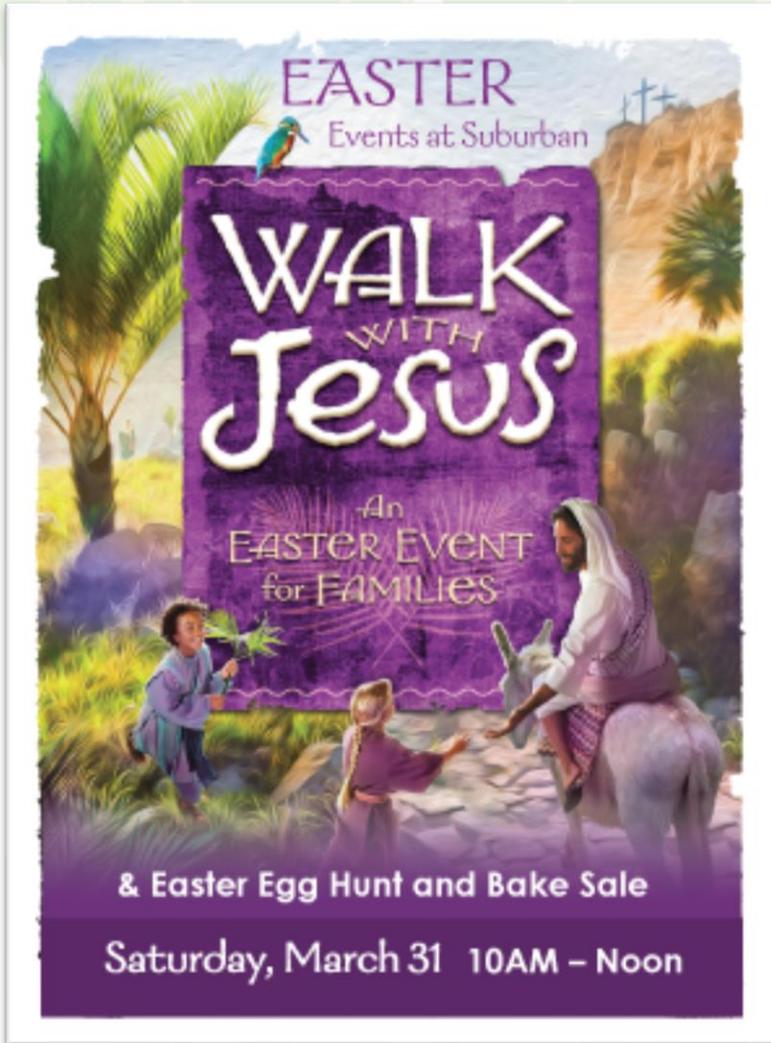


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Our Suburban families did it again! Our Easter event on March 31<sup>st</sup>, was a success because of our good God and our families pulling together to make it a very special and effective way to share the glory that is the Easter Resurrection! From Allyson and her kids stuffing 2,400 eggs to Pastor Todd bringing it all together with arm wrestling and the good news of Jesus Christ, so many families were blessed because of it. **THANK YOU** for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

## Save the Date!

### Congregation Meeting

May 16<sup>th</sup>

Spring Congregational Meeting @ 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall

### MDO Graduation

May 25<sup>th</sup>

Begins @ 7:00 pm in Sanctuary with reception following in Fellowship Hall

### AYM Spaghetti Lunch

June 10<sup>th</sup>

Sunday after the 11:00 am service

*Highlights inside*



## From the Pastor's Desk: Lessons Learned So Far In Zechariah

So far, we have covered just the first two chapters of Zechariah and so much truth has been packed in these verses...so many lessons to apply. Let's look at some of them.

### **1. Pay careful attention to God's Word.**

In Zechariah 1: 4, God tells the returning Israelites, "Don't be like your fathers who did not pay attention to my word." God had warned his people over and over again about their sinful ways, that judgment was coming if they did not obey His Word. But the Israelites did not take God seriously. It was important for the returning exiles to not make the same mistake their fathers did. May the Lord help us to love His Word, to listen closely to His Word and to live out His Word.

