

Suburban Christian Church

Loving, Serving and Growing Together

SCC Newsletter January 2012

MISSION STATEMENT:

SCC exists to:

EXALT

God

**EVANGELIZE
the Lost**

**EQUIP
Christians for
Service**



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2011 is just about over. For many it was a rough year.

Unemployment continued to stay around 9%, tornadoes devastated our area, the economy isn't growing like it should, and to top it all off, the political season is getting ready to hit with full force.

For our congregation we have seen some blessings. The sanctuary looks radically different than it did at the beginning of last year. We've seen some new members and the church has grown in a variety of areas. Some people have seen great blessings this year; others have seen great tragedy. Whatever your year has been, it's just about over and another is about to begin.

Wouldn't it be great to have a crystal ball and see what 2012 holds? On the other hand, you might not want to know what lies ahead, especially if it's going to be another rough year. It's really a moot point since no one has a crystal ball. That doesn't mean you can't

change your future. Over the course of this year the sermons and teaching will center on the theme of making your world better. Nobody's life is perfect and everyone faces hardships. But there are little things you can do which will make your life a little bit better.

Around this time every year the news is full of human interest stories on how you can improve your health. All kinds of articles will tell you how to lose weight, quit smoking, get more exercise, and improve your physical health. Those are all good and you certainly should work to improve your physical health. Little things like taking the stairs instead of the elevator, drinking a little more water during the day, and cutting out the sweets will certainly make your world better.

But that just focuses on the physical, what about the

spiritual and mental?

This year a variety of issues will be addressed to help make your world better. Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, endured an indescribably painful death upon a cruel Roman cross for the purpose of paying the price of your sin.

However, if that was the only reason he lived on this earth then there would be no need for 99% of the Bible. The Scriptures are full of teaching designed to help you live the way you were made to live. When your attitudes, thinking, and behavior are shaped by scripture rather than the culture, your life will be better.

I don't promise a perfect, carefree life, but I do promise a few little tweaks can make your world just a little better.

For up to date information, please visit the website at: www.suburbanchristian.org

This Month's Events

Special Music

- 1 Cecil Anders
- 8 Toby Cook
- 15 Taylor Sims
- 22 Gena & Mark Fulton
- 29 Trisha Wilber & Becky Copley

Meditation

- 1 Trent Sartain
- 8 Herb Wilkie
- 15 Ernie Blankenship
- 22 Jerry Musick
- 29 Ray Woods

Elder

- 1 Jim Cook
- 8 Jerry Musick
- 15 John Kegley
- 22 Merle McVey
- 29 Jim Cook

Greeters

- 1 Ray & Dotty Woods
- 8 Larry & Connie Azure
- 15 Ruby & Merle McVey
- 22 Mabel Bowman & Lillian Worley
- 29 Jerry, Karen & Joyce Cole

Communion Prep.

- 1 Ernie Blankenship
- 8 Ernie Blankenship
- 15 Ernie Blankenship
- 22 Merle McVey
- 29 Merle McVey

Projector Operator

Larry Azure

- **January 4, 7:00 a.m.: Men's Breakfast at IHOP**

- **January 8: Sunday Nights**

Once again, the North American Christian Convention comes to SCC! Beginning on January 8, we will hear from some of the best preachers in the Christian Church on Sunday nights as they present their messages to the NACC. You won't want to miss these powerful sermons.

- **January 11: Wednesday Night Study Series**

Beginning Wednesday, January 11, we will start a 9-week Bible study series called: *Unleashed, the Church Turning the World Upside Down*. This series is based on the Book of Acts and helps us be more of the church God intends for us to be.

- **January 17, 7:00 p.m.: Elders' Meeting**

- **Three Kings Party: TBA**

The ladies are having a Three Kings Party at Cynthia Hagy's home. Be sure to bring a gift to exchange.

- **Haven of Rest & Visit-and-a-Meal:** These programs will resume in February.

- **Story Books:** Additional copies of *The Story* are now available. The price has slightly increased to \$7.50. Please put your money in the offering plate clearly marked for *The Story* books.

- **Food Pantry:** Our food pantry is running low. Please bring in can goods to minister to local people in need of assistance. Remember, many of those we serve are in hotels, so bring in food that they can easily open and eat. Take a grocery bag and fill with 5 items (soup, box crackers, peanut butter, cups of fruit, cereal bars, canned meat, etc.) and place in the Fellowship Hall.

