring to our drive-in movie. So as March Madness moves into April showers, which of course brings May flowers, both leaders and clubbers are very excited about all the upcoming AWANA events. One reminder for everyone - our final award ceremony is scheduled for the first Sunday in June. Also, there will be a couple of times this spring that there will be no AWANA, the first Sunday in April for Easter break and Mother's Day in May. As always, if anyone wants to volunteer to help in AWANA, please don't hesitate to contact Tim or Kathy Jackson and of course, we can always use your prayer support.



What's Happening In....

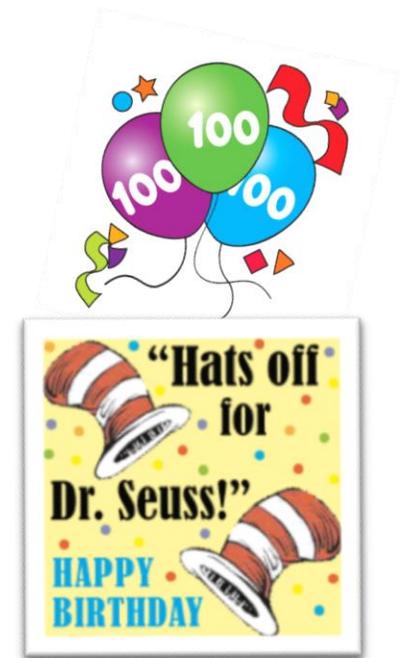
Children's Church

Wow! We have done so much traveling this past semester! Joining Paul on his 3 missionary journeys has been quite an adventure. As we continue this spring, we will continue to learn how Paul deals with the church struggling to stay unified, the church showing favoritism, the church leaders teaching God's Word, transforming our minds, the fruits of the Spirit, the armor of God, and being a cheerful giver. We will conclude our semester with "Heroes of the Faith."

We still have a need for teachers and volunteers to help during both services in Children's Church. Please see Mrs. Wendy if you would be willing to commit to serving during one of these times.

Mother's Day Out Little Lambs

We start off the month celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd with a special appearance by the Cat in the Hat and a snack of green eggs and ham. On March 8th we will have Under the Sea day for the letter U. The children are encouraged to dress up as their favorite sea creatures. They will have crafts, a special snack, games, and other treats that day related to the under the sea theme. They will even have their picture taken riding on a dolphin...float that is. March 15th will mark our 100th day of school and activities will include wearing decorated t-shirts with 100 items on them, 100th day crowns and bracelets to wear and 100 pieces of trail mix for snack. On March 21st our theme day for letter "W" is Wacky Wednesday. I can't wait to see who dresses the wackiest! With Easter being early this year, we will be having our Easter party on March 29th. We will have a coloring contest and egg hunt for each class with prizes, a movie, and refreshments. There will be a special visit from the Easter bunny as well! We will be closed on Good Friday, March 30th and that begins our spring break (April 3rd-April 6th). Registration for the fall is now open! If you have a 2 ½, 3, or 4-year old or know someone that does, please pass the word about us. We have lots of fun and strive to bless the Lord and this church with this program.



Walk with Jesus Easter Event & Egg Hunt!

Mark your calendars! Easter is Sunday, April 1st, and the Special Events Committee is hosting a **Walk with Jesus Easter Event and Egg Hunt** on Saturday morning, **March 31st** from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. This event will include a craft, Bible story, and finding hidden eggs. This will be open to the community along with your friends and neighbors. So, invite your friends! A sign-up sheet will be placed in the foyer and an electronic sign-up has been made available for those who wish to volunteer for stations and to make the event run smoothly. Please make sure to sign up! Contact Kathleen Staten for more information.

OUR 2018 YEAR VERSE

“For even the son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45



SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes
Senior Pastor



Sally Harden
Director of Youth 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?