### **2. God desires more than a physical return.**

In 538 BC, a little over 42 thousand Israelites return from Babylonian captivity. This was a huge step for these people. They were leaving the stability and security of Babylon to go back to a Jerusalem that had been destroyed. But more than their physical, bodily return, God desired a spiritual return of the heart. God promised that if they would return to Him that He would return to them. This was a matter of the heart. It is very possible for us to sit in church physically - Sunday after Sunday - and yet our heart be far from Him. Oh, may we love the Lord Our God with all of our hearts.

### **3. God is absolutely sovereign over all the earth.**

In chapter one, we see a vision of God's horsemen patrolling the whole earth. They are free to go wherever they please, whenever they please, and do as they please. In chapter 2, we see the ease with which God brings judgment to mighty Babylon. With the simple waving of his hand, God causes Babylon to crumble. As Nebuchadnezzar learned in Daniel 4:34, none can stay the Lord's hand. In the day and age in which we live with all the political upheaval, it is important for us to remember that every square inch of the universe is under God's sovereign control. He is the Creator and one day God will return and establish His eternal kingdom. Therefore, as God's people, we must seek first His kingdom and not allow this world to capture our hearts.

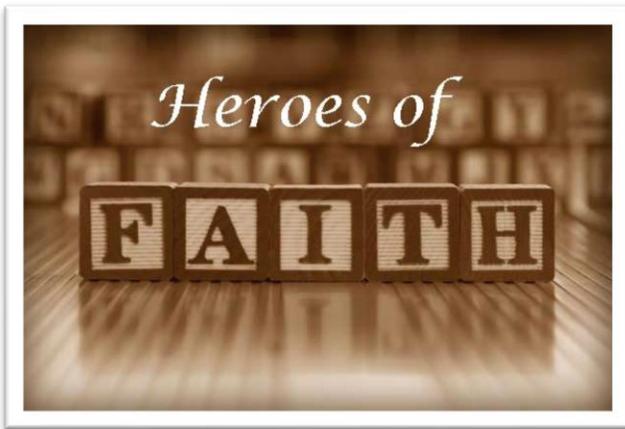
Wow! What a glorious vision of God we have seen in these first two chapters. May the Lord reveal more of Himself to us as we continue our journey through the book of Zechariah.

To God be the glory,

Pastor Todd

## Suburban Kids

It is common to think of faith as something that is just within us – trust and confidence in God. While that is surely part of it, faith doesn't stop there. Faith starts inside of us and always leads to action. The writer of Hebrews wanted to explain the fullness of faith to the early Jewish Christians by walking through examples of how men and women in the Old Testament had proven to be faithful. The result is Hebrews 11, often known as the Hall of Faith. Having faith was not easy. Many suffered, and they died before God's greatest promise – the arrival of Jesus – came true, but they believed that God had a wonderful plan. Every person in Hebrews 11 was a sinner in need of salvation. Each of these "heroes" needed a greater hero. Let's join together to point our children to the **perfect hero** who rescues us from our sin: **JESUS!**

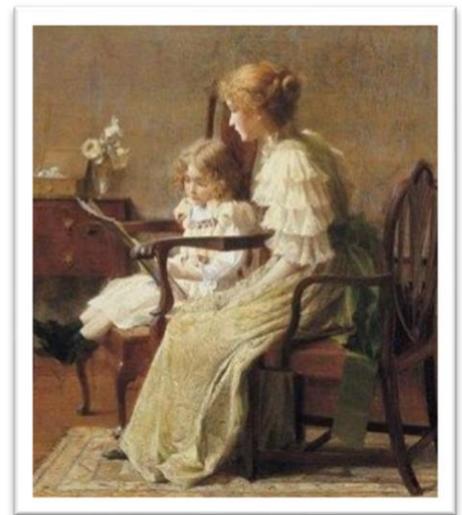


## Seniors' Ministry

Our regular monthly meeting was held Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, when our guest speaker was Barbara Davis from the Alzheimer's Association. Barbara presented an extremely informative program on nutrition to keep our brains and bodies healthy, and we all realized we have areas in our diets that need to be improved. Following the meeting, we enjoyed a lunch of sub sandwiches and salads. Hmm, those subs did not meet her guidelines for healthy lunch, but the delicious salads people brought contained many fruits and vegetables!

The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am. If you can, please bring a picture of your mother. We will display them and see if we can match the moms with people attending the meeting. Please also bring a covered dish to share at the luncheon. Watch the Seniors Ministry bulletin board and the Sunday church bulletins for more information.

