

THE SUBURBAN CONNECTION

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SAVE THE DATE

Food Pantry
October 7th & 21st
12:30 – 2:00 pm

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
October 4th & 18th
8:00 am
Fellowship Hall

OCC Workday
October 20th
1:00 pm
Suburban Kids Room

Senior Ministry Meeting
October 16th
11:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Belong Women's Ministry
Fall Frolic Fellowship Breakfast
October 25th
10:00 am

Newsletter Submissions Due
October 24th

Fall Family Festival
October 31st
5:30 pm

Fall Family Festival 2025

Friday, October 31st 5:30 – 7:30 pm

It's that time of year where we come together as a church family to bless our community by providing a safe, friendly alternative to traditional Halloween activities.

This year we will have Trunk or Treating, games, bounce houses, candy, food and drinks, costumes, more candy, and most importantly a chance to share fellowship with each other and the people from the neighborhood who join us for the evening. Our prayer is that we will be successful at sharing the love of Jesus with everyone who enters our parking lot, and that they will see that love shining brightly in each one of us.

To make this happen, we need help from all of our church family – people to decorate their vehicles and hand out candy to the children, maybe even setting up a little game of dressing up. People to cook and serve food. People to greet families as they arrive. People to mingle, be friendly and available to answer questions. People to help set up tables and chairs. People to put it all away at the end of the festivities. And people to bring candy . . . LOTS AND LOTS OF CANDY.

And we need the whole congregation to pray that every family who visits us will be touched in a wonderful way by the love that we freely share with them. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk if you can help in any way.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Sanctuary Renovation Special Offering
will be held on Sunday, October 5th,
during the worship service.

From the Pastor's Desk ~ What Do Church Members Do?

We have finally made it! In these last 6 months, we have seen what the Bible has to say about Elders (who they are and what they do), Deacons (who they are and what they do), and church members (who they are and, in this article, what they do). The church is not a man-inspired, man-designed entity. The church has been planned by God from eternity past and created through the work of Christ and his Spirit. Christ is the head of the church; he is our authority and source of life. We exist because of Christ and for the glory of Christ. So, as followers of Christ, what are church members to do?

I. EVER LEARNING ABOUT CHRIST

***Acts 2:42** - "And they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching."

***II Peter 3:18** - "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

***Acts 5:42** - "And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus."

Praise God, he has revealed himself to us in his Word. He has revealed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God and that there is salvation ONLY in his name. Yes, the love of Christ surpasses knowledge (Ephesians 3:19) but by his grace, through the help of the Holy Spirit, we can grow in the knowledge of Christ. Church members will ever be learning about the person and work of Jesus Christ.

II. EVER - WORSHIPPING CHRIST

***Revelation 5:11,12** - "Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

***Romans 12:1** - "I appeal to you brothers by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

Just as the church in heaven gathers to worship the Lamb who was slain, the church on earth gathers weekly to worship Christ through hearing God's Word preached, through singing praises to him and through remembering Christ's sacrifice by partaking of communion. But worship is not confined to church on Sunday. We are to worship Christ 24/7 as we daily offer every area of our lives in loving devotion and obedience to him..

III. EVER CARING AND SERVING LIKE CHRIST

***John 13:34** - "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

***Hebrews 3:13** - "But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."

***I Peter 4:10** - "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

Jesus Christ came because He loved us, and He calls us to love one another with that same quality of love. Jesus came, not to be served but to serve and then he calls us to serve one another; to have his "servant's mind" that focuses on the needs of others. Today it seems that the consumer mindset of "what can you do for me" has infiltrated the church. May the loving and serving heart of Christ grow in us!

IV. EVER SHARING CHRIST

***Matthew 28:18-20** - "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

***I Peter 2:9** - "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Christ left heaven and came to earth. He came to us. He walked among us. He engaged the people of Israel with the good news that he is the Savior. He pursued the woman at the well, he engaged her with the gospel. He saved her. He called Zacchaeus down from the tree, invited himself to his home and saved Zacchaeus from his sin. Christ calls us to go, to engage, to proclaim the excellencies of him who redeemed us by his blood. God the Holy Spirit will empower us to share the gospel with boldness (Acts 4:31).