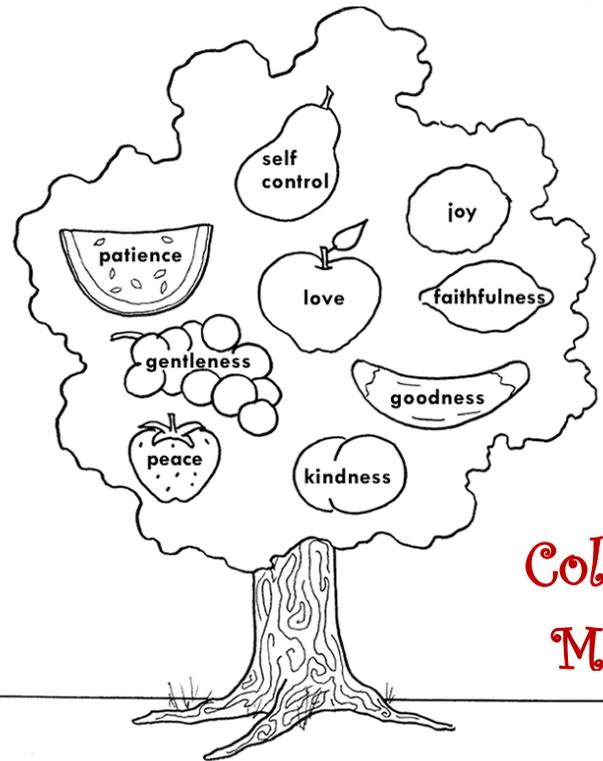
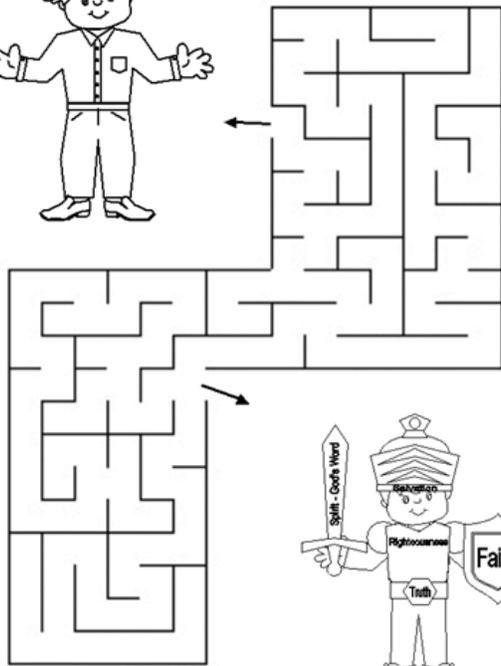
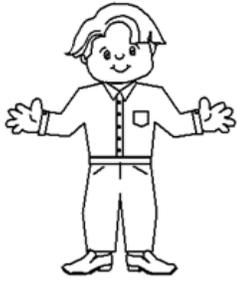
Drawing near to God
Pursuing community
Reaching our world

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

Armor of God Maze

Help the boy find his special armor.



Color Me

For even the _____ of
 _____ came not to be
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 give his _____ as a
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Mark 10:45

Word Box

many son served
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Find all of these words in the puzzle below.

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| Belt | Truth | Breastplate | Shoes | Shield |
| Helmet | Sword | Peace | Prayer | Faith |





Bellamy Women

With Easter only four weeks away, we would like to provide Easter baskets for our shut-ins. Instead of collecting items at the church, we ask that you see Mrs. Charlotte to receive the name of a recipient and she will let you know if there are any special dietary needs. You will then provide an Easter basket filled with goodies and deliver it to your recipient. Some suggestions for items to place in your basket are travel size lotions, notepads, pens, magnifying glasses, large print word searches and crossword puzzles, pocket size tissues, candy (sugar free for diabetics) and small stuffed animals. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Charlotte (757-420-4750) or Melissa (757-831-2557).

Sunday School

As we consider our year verse and God's call to Christ-like service, it's easy to see that service put into practice every Sunday morning here. Our teachers prayerfully prepare and then lovingly deliver lessons from God's word to even the smallest of our members. Recently Kathy Herring taught the 2 & 3-year olds that God loves them no matter how they look or what they wear. They had fun "painting" with water and dressing the paper dolls they made. Seeds of love sown with a servant's heart. May they bear much fruit!



Seniors' Ministry

At our February meeting Pastor Todd Haynes explained how, even as senior citizens, we can find ways to serve others. After the meeting we enjoyed a meal of chili and salad.



