

NOVEMBER 2018

The Suburban Connection

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Fall Family Festival 2018

It's just a memory now, and a few stray pieces of popcorn in the parking lot, but what a memory it is! We were blessed with perfect weather and lots of faithful volunteers who came together to create a night to remember for the children in our congregation and the families in our community. The atmosphere was all love, generosity, fun and imagination.

We have some incredibly creative, fun loving people in our congregation. The cars were amazing! We had games of all kinds, wonderful imaginative decorations, and some very interesting surprises. Kids got to meet Lucy and the White Witch in Narnia and then go to a carnival! That living scarecrow startled more adults than kids, and no one, not even Pastor Todd, could resist the urge to jump on the surfboard in front of a giant wave!

A HUGE **"THANK YOU SO MUCH"** to all the many, many volunteers who made this possible. You answered the call to help show the love of Christ and stepped up in a big way. Each and every one of you was an integral part of this amazing event.

It's not too early to start planning for next year. Two of the parking spots have already been reserved for Trunk or Treat 2019!



Save The Date!

Fall Congregation Meeting

November 14th
Fall Congregational Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

OCC National Collection Week

November 12th-19th
Drop-off times:
3:00 – 5:00 pm

Mission Trip Bake Sale

November 18th
After the worship service

Thanksgiving Service

November 20th
In the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm

Sanctuary Decorated for Christmas

November 28th
10:00 am

From The Pastor's Desk:

O give thanks to the Lord for He is good. Thanking God for His goodness in the Gospel.

1. Past: *The Gospel saves us from the penalty of sin.* "Justification"

Colossians 2:13,14 “And you who were dead in your trespasses...God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.”

Our guilt was taken away at the cross, our sin was fully paid for, our shame was covered with the righteousness of Jesus, when God looks at us He sees all that is true of Jesus in us. The good news of the Gospel is that Jesus saved us from the penalty of sin, namely God's wrath.

2. Present: *The Gospel saves us from the power of sin.* "Sanctification"

I Corinthians 15:1,2 “Now I would remind you brothers of the Gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are *being saved*, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you.”

We are right now, presently being saved by the Gospel if we keep believing in the Gospel. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is right now working in us. Resurrection power is working in us each day, delivering us from the power of sin and making us more like Christ.

3. Future: *The Gospel saves us from the presence of sin.* "Glorification"

I John 3:2 “Beloved we are God's children now, and what we *will be* has not yet appeared: but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”

Paul says it this way in I Corinthians. 15:52, “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye... the dead will be raised imperishable, and we *shall be* changed.” At the return of Christ once and for all we will transformed, no more sin, no more sickness, no more death all because of the power of the Gospel!

Praise God for the Gospel of Jesus,
Pastor Todd

What's Happening In

Seniors' Ministry



Our last meeting was held Thursday, October 18th. The guest speaker was Dawna Ellis, a martial arts expert, who told us ways to protect ourselves without using guns or physical force. It was a very informative presentation! Afterwards everyone enjoyed a soup and salad luncheon.

The next regular meeting will be held **Thursday, November 15th**. This will be our annual Thanksgiving dinner. The turkey will be provided; please bring a side dish to share. Watch the Sunday bulletin for further details.

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

The Seniors Ministry needs you! We need new members, new energy and new ideas, including some who would be willing to contribute their time and talents to the steering committee.

Dana Mosteller

Suburban Kids Children's Church

In Children's Church this month, we will be wrapping up our overview of the entire Bible. The kids have successfully made it through the entire Old Testament and are well on their way through the New Testament. It is our prayer that at the conclusion of this unit each of our kids walks away with a better understanding of the Bible as God's True Word with a unified message of love and redemption.



We are also excited about the response of the kids to serving during our 5th Family Sundays and want to let them know that they are welcome to serve any Sunday, not just on the 5th Sunday of the month. If any children are interested in being on a regular schedule as Junior Ushers or Scripture readers, please contact Sarah Nelapaty (childrensministry@sccvb.org or (757) 647-3626). And all children are welcome to serve as Church Mice every Sunday, helping tidy up our pews and floors after the service!