There is certainly more to say concerning what church members are to do, but these are the areas consistently emphasized through the New Testament . . . ever learning about Christ, ever worshipping Christ, ever caring and serving like Christ, and ever sharing Christ! And as we continue to practice these, God has promised that he will ever-conform us into the image of Christ (Romans 8:29).

All to the Glory of God,

Pastor Todd



Food Pantry Ministry

Happy October! Whew, the months seem to be flying by. We are excited for the changes coming, not only in the seasons but inside Suburban as well. The team is already planning our Thanksgiving meal for the families that come. Giving food to the hungry is not just a good deed, but a way to live out our faith. Please continue to pray for all of us as we get busy serving our community. Together we can make a difference in the lives of those we serve. Do not forget to check the bulletin for the needs we have every week.

Be blessed church family,
The Food Pantry Team

Seniors Ministry

At our September meeting our guest speaker was Jon Stull of the Great Bridge Museum. He presented a history lesson regarding the area. The colonists had been on American soil for 150 years and edicts such as "living west of the Appalachian Mountains is forbidden" and demanding taxes from our wares were not received well. When the British arrived on the road north to Norfolk our local part of the Revolutionary war broke out at Great Bridge.

On Thursday, October 16th, Robert Aerhart is going to speak to us about God's work in his life. Chicken tenders and garden salad will be served for lunch. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Larry Thomas



Operation Christmas Child

National Collection Week is fast approaching. November 17 - 24 is the week that Suburban serves as one of eight collection centers in the Tidewater area. Pray that our volunteers stay strong and healthy through the week as we collect, carton up and deliver over 3500 shoebox gifts to the next point of contact on their way to the processing center in Baltimore or Charlotte and then on to children all over the world.

During the month of October, we will be collecting **gloves, hats, and stuffed toys** along with all other items to finish filling our boxes from Suburban. We have filled over 400 shoebox gifts so far and are hopefully filling quite a few more before November 17th. Every box means another child has been touched by the love of God with our help and will be told of the Greatest Gift of Jesus Christ. We truly are following the great commission in helping to spread the Word of God to all nations teaching them to observe what we have been taught and assuring them that Jesus loves them and will always be with them.

Our last monthly workday will be October 20th at 1:00 if you would like to help. After that we will be finishing our contributions and getting ready for the collection week. Please try to have your individual shoebox gifts here by then as well. You can pick up empty boxes in the hallway under the OCC bulletin board and leave your filled boxes there too.

Thank you for all your prayers and support.
Lynn Cooke



Nursery Ministry

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service	Worship Service Assistant
10/5/25	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Stacie Raymer LaToya Rakes	William Schnurr
10/12/25	Melissa Tucker	Samantha Haynes Barbara Skarupa	Nathaniel Schnurr
10/19/25	Melissa Tucker Stacey Super	Nancy Herbst Chris Bulaski	Emma Tyler
10/26/25	Melissa Tucker	Christine Rogers Laura Tyler	Camrynn Gatie



If you would like to be a part of this ministry to our church families, please contact Stacie Raymer (sraymer@odu.edu; 757-589-5731). We can always use substitutes. Please consider helping! Young teenagers are also welcome to volunteer.



Rev. C. Todd Haynes
Senior Pastor



Derrick J. Sloan
Associate/Next
Generation Pastor

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"Suburban Christian Church" on www.facebook.com
We want to hear from you! Contact us at office@sccvb.org

Sunday School Ministry

I wanted to give a big heart-felt thanks to all of you who prayed for our students as they started a new school year. I never thought we would get the response that we did! I was moved at the willingness of the Church body to lavish our students in prayer! Thank you for your support.

We have another way you can support our Sunday school ministry. The children started practicing a song which they will perform on November 30th during the worship service. The song is Luke 2:8-14 which has been set to music. Mark your calendars and invite neighbors, friends, and family. Most people love seeing the children perform! They may not come on an average Sunday, but they might come if they knew the children would be on stage. And what a great way to usher in the Christmas season! We are already working on the song and have made posters to use during the performance on November 30th. We look forward to sharing God's Word in song with the congregation. Laura

Tyler



Belong Women's Ministry ~ YOU ARE INVITED!

Saturday, October 25th, at 10:00 am.

