

THE SUBURBAN CONNECTION

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SAVE THE DATE

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

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

Board Meeting
April 6th
7:30 pm

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

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

Newsletter Submissions Due
April 21st



He Lives

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

In all the world around me I see His loving care;
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

He lives, He Lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!

From the Pastor's Desk: GOD IS FOR YOU

Last month I gave you two reminders that God is for you from Romans 8:28-39! **Reminder #1:** God will work all things for our good, as He works to conform us into the image of His son. **Reminder #2:** God did not spare His son the cross; therefore, He most certainly will not withhold from us the grace purchased with His blood.

Paul asks in Romans 8:31, since God is for us who can "successfully" be against us? In the rest of the passage, he answers that questions with a resounding "**NO ONE**". There is no power or person in all the universe that can prevent God from accomplishing His good purpose of making us like Christ. In this article we will see two more ways that God is for us!

Reminder #3: God has declared us righteous based on the saving work of His son, Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:33&34

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Our accusers are many, but God, the judge of the universe, has issued the final verdict of righteous! We are justified because of what Christ has done for us. Satan, who is the prosecuting attorney of believers (accusing the brothers and sisters before God day and night – Revelation 12:10) is silenced by God's gracious pronouncement of "**righteous**". Satan seeks to condemn us, sometimes our own sensitive conscience condemns us . . . but the good news is that Christ died to pay for our sin, Christ rose from the dead and Christ is currently interceding on our behalf pleading His perfect life of obedience and sin atoning sacrifice!

God is for you! When you hear the voice of the accuser seeking to condemn you, remind yourself that God is for me, God sees me clothed with the perfect righteousness of His Son! Remind yourself that Christ always lives to make intercession for you (Hebrews 7:25) answering powerfully every charge brought against you.

Reminder #4: Nothing . . . no power in the universe can pry you away from God's love for you in Christ!

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, no angels nor rulers, no things present no things to come, no powers, nor height nor depth, no anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Just as it is impossible to bring any charge against us, so it is impossible to separate us from the love of Christ. As Christians, we will experience suffering and hardships in this life. Paul summarizes some of the earthly adversaries he encountered in verse 35: tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, sword. We may not experience these difficulties, but every child of God will eventually encounter testing and trials. Know this believer, while you are going through the fire, God loves you, God is for you, and God in His love will take that trial and make it serve you. He will use the thorn of adversity to draw you closer to Him and make you more like His Son. This is what it means to be more than a conqueror through Him who loves us!

God is for you! Because He is for you, **NO** power in the universe can prevail against you.

Praise God He is for us,

Pastor Todd



Food Pantry Ministry

Our King is risen!! So many things to celebrate. Spring is here and new blossoms and warmer temperatures lift our spirits. God has given us the great gift of mercy, and we are delighted to pass that on to our community via the food pantry. We served 13 households an Easter meal to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Suburban's pantry may be small on the scale of things, but to the families we help support it is huge. Please continue to support and pray for the food pantry and the team that serves. The Food Pantry Team

Seniors Ministry

At our March meeting, Jeff and Rita Krentz prepared bingo games based on Bible facts. All of us did quite well on the game from verses found in the New Testament books, but the game for the Christian soldier from Ephesians 6 was more challenging.

At our April meeting, David Meads will speak to us on lawn care and nursery work. Ham with parsley sauteed carrots will be served for lunch. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Larry Thomas

Operation Christmas Child Workday

Come join us on **Monday, April 20th, at 1:00 pm** in the Suburban Kids room for our Operation Christmas Child Workday. This is a great way to form some great friends while working together to bless children from all over the world. If you have any questions, please see Lynn Cooke.



Look for the Operation Christmas Child "Story to Ponder" in this month's church newsletter to see how a simple shoebox is used to spread the Gospel of Christ.

Adult Sunday School Class Update – Teacher: Ron Raymer

The Cornerstone Adult Sunday School taught by Ron Raymer, is currently studying the fundamentals of Christian Apologetics. Christian Apologetics is the field dedicated to explaining and defending the truths of the Christian faith, addressing both the reasons why believers hold their convictions and the questions or objections posed by skeptics. The term "apologetics" comes from the Greek word apologia, meaning a "defense" or "answer." This concept can be seen in [1 Peter 3:15](#): "But in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give a defense to everyone who asks you the reason for the hope that is in you..." The ultimate aim is to remove intellectual stumbling blocks and invite people into deeper understanding of the Christian faith. This study will use as references "I Don't Have Enough Faith To Be an Atheist" by Frank Turek and Norman Geisler as well as "Return of the God Hypothesis" by Dr. Steven Meyer.