- **Orlando Trip:** In case you didn't notice, snowflakes will be falling soon. It's definitely time to be thinking about Orlando! Next year's North American Christian Convention will be held at the Orlando World Center Marriott Resort July 10-13. Mark your calendars and begin to make plans to take a family vacation with your church to warm and sunny Florida!

Morning Worship

Nursery

- 1 Dotty Woods & Linda Kegley
- 8 Kathy Trivett & Hannah Eastridge
- 15 Lydia & Helen McKenna
- 22 Sandy Aven & Seth Kegley
- 29 Cary Drake

As we start a new year, let us focus on Suburban Christian Church's mission statement to Exalt God, Seek the Lost, and Equip Christians for Service. In keeping with our mission statement, please join us in praying as follows:

Children's Church

Assistant

- 1 Michaela Pannell & Kamryn Blankenship
- 8 Trisha Wilber & Tuesday Dowell
- 15 Cindy & Hannah Eastridge
- 22 Eric Wilber
- 29 Family Sunday

- * Praise God for a New Year.
- * Pray that we will be an increasingly bright light to the world.
- * Pray for an improvement in our Nation's economy.
- * Pray for creation of local jobs.
- * Pray for a renewed commitment to our mission.

Outreach News

This has been a very supportive year for our outreach into the community, local colleges/organizations, and to missionaries. SCC has met all budgeted items, as well as special projects throughout the year.

Thanks to our SCC family for the support given to the book bag program, Angel Tree, Haven of Rest, Visit-and-a-Meal, needs of the Barron's in Africa and Parker's in Thailand, assistance to CCYC and ACC (church camps), aid to hurricane victims through the Red Cross, and relocating a family whose home was destroyed during the hurricane. God has richly blessed the SCC family this year of 2011. We are looking forward to 2012.

The Suburban Christian Outreach Committee thanks each of you for your prayers and monetary support as we reached out to "Serve Christ's Community" !

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Prayer Time

January Birthdays

- 5 Jeffery Musick
- 13 J.W. Compton
- 17 Hannah Utt
- 18 Cynthia Hagy
- 19 Kelly Rife
- 20 Sonny Scott
- 23 Libby Scott
- 25 Gail Ryan
- 25 Margaret McCarty
- 30 Hunter McCracken

Jerry Hagy
 Theresa Azure
 Matthew Azure
 Ron Rose
 Onie Willis
 Wendall Harlow
 Beulah Beavers
 Elizabeth (Lizzy) Jones
 Ken Jones
 Tony Childress
 Lydia McKenna
 Sandy Keene
 Donney Rife
 Pat Fortner
 Carrie Alexander
 Theresia Cannon
 Wanda McClain
 Ona Burress
 Fred Duncan
 Jocelyn Matusevich

Roy Scarem
 Diana Jones
 Betty Little
 Brian Mooney
 Jerry Cole
 Elizabeth René Cox
 Micah Cox
 Albert and Katherine Owens
 Tarina Cox
 Connie Wilkie
 Laura Whaley
 Debbie Childress
 Sandy Keene
 Jeanette Anders
 Cecil Anders
 Eddie Little
 Helen McKenna
 Brady Dando
 Kendall Singleton

Sympathies, the families of:
 Joshua Harr
 Gerald Mullins
 Mabel Minor
 Carol Blankenship

Military
 Colton Hess
 John Keen
 Andy Frye
 Corey Edwards
 Brandon Anders
 Ron Justice
 John Chung
 Forrest Schuler
 Kaleb Littreal
 Daniel Goodwin
 Dustin Farmer

Youth News

I hope you have all had a nice Christmas season. I know for me it has been a very busy and stressful time. Between class, homework, term papers, exams, the Christmas program, TCTC planning, Youth Sunday planning, two sermons to write, and just the overall business of the season I have had a hard time calming down and remembering the reason Christians choose to celebrate this holiday. Now I didn't say of that so that you might feel sorry for me, I know that this time of year is busy for you too and I know that the more stressed you are the less your kids get to really experience the Joy of Christ. As we turn the corner in New Years and all the celebration and work that goes into that I urge you to take time and be together with your families. Make sure your kids know why we do all of this celebrating and make sure that they learn it from more than just your words and see it in your actions and attitudes as well.

-Eric Wilber