Breakfast Theme: Gratitude

What to expect: Fun, Food, and Fellowship

Guest Craft Leader: Susan Philips

Look for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk near the church office.



The men's prayer breakfast and Bible study meets on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 8 am.

Current study:

1 & 2 Peter ~ Courage In Times of Trouble



The College & Young Adults meet twice a month. If you would like to find out more information, please see Derrick Sloan.

Current Study:

Trusting God by Jerry Bridges

Look up the verse and fill in the blanks. Then color the pumpkins.

Matthew 9:37 – 38

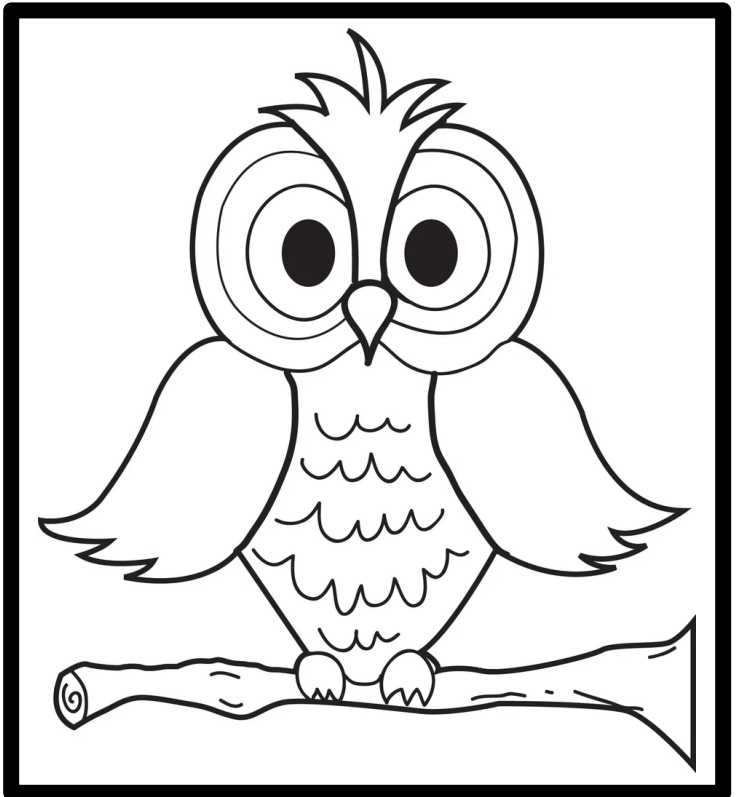
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Just for...

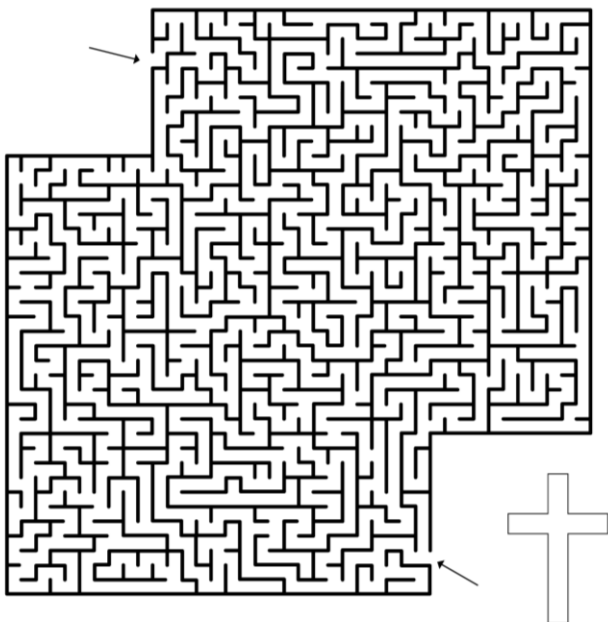
Suburban
Kids

Color Me:



JOHN 8:32

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.



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WORD LIST

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GIFTS MADE EASY

Music Ministry

The music ministry programs are in full swing for the fall. The usual Tuesday evening **choir** rehearsal starts at 7pm and runs to 8:30. We have now added a **daytime** rehearsal, also on Tuesdays. This group meets from 11am to 12:30. Sunday mornings, both groups will join together in the sanctuary for worship together. Already, five people are attending this new time slot. Don't worry that you might be the only one if you decide to join. We would LOVE to have you! We are still praying for "5 in '25".