***If you would like to join in the Adult Sunday School class via conference call, please call 612-746-7360. The conference code is 809549.**

Nursery Ministry

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service	Worship Service Assistant
4/5/2026	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Barbara Skarupa Samantha Haynes	Elena Tyler
4/12/2026	Melissa Tucker Betty Owens	Maureen Field Nancy Herbst	Liam Cooke
4/19/2026	Melissa Tucker Stacey Super	Chris Bulaski Stacie Raymer Debbie Kiyadu	Ella Litzenberger
4/26/2026	Melissa Tucker	Christine Rogers Laura Tyler	Donovan Saucedo



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



MISSION: Our desire at Suburban Christian Church is to help you **KNOW, SERVE, AND SHARE** Jesus Christ,



Derrick J. Sloan
Associate/Next
Generation Pastor

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

Sunday School Ministry

God has blessed our church with dedicated Sunday School teachers! They are committed to teaching the Word of God every week. But we need your help. On occasion our teachers need to be out of town or catch whatever nasty flu is going around. It doesn't happen often. But when it does happen, our ministry needs the support of the church Body. We need a list of people who are willing to be a substitute. It is highly likely that I'll only call you about a substitute opportunity a few times per year. (Our teachers are wonderful and hate to miss even one week with the kids.)



Being a substitute is an easy way to be involved. You will not be asked to teach the lesson. A substitute is there to support. You may be asked to help pass out snacks, help students find the Bible passage that will be taught that day, or just sit and talk with them and ask about their week. It's a great way to get a peek inside our Sunday School program. It's also a great way to meet the children in our church.

Please pray about whether God is calling you to be on the substitute list for our Sunday school ministry. If you are interested, please contact Laura Tyler. (757) 404-4510 or tylersrus3@outlook.com

Children's Church Ministry

As we celebrate our risen Lord, it is the goal of our Children's Church Ministry to exalt Christ in everything we do. Can you imagine what it was like during the period of the early church? Peter and John preaching and five thousand men (not including women and children) coming to faith in Christ, being in church with Ananias and Sapphira when they lied to God, hearing Stephen preach which caused the religious leaders to respond by stoning him, and Philip running, with super Spirit-power speed, to the Ethiopian man to explain the Scriptures and he believed! WOW! We have been given the truth of Scripture to help us grow in our knowledge of Christ. During the month of April, we will be learning: there is salvation in Jesus and him alone (Acts 4), it is impossible for God to lie, so he wants his followers to be people of truth (Acts 5), Jesus's followers boldly proclaim the gospel no matter the cost (Acts 7), and God calls his people to teach the gospel to everyone everywhere (Acts 8). May God continue to grow our faith in Him!

**Our Children's Church Ministry is in need of more volunteers: teachers and assistants. If you would like to help in this ministry, please see Lois Ritger or Wendy Haynes.

April Children's Church Schedule

Date	Leader	Assistant	Helper
4/5/2026	Mary Justis		Samara Saucedo
4/12/2026	Jan Grills	Leigh Simms	Liam Cooke
4/19/2026	Sammy Saucedo	Andrew Saucedo	Donovan Saucedo
4/26/2026	Susan Haynes	Jeff Haynes	



CHURCH
Children's

Color Me:



Just for ... **Suburban Kids**

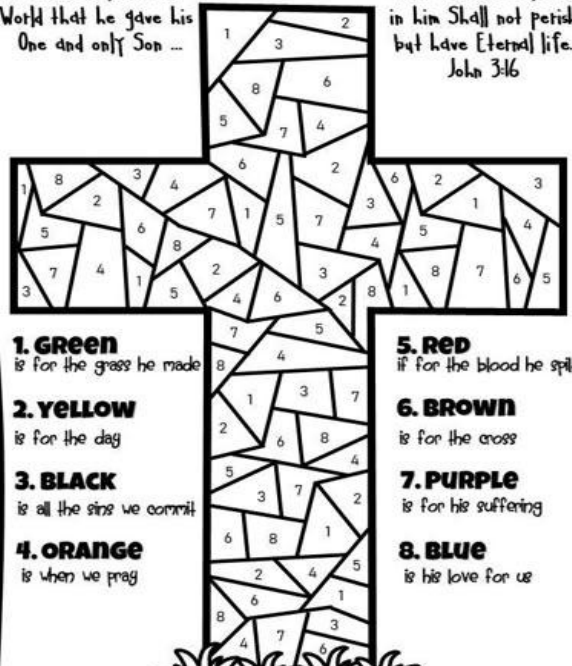
Look up the verse and fill in the blanks: **John 11:25-26**

Jesus said to her, "I am the _____ and the _____. Whoever _____ in me, though he die, yet shall he _____, and everyone who lives and _____ in _____ shall _____ die. Do you _____ this?"