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



## Bellamy Women

Bellamy Women is planning a super fun event coming to you this fall! We will be meeting over the summer to finalize plans, but we will need your help to make it a success. Keep on the lookout for the dates of the planning meeting and make plans to attend to share ideas. Also, don't forget about the books that are needed for the Union Mission Ladies library. Maryann Haggerty will make sure the donations that are brought to the church are delivered to Union Mission.



# Rent-A-Teen

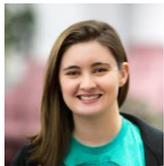
The Rent-A-Teen program is in full swing! Are you taking advantage of this program? Do you need help around the house, in the yard spring cleaning and sprucing up flowerbeds, or maybe spreading mulch? Whatever your need the students of AYM would LOVE to help! Students are available now to assist any families in our church with needs in exchange for donations towards their Summer Camp or Mission Trip balances. To "Rent-A-Teen", simply fill out a form, sharing the work you need done. Include your address and phone number., and students will contact you and set up a time to work!



## 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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# Walk With Jesus Easter Event and Egg Hunt Highlights

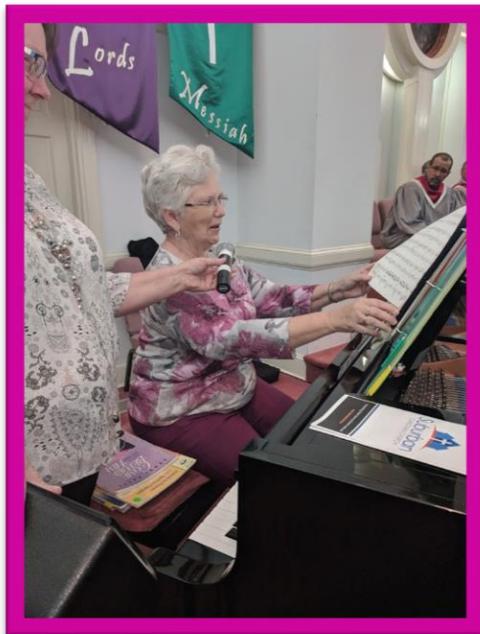


But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him.  
Acts 2:24



# Walk With Jesus Easter Event and Egg Hunt Highlights





*Friends are friends forever if the Lord's the Lord of them.*



# 21 Years of Faithful Service



On Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, we had the privilege and honor to recognize Karen Sittig for 21 years of service to the Lord and His people here at Suburban. As we reflect on her 21 years of service, there are some things about Karen that stand out:

\*She served **BOUNTIFULLY**, not sparingly. She poured her all into playing Sunday after Sunday, cantata after cantata, women's Bible studies, funerals, and weddings.

\*She served **JOYFULLY**, not reluctantly. The joy of the Lord was evident and flowed out of everything she did. The joy of the Lord could be heard every Sunday. She would play each verse differently. Even seasons and feelings (thunder/rain) could be heard. Even though she battled Parkinson's, it wasn't evident in her playing.

\*She served for the **GLORY OF GOD**, not for human praise. It was never about Karen, it was always about God's Glory.

We have been so blessed by her service and we are so grateful that God sent us the **VERY BEST**.



# AYM News and Upcoming Events

## WHERE WE'VE BEEN: APRIL

This past month was a good one! On the 21<sup>st</sup>, we spent the morning with Union Mission vacuuming, measuring and rolling up rugs for sale in the Union Mission thrift store. Even though rugs seem like the least of people's worries, we may underestimate the importance of a simple rug. We also don't realize how expensive rugs and things like that can be. Union Mission provides a place where people can purchase items to decorate and furnish their homes without spending a pretty penny. The very next day, AYM had lunch for the church. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make, prep and serve that afternoon. Thank you, **Hollice and Phyllis Wiggins**, for getting the delicious pulled pork. Thank you, **Andrea and Troy Hoover**, for manning the money box and helping the kitchen to run smoothly. Thank you, **Jeanette and Carissa Cox**, for helping serve and prep meals. Thank you, **Stacey, Brian and Anna Super**, for prepping meals, serving food and help with clean up. Thank you, **Emma Staten**, for helping serve and prep meals, and a big thanks to **Karen Nicolas** for helping set everything into place! For all of you who came for lunch – THANK YOU! You are helping our teenagers bless Houston.