The **bell choir** is meeting again, at 5pm on Sunday evenings. They still have one open position for teens or adults who read music. If you are interested, reach out to Lynn Cooke. You can look forward to several new presentations from their group this fall.

There are 81 days until Christmas. This is the perfect time to start planting seeds with friends and family to join you for worship during the month of December at Suburban. The Bell Choir will be presenting special offerings during the month and will be playing along with congregational music. This is a talented group of ringers who add a special depth and texture to our worship.



The first Sunday (12/7) is Christmas with the children. It's a very special day where our children are treated to a special Christmas story read to them by Pastor Todd. The second Sunday (12/14) is the Christmas cantata. The music of Come Adore will include children and youth and many fresh new musical offerings. There are ways to support this effort behind

the scenes. If you do not sing but would like to help with preparations, please reach out to Karen Meads. There are needs in the tech area, platform set-up, decorating and supervising and supporting the children.

The third Sunday (12/21) is Christmas Sunday where Pastor Todd will bring his Christmas message and will include more special music. That is followed by a very special Christmas Eve candlelight and communion service, a worship service unlike any other.

COME
ADORE

Christmas 2025
Suburban Christian Church



With so many special offerings in December, there are many reasons to ask someone to join you for worship. Special cards will be available in November to assist you in extending the invitation to those around you. Be BOLD! Speak to strangers, ask neighbors, and above all, ask God to place in your path those who need an invitation to church! ~Karen Meads



Sanctuary Renovation Update

By now you have observed the transformation beginning. There was a HUGE turnout for the first Saturday workday which put the renovation schedule a full two weeks ahead of plan. Thank you to the many men and women who worked that day and every day since to get the work done that we had slated to do internally.



This month you can expect to see the work transition from internal construction to external contractors. The ceiling repairs and painting will be the primary changes. The new pews and furniture are on order but as of this publication we do not have a delivery date. We will communicate that when we have one.

A schedule of the work is posted in the foyer, along with the new sanctuary layout and the finishes. Please take a minute to peruse them. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Renovation Committee.



Praise God *from whom*
all blessings flow

AWANA Ministry

Just for ... **Suburban Kids**

We had a very successful registration night on September 14th with thirteen kids signing up! This year, or at least so far, it looks like we will have all SCC kids in attendance. It is so special to have our church kids in AWANA because that is just one more way we can help disciple their walk with the Lord and pour the love of Jesus into them. If you would, please pray that some of the Good News Club kids will want to sign up for our AWANA program. As always, God has a plan! Carol Brooks

What's Happening

October 5th - Meet the Pastors night

October 12th - Bring a Friend night

October 19th - A Joyful Noise

October 26th - Awana Fall Festival - if you would like to help run some of the games for us, please talk to me! We can always use some extra hands this night.

Children's Church News



Throughout the Gospels, we read about people coming to Jesus – a leper, large crowds, a paralyzed man – just to name a few. Parents brought their children to Jesus hoping he would give them a special blessing. As we all know, children bring a different dynamic to any situation. This did not bother Jesus AT ALL! But it did bother the disciples. When Jesus saw the response of the disciples, Scripture says, “he was indignant.” (Mark 10:14) Indignant means angry, upset, or furious.

Why was Jesus upset? There were two reasons: (1) Jesus welcomed children to be part of his kingdom, and (2) everyone (even adults) needs to be like a child to be part of the kingdom. Mark 10:14-15 says, “Let the children come to me . . . for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” Jesus did not mean everyone should act like selfish, spoiled children crying for candy at the supermarket. Rather, he meant that we should come to Jesus knowing that we are small, helpless, weak (like a newborn baby), and in need of him. The gospel is for everyone in the world. When we do come to him, he will take us in his arms and bless

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October Children's Church Ministry Calendar

Date	Lead	Assistant	Service Helper
10/5/25	Mary Justis		Samara Saucedo
10/12/25	Jan Grills	Leigh Simms	Liam Cooke
10/19/25	Sammy Saucedo	Andrew Saucedo	Donovan Saucedo
10/26/25	Susan Haynes	Jeff Haynes	Elena Tyler