JESUS ADDS COLOR TO OUR LIVES

For God so loved the World that he gave his One and only Son ...

That Whoever believes in him Shall not perish, but have Eternal life. John 3:16



- 1. GREEN**
is for the grass he made
- 2. YELLOW**
is for the clay
- 3. BLACK**
is all the sins we commit
- 4. ORANGE**
is when we pray

- 5. RED**
is for the blood he spilt
- 6. BROWN**
is for the cross
- 7. PURPLE**
is for his suffering
- 8. BLUE**
is his love for us

Easter Word Search

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Ambassador Youth Ministry

A couple of weekends ago, AYM was able to spend two days at the Reality Apologetics Conference near Philadelphia. It was a time of deep topics, bizarre conversions in the van, and of course, Philly cheesesteaks. I have no doubt we will attend this conference again in the future.

Before we left the conference however, many in the church asked the same question, "what is the conference about?" This is of course a reasonable question. In short, it is a conference that demonstrates how and why Christianity explains life as we know it, that is, reality. You may be wondering, "Well, what does that mean?" That too is a reasonable question and one that takes a little time to explain.

Rather than me explaining it, however, why not hear it from one of the conference speakers themselves? Alan Shelmon works with one of the groups that helped put on this conference, known as Stand to Reason. In this short article, Shelmon provides brief examples of why Christianity is the best explanation of reality. Some of the points he presents were addressed in greater depth at the conference. These points are helpful here, as they provide a little insight into what it means that Christianity makes sense of life as we know it.

If this article perks your interest and you would like to see more content like it, here is the website to Stand to Reason: <https://www.str.org>. I have personally benefited from their ministry, and I pray you will as well.

Thank you Suburban for your generous support in giving. Through your contributions in worship to the Lord, God has blessed us with this opportunity to minister to the youth and show them the unshakable truth of the faith. May the Lord bless you, keep you, and cause his face to shine upon you.

In Christ,

Pastor Derrick



Christianity is the Best Explanation for Reality by Alan Shlemon

If someone asked you how you know Christianity is true, how would you answer them? Would you appeal to your transformed life, the witness of miracles, or apologetic arguments?

C.S. Lewis once provided his own explanation. In the closing line of a paper to Oxford's Socratic Club, he wrote, "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." Lewis believed Christianity provides a framework for understanding many commonsense ideas that people in our society affirm.

I agree. If you listen carefully to what people claim are the powerful truths they live by, you'll recognize that Christianity is the only worldview that can justify all of them. Consider the following claims about reality and how not every belief system can account for them.

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The universe began to exist: Prior to modern science, people believed the universe was eternal. That idea has been rejected by Big Bang cosmology, the second law of thermodynamics, and the red shift. Today, it is believed that the universe began at a finite time in the past. This fact is also accounted for by the Christian worldview. The very first verse of the Bible says that "God created the heavens and earth," a view that is consistent with and explains the way reality is—a universe with a beginning.

Morals are real: People have an intuitive sense of right and wrong. Although most people would claim that morals are relative to each person, there are some that seem to apply to all people at all times: rape is wrong, assaulting an elderly woman is wrong, and torturing little babies for fun is wrong. What ideological system can explain the existence of objective rules (universally true for everyone)? Christianity teaches that God exists and he provides an objective standard of morality.

Human beings are valuable: Most people believe (or at least act like) human beings are valuable over and above animals. We mourn the death of our child more than that of our cat. What worldview makes sense of what many people intuitively believe? Christianity makes sense of that reality. It teaches that human beings are made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26) and, therefore, have value.