## WHERE ARE WE GOING: MAY

In May, the summer vibes begin to kick off! We are going to begin a monthly prayer meeting for Parents and Leaders the first Friday in May. It will take place in the Upper Room (AYM room). Come and meet leaders, worship together, and pray over our students. This is a time for parents to be heard and come together for the benefit of our students. On **May 9<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a bonfire night at Sally's House. We will be doing fireside worship, our talk by the fire, and best of all S'MORES! Make sure to bring something to sit on! Also starting this month is our monthly Union Mission visits. Every third Saturday we will be visiting the Union Mission to reach out to our local community. Please meet at the church at 8:30 am. **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** is Tie-Dye night. So, bring a white shirt that you want to tie-dye or a colored shirt for a cool tie-dyeing hack. Make sure to wear clothes that can be messed up and nothing fancy. On the **25<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 pm, we will be having an all-nighter just for the fun of it. Bring your sleeping bags, pillows, and sugary snacks to keep you up. Can't wait to see what God has planned for the upcoming months! God Bless!!



## Music Ministry

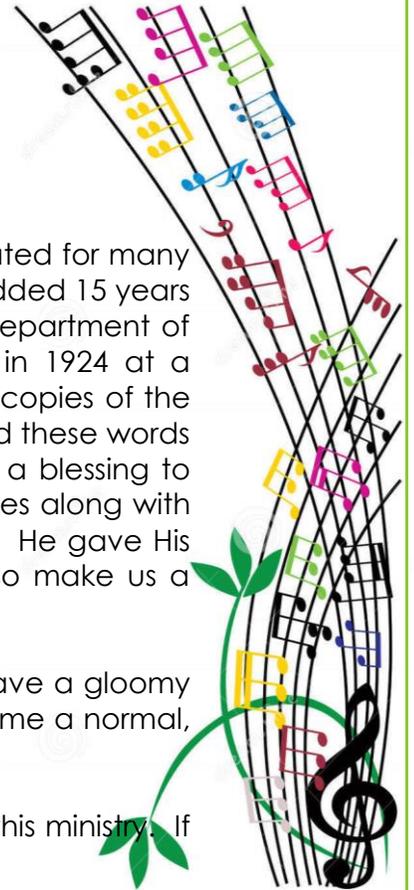
### A Little Hymn History to Ponder

**Make Me A Blessing**  
by Ira B. Wilson, 1880-1950

The text of this hymn was written in 1909 by Ira Wilson, a musician associated for many years with the Lorenz Publishing Company. The music for the hymn was added 15 years later by George Schuler, who served more than 40 years in the music department of the Moody Bible Institute. "Make Me a Blessing" was first introduced in 1924 at a Sunday School convention in Cleveland, Ohio, where Schuler had 1,000 copies of the song printed for the occasion. It was received with much enthusiasm, and these words have since been widely used to challenge believers to make their lives a blessing to others. You can find this hymn on page 380 in our hymnals. This song goes along with our year verse in Mark 10:45 where Jesus came to be a "blessing" to us. He gave His life to bless us with eternal salvation. As we abide in Christ, He will also make us a blessing to others.

St. Francis of Assisi said, "It is not fitting when one is in God's service to have a gloomy face or a chilling look. Representing Christ and serving others must become a normal, happy lifestyle as we carry the sunshine where darkness is rife."

The music ministry at Suburban is always happy to have people serve in this ministry. If you would like to join our music team, please contact Karen Meads.

A decorative floral border with pink and red roses and green leaves, framing the text. The border is ornate and features a central oval-shaped cutout at the bottom.

**Jimmy & Velma Meads**  
**Estate Sale**  
Saturday, May 5, 2018  
8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
5137 Bellamy Manor Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

# THANK YOU FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Jill Sabol came to us to serve in our Mother's Day Out Little Lambs program several years ago after working at Atlantic Shores Christian School in their elementary education program as a kindergarten assistant for 5 years. She began in MDO as an assistant to Phyllis Wiggins. Ed Laws was instrumental in Jill becoming the teacher of the 4-year-old class and she was soon asked to be the coordinator.

Through her efforts, the program was transformed into what it is today which includes: Pledges (American flag, Christian flag, and Bible), Bible verse memorization, structured fun learning, morning meeting time (calendar, weather, devotional), theme days, seasonal special days, Wednesday Bible lessons, and creative crafts including each child's picture (something the parents love). She has also made sure that every child who graduates from the program receives a Bible.