The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, March 15th, at 11:00 A.M. Bob Grymes will present another of his fabulous travelogues. Please bring an Irish food or a **green** food (not from the back of your refrigerator, please!) to share for lunch.

On **March 22nd**, the seniors will go to the planetarium on the Virginia Beach Tidewater Community College campus. We will meet at the church at 11:30 A.M. to carpool; the one-hour presentation will start at 12:30 P.M. On the way back, we will stop at Rib City on Princess Anne Road for lunch.

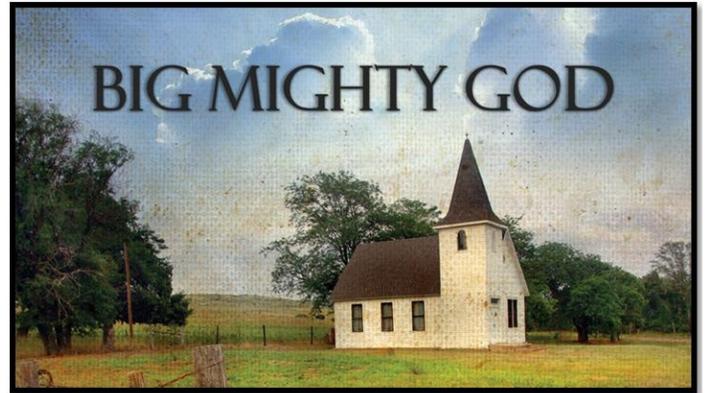
The Seniors Ministry needs you! We are seeking new members with new energy and new ideas, including some who would be willing to contribute their time and talents to the steering committee. If you are interested in serving on the steering committee, please contact Ray McGrady.

Choir – Easter Cantata

Sunday, March 25th 11:00

Presented by the Suburban Music Ministry

Now is the time to start inviting friends for this one-of-a-kind musical experience. Imagine a visit the old country church to hear the timeless message of God's love and grace poured into our lives. From the soulful "Don't You Wanna Go?" to the energetic "I've Never Gotten Over Gettin' Saved," **Big Mighty God** will have your toes tapping, hands clapping and hearts worshipping from start to finish. We are "On the Battlefield" to serve Him 'till we die. Bring a friend who needs to hear the gospel or invite a stranger who needs a loving church family to begin their relationship with the Lord and our Suburban fellowship!



Nursery News

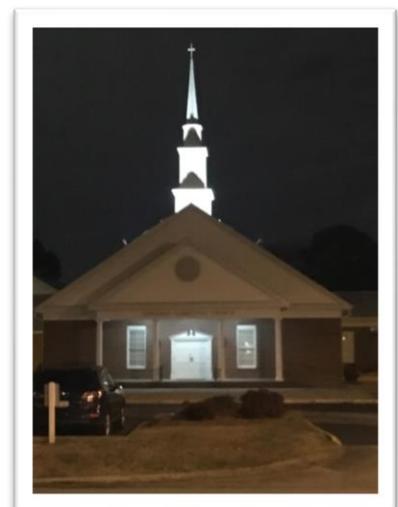
We are excited about the latest changes in the nursery. A wall was moved last year, the carpet was replaced this month; both of which contribute to the overall functionality and atmosphere of cheerful cleanliness we strive for in the nursery. We have also added brand new adult gliders so that our volunteers have a comfortable, quiet place to rock and read to our littlest members. We are so thankful to everyone involved in implementing these latest improvements so that we can serve the families of our church to the best of our ability. If you haven't been by the nursery in a while, please, come see what's happening! And if you enjoy what you see and would like to spend more time there, just let either Sarah Nelapaty or Mary Deuell know, and we'd be happy to find a spot for you to be blessed.