All humans are equal: Western society is vigorously opposed to racism. Every person is equally valuable no matter their color, ethnicity, or country of origin. What accounts for equal value? There's no characteristic that every person shares equally. Some people are taller, some are smarter, and some have more melanin in their skin. Every characteristic comes in degrees, negating the possibility of their grounding human equality. The Christian worldview teaches that every human being is made in the image of God, a characteristic that is not a degreed property. You either have it or you don't. That explains why Martin Luther King, Jr. could justify his case for the civil rights of African Americans—he was a Baptist pastor and believed in the image of God.

Animals are valuable: Despite some overzealous animal rights groups like PETA, many people consider caring for animals to be a noble cause. There's no need to torture or kill animals unnecessarily. Again, the Christian worldview provides justification to care for animals. Though animals are not made in the image of God, they are still created by God. After making the sea and land creatures, he declared them "good" (Gen. 1:20–25).

Caring for the environment is a worthy cause: Many people are concerned about climate change, deforestation, and the dumping of toxins in our rivers, lakes, and seas. But why *should* we be concerned? The Christian worldview has an answer. God made the earth, and we are commanded to be good stewards of his creation.

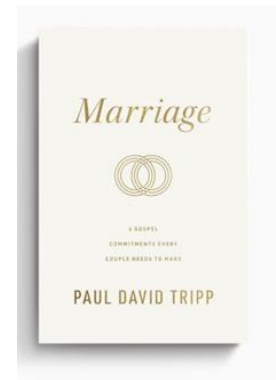
People feel guilty: Though I haven't met every person who is reading this, there is something that I know is true of you. There are moments in your life when you feel guilty. You know you've broken a behavioral standard. In other words, you *feel* guilty because you *are* guilty. That's why being forgiven by someone you've wronged is burden-lifting. These feelings are anticipated and accounted for by Christianity. Every person has broken God's moral laws, and our conscience reminds us of that. Feeling guilty, though, is not where God wants you to remain. He's offered a pardon so you can be forgiven and feel free of guilt's burden.

Of course, the message of guilt and forgiveness is at the core of Jesus' message. What we've also seen is that many commonsense beliefs that people share about humanity, animals, and creation are also accounted for by Christianity.

People with other worldviews might explain a few of these beliefs. A naturalist, for example, might posit a beginning to the universe, but he could hardly account for human value, human equality, objective morality, or even why we should care for the environment. A pantheist might be able to account for caring for creation or animals, but not a finite universe or human equality. Also, other worldviews like postmodernism, the New Age, nihilism, and existentialism fail to explain some of these claims about reality. Only Christianity accounts for these basic and common ideas. That is one reason why we can know Christianity is true—it explains reality.

College & Young Adults

The College & Young Adults meet every second and fourth Sunday evening of each month! They are exploring a book titled **Marriage: 6 Gospel Commitments Every Couple Needs to Make** by Paul David Tripp. If you would like to find out more information, please see Derrick Sloan.



Music Ministry: The History Behind “Christ Arose”

Robert Lowry (1826-1899), the Philadelphia-born author and composer of this hymn, was a popular Baptist preacher and educator who served churches in Pennsylvania, New York City and Plainfield, New Jersey.

Lowry studied theology at the University of Lewisburg (now Bucknell University), graduating in 1854 and teaching literature there from 1869-1875. He became known for his gospel songs while ministering in Brooklyn, collaborating often with William H. Doane in producing gospel song collections.

Among his most famous gospel compositions are “Nothing but the Blood of Jesus” (*UM Hymnal*, No. 362) and “Shall We Gather at the River” (No. 723). He also composed tunes for other’s texts, such as MARCHING TO ZION, a camp meeting version of Isaac Watts’ text, “Come, We that Love the Lord,” and NEED, a tune for Annie Hawks’ hymn, “I Need Thee Every Hour.”

Hymnologist Kenneth Osbeck notes that “Lowry was recognized as a most capable minister of the gospel, possessing keen insight and administrative ability. He became known as a thorough Bible scholar and a brilliant and captivating orator; few preachers of his day had greater ability to paint word pictures and to inspire a congregation. Music and a knowledge of hymnology were his favorite studies, but always as an avocation.”

When William Bradbury, another well-known gospel song writer, died, Lowry was selected by the Biglow Publishing Company in 1868 to be its music editor. In this capacity he published more than 20 Sunday school songbooks. *Pure Gold*, considered to be his most successful publication, sold more than 1,000,000 copies.

When asked about writing a hymn, he said, “It must be readily apprehended by the Christian consciousness, coming forth from the experience of the writer, and clothed in strong and inspiring words.”