When she was asked about how the program has blessed her as she served, she replied, "I will deeply miss working with the little children, their parents, as well as my awesome staff. It has been a great joy and honor to serve God and this church in this ministry for the past 10 years, but I feel God is calling me to do something else now. I wish them the best of luck next year, as well as to the new coordinator taking my place. I loved teaching the children about the Lord, encouraging and praying with the parents through difficulties, and teaching kindness and love to the children because we may be the only Jesus they see."

So, what does she plan on doing after MDO? She hopes to begin serving in the community by showing kindness, care, and the love of Jesus through visiting shut-ins of the Suburban family and possibly forming a ladies group to serve the community and encourage others through creative crafts – a gift we all know she has. She will probably have a little time for scrapbooking and visiting her grown children, Chris and Michael. 😊

Dear Jill,

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Love,

Your Suburban Family



## Mothers' Day Out Little Lambs

It's hard to believe that May is the last month of our program before we break for summer. The week of May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Appreciation Week. This is a fun week to let our teachers know how much we love them. On May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30 am, we will be having our Mother's Day Breakfast for our MDO mothers and grandmothers to show our appreciation for all their help during the year. Our last day will be Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, which will include a pizza party for the children. Our program and graduation will be held that night at 7:00 pm. What a great year this has been! We still have some spots available for our fall program. If you have or know of someone that has a 2 ½, 3, or 4-year-old, please tell them about us!



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

**Hebrews 11:7**

By \_\_\_\_\_ Noah,  
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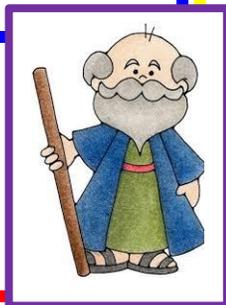
**Noah's Ark Word Search**

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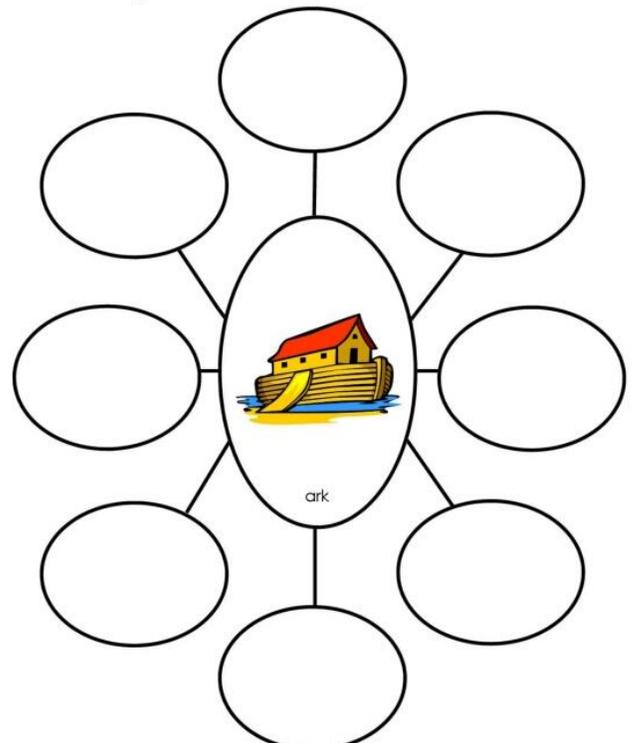
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*Kids Page*



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



Thirty people attended a simulcast of Secret Church 18, "Cults and Counterfeit Gospels," with David Platt April 20-21<sup>st</sup> at Suburban Christian Church. Worldwide, more than 54,500 people (in all 50 states of the U.S. and in 66 additional countries) attended the event, which was streamed live from Nashville, TN. Beginning with an outline of the gospel of Jesus Christ, Platt led attendees through a brief, historical overview of heresies and defined cults and counterfeit gospels.

Quoting Paul in Galatians 1:6-9 and reminding his audience of Christians' responsibility to spread the one, true gospel of Jesus Christ to save souls for eternity, Platt said, "A pastor must be able to rebuke false teachers and what they are teaching."