Sarah Nelapaty

MISSION TRIP BAKE SALE

Fall is the time for filling our bellies with delicious baked goods, which is perfect because November 18th because we will be having a bake sale for all of your fall dessert needs! All funds will go towards our church-wide trip to Haiti, and it is just in time for Thanksgiving and hosting guests, so be sure to grab your baked goods following the Sunday service. If you are willing to lend your baking skills for this endeavor, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Rebekah via phone or email: outreach@sccvb.org or (757) 404-8105.



SCC Church Staff



Rev. C. Todd Haynes
Senior Pastor



Sally Harden
Director of Youth Ministries



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

Visit us on Facebook! Search for "Suburban Christian Church" on www.facebook.com

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

THE BENEFITS OF DRAMATIC PLAY

Experts agree that dramatic play is an essential part of a well-rounded preschool program as it is healthy for early childhood development. Here are just a few of the many incredible benefits of dramatic play.

SOCIAL SKILLS/INTERACTION: Dramatic play promotes the development of social skills through interaction with others.

COMMUNICATION: Dramatic play promotes the use of speaking and listening skills. When children take part in this type of play, they practice words they have heard others say, and realize that they must listen to what other “players” say in order to be able to respond in an appropriate fashion. It also teaches them to choose their words wisely so that others will understand exactly what it is they are trying to communicate.

PRACTICING HIGHER LEVEL THINKING: What separates dramatic play from more passive games is that your child is involved in spontaneously creating something new. It’s a deceptively simple activity that requires young children to plan, organize, and problem solve.

USING CREATIVITY: Your child might re-live the same story over and over, each time bringing something different to the scenario to make it better or different. He may also begin to try and entertain you with these games. Remember that it’s not just play, but the building blocks to life skills.

Andrea Hoover





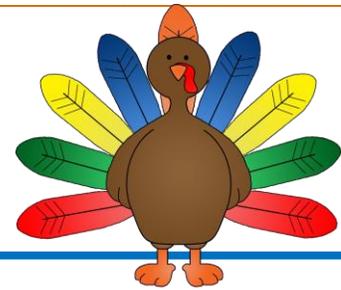
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THANKSGIVING

A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17

JUST FOR... Suburban Kids

Name some things you are thankful for:

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Apples	P	P	T	S	E	V	R	A	H
Autumn	A	P	U	N	V	B	V	A	N
Crisp	P	S	Y	M	Y	T	Y	M	M
Fall	P	I	N	G	P	R	B	L	U
Hayride	L	R	C	R	I	K	L	M	T
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Rake									

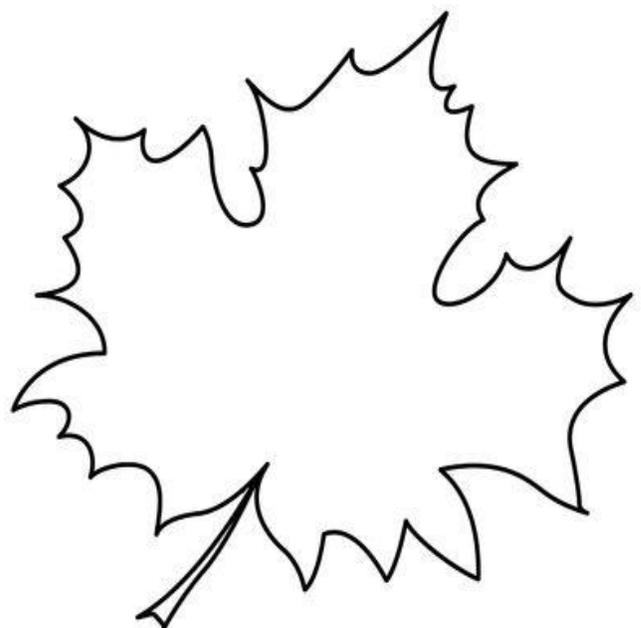
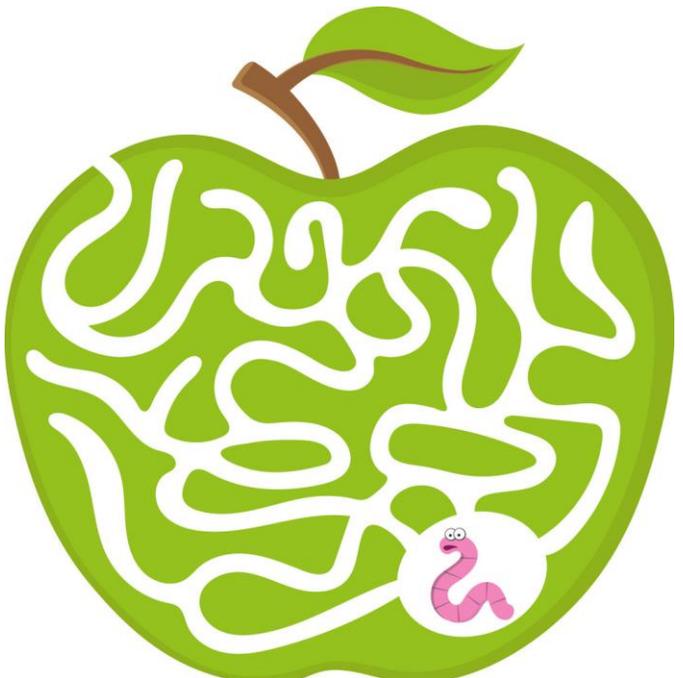