“Low in the Grave He Lay,” called “Christ Arose” in many hymnals, was composed in 1874 while Lowry was the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lewisburg, Pa. It first appeared in the collection *Brightest and Best* (1875) under the title “He is not here, but risen—Luke 24:5.” When it was included in music evangelist Ira D. Sankey’s *Sacred Songs and Solos* (1875), the song became very popular in the Moody-Sankey revivals. From that point it appeared in a number of 19th-century British and American hymnals.

Mr. Osbeck records this account of the composition of the gospel song: Following his reflection on the resurrection as recorded in Luke 24:6-8, “. . . Lowry found himself seated at the little pump organ in the parlor of his home, and, in a very spontaneous fashion, there came forth the music and the words, giving expression to the thoughts that had been uppermost in his mind.”

The centerpiece of the song is the textual and musical contrast between the stanzas and the refrain. The dirge-like stanzas in block chords with a melody that plods in a step-wise fashion give way to a rhythmic refrain that surges up like a trumpet blast. Like many gospel songs, the three stanzas basically say the same thing three different ways. Each stanza ends with “Jesus my Lord!”—reminiscent of the early Christian affirmation “Jesus is Lord.” (Romans 10:9-13)

This was a favorite hymn of my childhood. Not only do I recall singing it on Easter Sunday morning at lakeside sunrise services, I also recall crouching low during the stanzas and jumping up suddenly at the beginning of the refrain.

Within the Western 19th-century gospel sound, the music of this song captures perfectly the spirit of the transition from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. *Dr. C. Michael Hawn is professor of sacred music at Perkins School of Theology.*

Operation Christmas Child – A Story to Ponder: A Little Child Shall Lead Them

After attending *The Greatest Journey* discipleship course, an Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipient in Southeast Asia tells her friends about Jesus and inspires her parents to begin a children's ministry.

For 12-year-old Naomi* the box was so much more than a gift! Her Operation Christmas Child shoebox brimming with toys and other fun items showed her an amazing glimpse of God's love. Naomi was so happy about all the new things, but she especially appreciated the note, written with care by someone who loved her enough to send her the shoebox. This proved to be a direct answer to her mother's prayers.

Naomi's mother Rhonda* believed that she should raise Naomi and her two brothers, ages 7 and 1, in a Godly way, but she wasn't sure how to start.

A friend invited Rhonda to attend church and soon the older two children had each received a gift-filled shoebox and were attending the Samaritan's Purse follow-up discipleship course, *The Greatest Journey*, on Wednesday nights. As they went through the 12 engaging Bible lessons, the brother and sister began to follow Christ and share Him with others. This, too, blessed their mother's heart.

"*The Greatest Journey* discipleship program really transformed my children's lives," Rhonda said. "My son and daughter learned so much about the wonderful and amazing works of God. They really enjoyed every lesson of *The Greatest Journey*."

Completing all 12 of the Bible lessons, Naomi and her brother attended a graduation ceremony where they each received their very own Bible. Rhonda couldn't help but notice how excited and happy her children were with this second gift.

"I never expected that Bible to change our lives, or that God had a 'greatest' purpose and plan for my daughter after that graduation," Rhonda said.

Five days later when Rhonda came home from work on a Friday afternoon, Naomi told her she'd had three neighborhood friends in their home. But instead of playing together as they usually did, Naomi brought out her new Bible and read the story of creation from the book of Genesis. Naomi was so excited because her friends had lots of questions about the Bible story, like "Why don't our parents tell us about the amazing creations of God? Or, how God created man?"

Naomi was grateful to be able to share the Word of God and all she had learned in *The Greatest Journey* with her friends. With a level excitement and anticipation, she asked her mother if she could have them over again to continue sharing Bible stories with these friends who hadn't heard them before.

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"I can't really explain and express how happy and amazed I am with what my daughter did," Rhonda said. "It never came into my mind before that my daughter would be overtaking me and my husband in making disciples."

"Because of what happened that day, my husband and I decided to do children's ministry in our house every Sunday afternoon to continue what our daughter had started."

"*And a little child shall lead them*" (Isaiah 11:6).

The couple is structuring the children's meetings in their home after *The Greatest Journey* course their daughter learned so much from.

"I am so blessed with the kids who joined us because I can see in their faces the hunger of knowing God, and I can feel their excitement to come back every Sunday," Rhonda said.