Platt identified the false teachings of the cults of Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses and the counterfeit gospels taught through Catholicism, the prosperity gospel and theological liberalism. Following each discussion of a cult or counterfeit gospel, Platt armed Christians with information on how best to witness to followers of these false teachings.

"Risk opposition, ridicule and persecution in the culture around you for the sake of Christ in you," Platt said, as he encouraged believers to boldly spread the true gospel in their homes, neighborhoods, workplaces and cities.

A part of Platt's ministry, Radical, the annual Secret Church event offers attendees more than five hours of highly concentrated Bible study as well as information about and prayer for persecuted Christians. This year, Secret Church prayed for and raised money to evangelize to the diverse population of Malaysia. Only four percent of the more than 31 million people in Malaysia identify as evangelical Christians. The government punishes Christians who witness to Muslims, the national religion of the Malay people. Because of intense persecution, converted Malays are often not safe to attend Christian churches and they rarely share their newfound beliefs with other Muslims. During Secret Church 18, Radical launched a Gospel Story film through social media, which was viewed nearly 101,000 times in Malaysia as of 1 pm April 21<sup>st</sup>.

The event included an opportunity to pray for the spread of the gospel throughout Malaysia. "Pray that Malaysians with little or no access to the gospel would hear the gospel through a variety of means, including: believers in their own country, missionaries from other countries, digital and physical Bibles, the internet, TV, radio, etc.," Platt asked believers.

Secret Church was launched in 2000 and is based upon Platt's experiences as a minister in underground Asian house-churches. To avoid detection, persecuted Christians meet irregularly to study the Bible, pray and fellowship under the cloak of darkness, oftentimes for eight-to-twelve hours at a time. Preaching into the wee hours of the morning during Secret Church against a sparse background of brick and surrounded by single light bulbs hanging from the ceiling, Platt offers non-persecuted Christians a glimpse of persecuted brothers' and sisters' experiences. While tired, the majority of Suburban Christian Church attendees remained to the end of Secret Church at 1:30 am, fortified throughout the night by goodies such as fruit, cheese, baked goods, vegetables and chicken tenders.

Platt concluded Secret Church by encouraging believers to dedicate their lives to the spreading of the gospel. He said, "Give your life, spend your life, making the one, true gospel of the one, true God known to the ends of the earth."

Pastor Todd led attendees in a closing prayer after sharing his desire for church members to spread the gospel in Virginia Beach and for Suburban Christian Church to see a revival within its walls.

Invite family and friends and make plans to attend Secret Church 19, "Prayer, Fasting and the Pursuit of God," April 26, 2019, which will again be simulcast at Suburban Christian Church. For additional information about Platt's ministry, Radical, including Secret Church, go online to [www.radical.net](http://www.radical.net) and [www.facebook.com/secretchurch](http://www.facebook.com/secretchurch).

Submitted by Amber Rach



Galatians 1: 6-9

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel – not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.