Directions: Fill in the blanks of the following verse.

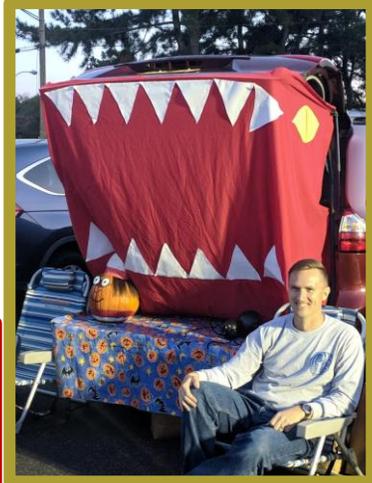
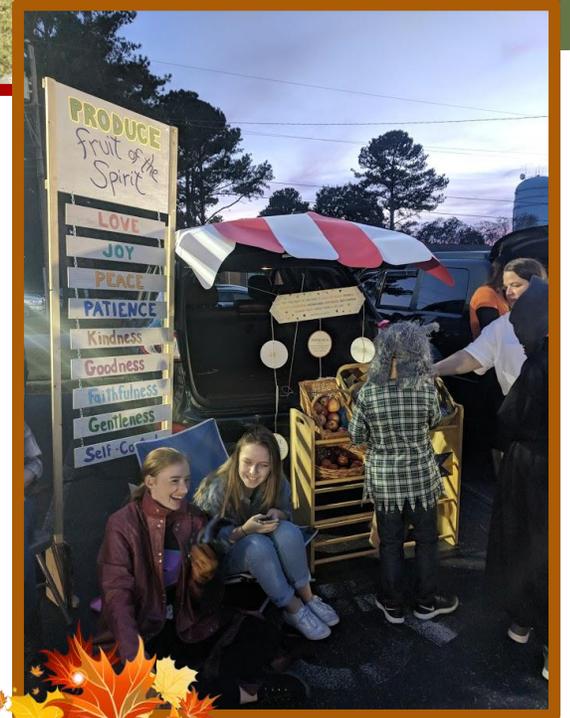
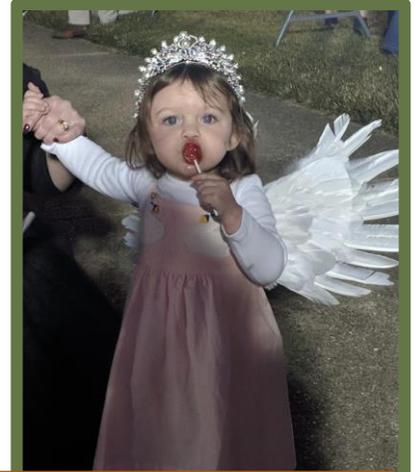
He _____ the _____ to _____ the _____; the _____
 knows it's _____ for setting. Psalm 104:19



Imagine you were walking through the woods in the fall and found the most unusual leaf you'd ever seen. Color in the leaf to show what it would look like.



Fall Family Festival





Men's Ministry

Our study of the Book of the Acts during the month of November will include the continuation of Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost and the growth in fellowship of those who responded to the Gospel message. That growth marked the beginning of Christ's church with the active guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit. It witnessed the transformation of timid and afraid followers into bold and effective leaders with Peter and John as the spokesmen.