Church Steeple

If you have driven by the church at night lately, you will notice our brightly lit steeple. This past fall, Brian Super had our steeple cleaned and repaired. Robert Rameriz also installed new lights to shine on the steeple during evening hours. We would like to thank these gentlemen for their hard work (a lot of times behind the scenes) concerning repairs and installation of new products so we can be comfortable as we worship each week.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. Psalm 121: 1-2



Ambassador Youth Ministry

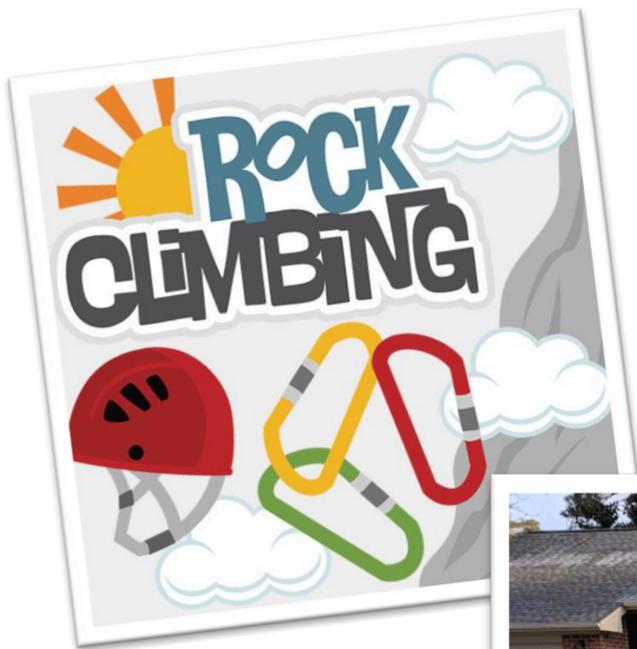
Where We've Been: **February**

In February, some students went to the Virginia Beach Rock Climbing gym. I think I maybe still recovering from that work out. We finished our Series, "Hello God, It's Me." We talked about how God Calms the Storms, Comforts in the Valleys, Encourages in the Dark, Enlightens Us to Know Him More Fully, Leads Us to His Trust, Reassures Us of Who He Is, and Convicts Us When We Haven't Been Faithful, but never holds us in condemnation. Also, at the end of the month the Flamingos can back and started landing on people lawns.

Where We Are Going: **March**

We can look forward to the flamingos flying all around Virginia Beach and hopefully will help students pay for trips this summer. On the 24th we will be traveling to Raleigh, NC to Winter Jam, a concert that is focused on God and worshipping Him. Bands like Skillet and Building 429 and artist like Kari Job and Jordan Feliz will be playing. Then at the end of the month, we will be holding a bake sale during the Walk with Jesus Easter Event and Egg Hunt to raise money for mission trip and summer camp. We will also start a three-week series called "But God." We will be talking about salvation, how salvation was achieved, and what we can do with that salvation. If you want to know more, come join us on Wednesday nights!

Can't wait to see what God has planned for the upcoming months!
God Bless!!





Valentine Banquet Snap Shots



Man Up Weekend

Join us for Man Up Weekend at Atlantic Shores, happening March 16 and 17, 2018. Our theme is "Men and Their Role in the World" of the church, the family, and culture. Enjoy a huge feast on Friday night and a true man's breakfast on Saturday morning. Plus, worship led by Phil James and three Man Up sessions with speakers Pastor Jonathan Falwell, Bishop EW Jackson, and Dr. Ron Jones.

Cost: \$29 per person

Register by going to atlanticshores.org/mensministry



How have you chosen to serve this year?

Operation Christmas Child

We had a great time at the workshop on February 24th. We made quite a few items to help fill the shoebox gifts for this year and got plenty of new ideas to work on as the year progresses. We also set our goal for the number of boxes we'll attempt to fill this year and chose which items we'll collect for 6 months beginning in May.

There is going to be a "Housewares Sale" at my home, 1065 Reon Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23464 to benefit Operation Christmas Child on March 10th from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend. This is one of the ways we discussed raising some funds to help with the shipping of the shoeboxes. There are other ways we talked about including using empty pill bottles to collect quarters (or larger amounts of money). One average size pill bottle will hold \$9.00 in quarters. Bring in your empty bottles and encourage your group, Sunday School Class, Life Group, Choir, AWANA Club, etc. to take home one of the empties and bring it back filled. Between now and November, we should be able to collect quite a lot of money (\$9.00 ships one box). Any money collected will help immensely. In 2017, we filled 537 boxes!

We will 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). Thanks...
Lynn Cooke