## Sunday School News

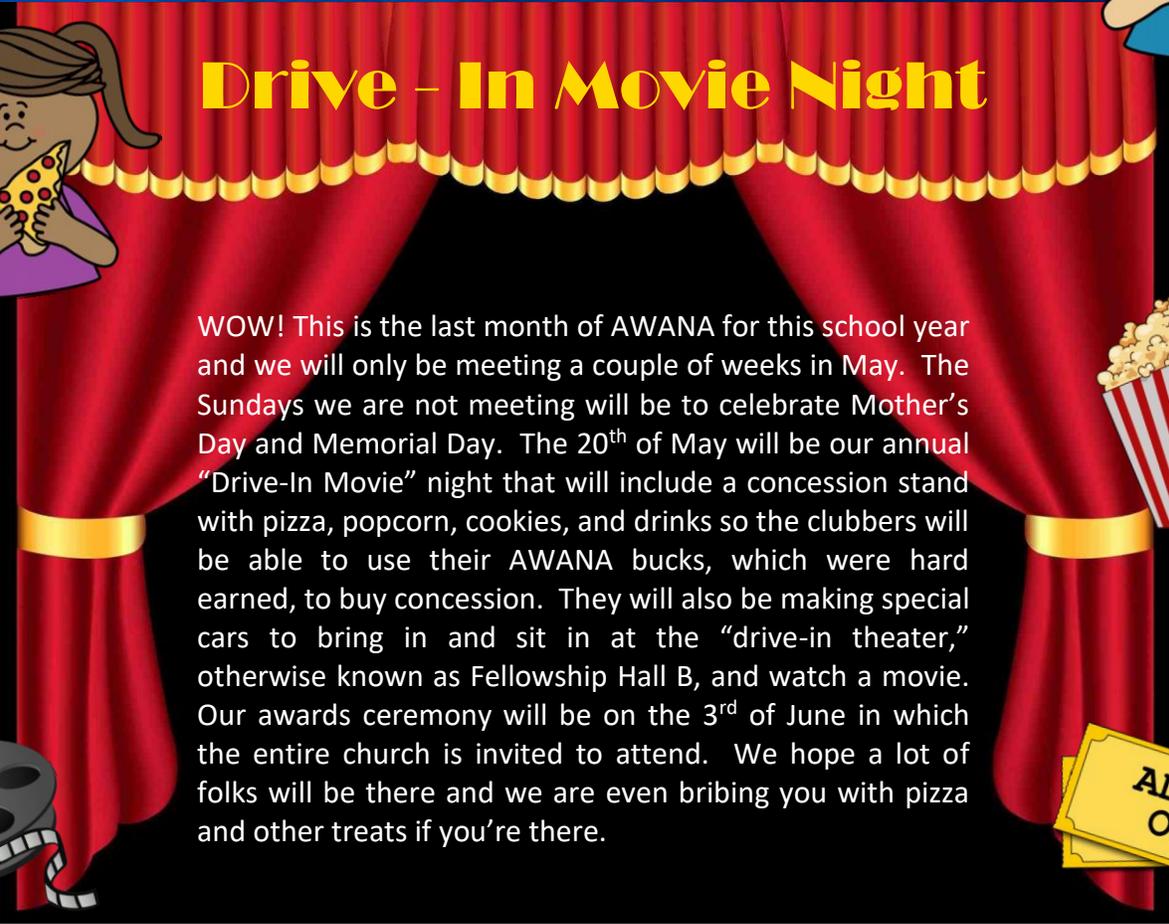
Recently I had the opportunity to ask our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school class to answer the question: **“Why is Sunday school important?”** Elena said, “There is a reward for saying verses, so we study them hard, so we know them really well and have them memorized.” Samara said, “I learn about Jesus.” William said, “I get to see my friends.” Abby said, “Sunday school gives us an opportunity to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. The teachers are kind and willingly answer any questions we have. It is an environment to learn and socialize. Thank you for supporting the church and giving me this chance to deepen my relationship with Christ.” All great reasons for **EACH** of us to come to Sunday school.



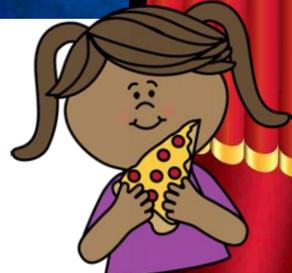
# Awards Night

## Sunday, June 3rd





## Drive - In Movie Night



WOW! This is the last month of AWANA for this school year and we will only be meeting a couple of weeks in May. The Sundays we are not meeting will be to celebrate Mother's Day and Memorial Day. The 20<sup>th</sup> of May will be our annual "Drive-In Movie" night that will include a concession stand with pizza, popcorn, cookies, and drinks so the clubbers will be able to use their AWANA bucks, which were hard earned, to buy concession. They will also be making special cars to bring in and sit in at the "drive-in theater," otherwise known as Fellowship Hall B, and watch a movie. Our awards ceremony will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June in which the entire church is invited to attend. We hope a lot of folks will be there and we are even bribing you with pizza and other treats if you're there.