The study will follow how the numbers of Jesus' followers in Jerusalem grew from the small band of Apostles to thousands of believers throughout Judea, Samaria, and the entire Mediterranean region. In the process, a new movement developed from its Jewish roots. The study will discuss how the separation of the two occurred with the stoning of one of the new converts (Stephen) by the Jewish leadership. A look at how that attempt to silence believers led to added numbers, instead.

As always, the in-depth, word-by-word, verse-by-verse, chapter-by-chapter study will be conducted at 8:00 AM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month in the Church's Fellowship Hall. It follows a home-made breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, grits, biscuits, sausage gravy, fruit, and coffee prepared by ministry members. It is an outstanding opportunity for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. It is open to all men, church members and non-members. All are invited to enjoy a good breakfast, good fellowship, and the Good News found in God's Word. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

163 Operation Christmas Child Corner

Thank you, thank you to everyone who has and is still contributing to the collections for OCC this year! We are having our packing event Nov. 3 at 1:00 pm. Plan to come and view the new video, pray for the recipients of shoebox gifts, and pack the boxes. Bring any more donations then if you can and we'll put them right into the boxes.

The pill bottle campaign has helped our donations of funds immensely. So far, the total change that has come into the church is \$769.00!! You can bring your cash donations to the church, mail a check made out to Samaritan's Purse, or donate money on line at Operation Christmas Child. com to help send the boxes on their way. The nine-dollar donation per box helps for the shipping and processing costs here in the US.

We are going to the Charlotte Processing Center this year, December 2nd – 5th. There are still a few spaces if you'd like to experience the joy with us. Please call me, 424-9869, if interested.

Lynn Cooke

Our main focus in November is having the AWANA kids helping with items for the Christmas Boxes as well as learning to be thankful for all they have. This is always very exciting to them because they feel like they are contributing to those in need, and they also feel more a part of the Church family. The next couple of months will be short months for both the kids and leaders because we will be getting some time off from AWANA. Although it's a nice break, we will miss the exciting times we have those evenings. Please continue to pray that we all remain focused on helping the kids grow in the Grace and knowledge of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. Pray also that all that do will be for God's Glory, and not our own. One other area of prayer that's needed is that more of those kids registered will start to attend AWANA more consistently. We were often short of kids in October, but I wanted to emphasize the importance of the program since it puts the Word of God into the minds and hearts of those kids. If anyone has any questions regarding the AWANA program, please don't hesitate to contact me (contact info below).

Tim Jackson, Email: toolman1956@gmail.com; Phone: 757-880-0269.

Tim Jackson

AWANA



AYM - Ambassador Youth Ministry

WHERE WE'VE BEEN: OCTOBER

This month has been a great month! AYM has gotten through the first tiny bit of Romans and I very excited to see where God will lead us. We also started to add our student praise team to Wednesday nights. So, if you are ever free Wednesday night come and see our students worship the Lord through music. Some students, leaders and I also went on a hike to enjoy the last bits of Summer warmth. My pups loved spending time with the kids and they loved the walk. We also had a game night! Some played Super Smash Brothers and I learned how to play Phase 10. It was a great night of loud fun. My favorite party of the month was our Halloween Party. We played games and were able to carve pumpkins to put out by the cars for the Harvest Festival. I had so much fun at the Festival too! This was my first festival and I had so much fun decorating my car! Surfs up, everyone!

Sally Harden

WHERE WE'RE GOING: NOVEMBER

AYMgiving Night: November 14th

Bake Sale: November 18th

No AYM, Starbucks after School: November 21st

AYM night at the Movies: November 24th



Sunday School News

We are happy to welcome Amber Funderburk as our new 4th-5th grade teacher! Amber and her family have been regularly attending SCC for over a year and she has willingly served in many of our children's ministries. She and Lois Ritger bring their love of Jesus and His word to their class each week. They recently taught about God testing Abraham by asking him to be willing to sacrifice what was most precious to him. They followed up with a game for the kids to make that truth real in their own lives. We are so thankful that God continues to add to the Sunday school team just the right people to fulfill His mission of training disciples.

Jan Grills