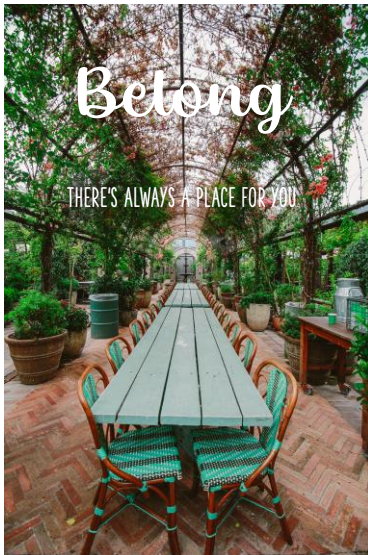
Naomi is also amazed by this outreach because of how God is transforming lives through it. Two of the children who attend used to bully each other, constantly quarreling and full of hate.

"But after ministering to them that Sunday, they became best of friends, always laughing and talking to each other—unlike before," Rhonda said.

"I am very thankful to God for using the Samaritan's Purse discipleship program as an instrument to serve His purposes not only in my daughter's life, but to our whole family. To God be all the honor and glory!"

<https://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/a-little-child-shall-lead-them/>

Belong Women's Ministry



Are you planning on attending the *Fruit of the Spirit* event on Saturday, April 25th? The Belong Gang has planned an exciting event which includes uniquely decorated tables, delectable appetizers, scrumptious entrees, and savory desserts. Lunch will be provided. To save your spot, please sign up in the foyer by the church office. Mothers and daughters are encouraged to attend.

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Speakers: Carol Brooks & Wendy Haynes



Good News Club @ Woodstock Elementary

Wow! This year has flown by! Our Good News Club team has been meeting every Thursday afternoon at Woodstock Elementary since October of 2025. They will be finishing this year's club at the end of this month. Please pray for the team as they share Jesus with the children at Woodstock Elementary.

The Good News Club Team will be needing some help for the coming 2026/2027 year. If you are interested, please see Lou or Ara Miller.

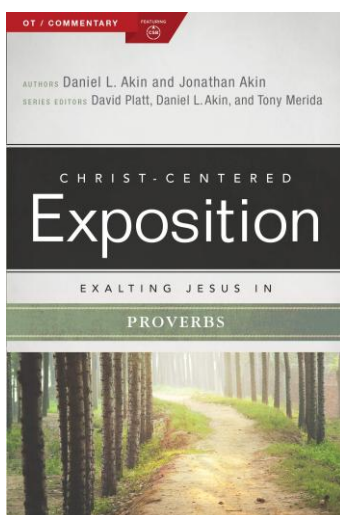


Men's Ministry

The men's ministry will continue their study of Proverbs using the book titled, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Proverbs* by Daniel L. Akin and Jonathan Akin, a father-son team.

This series of books affirms that the Bible is a Christ-centered book, containing a unified story of redemptive history of which Jesus is the hero.

Please join the men on the first and third Saturdays of each month to enjoy fellowship with one another centered around God's Word. Breakfast is always served. Invite a friend to attend.



AWANA Ministry

Suburban
Kids

As evidence of our cars starting to turn yellow - Spring Is Here! The kids were finally able to play games outside for the 1st time in a long while. They were super excited and grateful for that. Thanks Ron!!!

We hope that you were able to see our Awana club recite our year verse during service a few weeks ago. Despite having to cancel club for either snow or illness, the kids learned our 2026-year verse (with motions) and delivered it to the church on March 22. We're so proud of them! The motions not only helped our kids learn it but it helped us adults too! Maybe Pastor Todd should incorporate that into our 2027-year verse???

With the arrival of Spring, it means our club year is coming to an end. This is our last month to cram in as many verses as we can before the final awards night. I don't know about the rest of our leaders, but I feel like this club year FLEW by! It feels like we just got started. As much as our leaders love the break, we certainly miss our time with the kids. They provide a lot of love and meekness not only to our leaders but with each other. I can't tell you what joy it brings us to see them greet each other with hugs and a genuine happiness just to be together.

Thank you to everyone who donated wrapping supplies these past few months. Your response was so generous, and we were able to replenish our supplies!



What's coming up in April:

April 5 – Easter – NO CLUB

April 12 – Spy Night (name the Bible event using pictures & clues

April 19 – Final store Night (we LOVE donations for this event!!!

We need toys, stuffed animals, markers, sticker books, fun t-shirts, Summer toys for all ages)

April 26 – Final Awards Night