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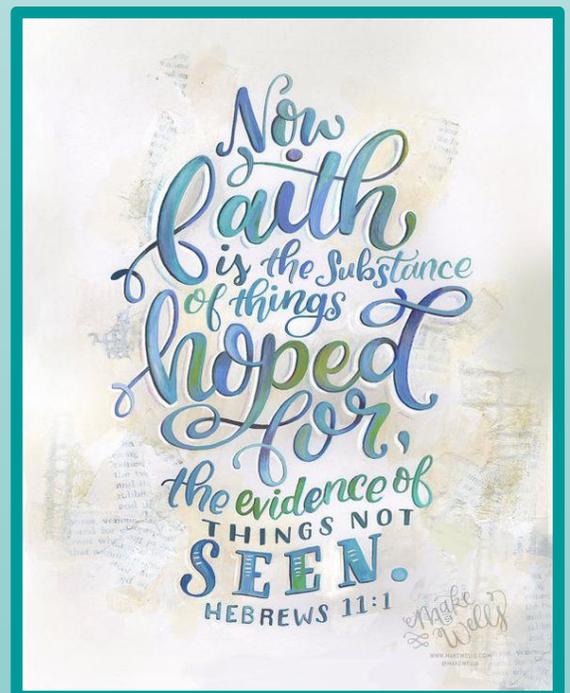
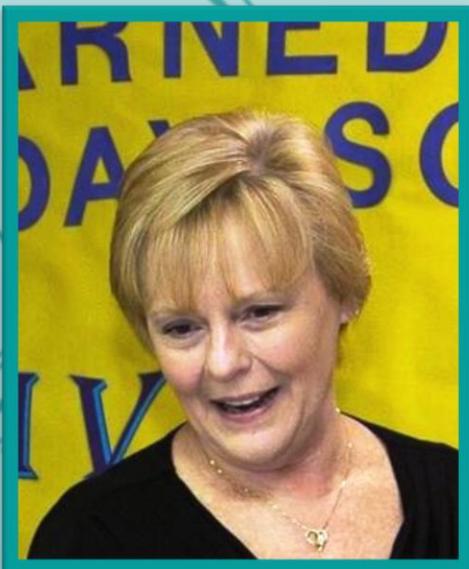
# Meet Our Ministry Administrator

We are happy to announce a new addition to the Suburban Staff. Karen Nicolas has joined us in the new position of Ministry Administrator. Karen and her husband, Nick, have been part of the Suburban family for over 20 years. They have two adult children, Amanda and Aaron, children-in-law Sean and Christina, and a grandson, Ryland.

Karen's prior professional experience includes 20 years as a Cryptologic Technician in the Navy, 10 years as the Director of a Christian preschool, and 10 years as Admin Assistant to a Financial Advisor. She has spent the last six years being a full time Grandma.

Over the past 20+ years, Karen has served in several volunteer positions at Suburban. She taught Pioneers before she and Nick became the coordinators of that program. She taught Sunday School for many years and also taught Children's Church. She has been involved in Vacation Bible School for 20 years, serving as crafts teacher and then as VBS Director. She also designed and implemented our Children's Security Program. Most of you see her sitting in the foyer on Sunday mornings greeting families and visitors and giving the children their nametags.

Karen is excited about serving in this new position where she will be able to invest in our ministry volunteers. Her job is to provide all manner of support to all of our ministries. Her goal is to create an environment where our dedicated volunteers will be able to focus all of their effort and attention on their ministries, pouring the love of Christ into everyone they serve, without distraction.



## Operation Christmas Child Corner

The Pillbox Campaign continues from now until the National Collection Week in November. Keep picking up empty pill bottles in the foyer, filling them with change, and returning them to be added to the total. We hope to have enough to help ship over 500 "GO" (Gospel Opportunity) shoe box gifts this year!

There was a project leader training for our area for Operation Christmas Child on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Cornerstone Baptist Church in which Glenn and I led the breakout session, "Let's Have A Packing Party." We had a few of our people attend also. Keep the shoe boxes in mind this spring when things go on sale. After Easter, toys and games, yard sale items, store closings, changing seasons, etc. work well to fill the boxes.

We had a workday on April 14<sup>th</sup> and had 8 women and 1 man to make items or wrap shoe boxes. Thanks for all you are doing – keep up the good work. We are working together in our homes and at the church on many different projects and items. I'm so pleased and excited to see all that we accomplish this year. Remember, every box means another child touched with the love of God. See you soon.  
Lynn Cooke

### MAY COLLECTION ITEMS:

**Toothbrushes**  
**Washcloths**  
**Soap**



### AN OCC STORY TO PONDER: PRAYING FOR A WATER BOTTLE

A boy in Tanzania had asked his father for a refillable water bottle to take with him to school. Not having any spare money, the boy's father said, "just wait and pray." Two months later at church, the boy received a shoebox gift that contained a water bottle. He told his father, "You don't have to buy me a bottle for carrying water to school because Jesus has brought me one."