

Suburban Christian Church

Loving, Serving and Growing Together

SCC Newsletter February 2013

**MISSION
STATEMENT:**

SCC exists to:

EXALT

God

**EVANGELIZE
the Lost**

**EQUIP
Christians for
Service**

Lookin' for Love is an old song by Johnny Lee recorded back in the early 1980s. Although you might not know all the lyrics, most people know the chorus; *I was lookin' for love in all the wrong places, lookin' for love in too many faces...* Of all the basic desires of humanity the search for love is clearly one of the strongest. The problem is too many people are looking for love in all the wrong places.

In the last few weeks a friend request appeared on my Facebook from a High School classmate. She was an acquaintance of mine in high school, but I hadn't seen or heard of her over 30 years. I accepted the friend request and started to browse her post over the last year. (My children call this "creeping," I suppose it might be.) As I "creeped" across her page it didn't take long to realize she hadn't changed. In high school she dated lots of different guys. She was the type who always looked for attention and wanted people to notice her. She was looking for love in all

the wrong places. Her Facebook post revealed she was divorced and included comments such as, "Here I sit alone on New Year's Eve again, all men are selfish, and I'm ready to end it all." It wasn't hard to tell that she had not changed was still looking for love in all the wrong places.

The ability to give and receive love is built into the DNA of every human being. You are created in the image of God. The primary emotion of God is love. Therefore, being created in his image, you are naturally designed to love and to be loved. The problem comes when you eliminate God from the picture and begin searching for love in all the wrong places. No matter how good, kind, and loving other people are, people will never be able to satisfy the longings of your heart. That only comes from God.

Only God is able to meet your great need for forgiveness. Only God is able to satisfy your longings for absolute and unconditional love. You were made specifically for the purpose of enjoying a relationship with God the Father. The only way to enter into that relationship is through his Son. That is the only right place to look for love.

Johnny Lee may have been looking for love in all the wrong places, but if he asked TobyMac he would've gotten the right answer. According to Toby,

*I was made to love You
I was made to find You
I was made just for You
Made to adore You
I was made to love
And be loved by You*

-Made to love God and to be loved by him, that's looking for love in all the right places.



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Minister**

**Eric Wilber
Youth Minister**

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Special Music

- 3 TBD
- 10 Lydia & Helen McKenna
- 17 Cary Drake
- 24 TBD

Meditation

- 3 Jerry Musick
- 10 Ernie Blankenship
- 17 Sonny Scott
- 24 Merle McVey

Elder

- 3 Jim Cook
- 10 Jerry Musick
- 17 John Kegley
- 24 Bobby Church

Greeters

- 3 Herb & Carol Wilkie
- 10 Jerry & Cynthia Hagy
- 17 Libby & Sonny Scott
- 24 Sue & Bill Duncan

Communion Prep.

- 3 Sonny Scott
- 10 Sonny Scott
- 17 Jerry Cole
- 24 Jerry Cole

Projector Operator

Jerry Schuler

This Month's Events

- **February 3, after morning service: Education Committee Meeting**
- **February 6, 7:00 a.m.: Men's Breakfast at IHOP**
- **February 10, 6:00 p.m.: Valentine's Dinner**
Love is in the air, can you smell it? You'll be able to smell the gourmet aromas as we gather for our annual Valentine's dinner. As always, more than a delicious meal awaits you as we celebrate the gift of love.
- **February 15-16, 8:00 p.m.–8:00 a.m.: Youth Lock-In**
The fun starts at 8:00 p.m. on Friday night with games and activities! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to volunteer your time as a sponsor or to provide snacks. The event will end at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.
- **February 17, 4:30 p.m.: Coordinating Council Meeting**
- **February 19, 7:00 p.m.: Elders' Meeting**
- **February 19, 7:00 p.m.: Deacons' Meeting**
- **February 24: Haven of Rest (Kegley Team)**
- **February 28: Visit-and-a-Meal (Team 1)**
- **Church Yard Sale:** One person's junk is another person's treasure. A yard sale is scheduled for May, so please start saving and bringing items. Items will be placed in the out building. Money raised from this event will be used to sponsor youth activities.
- **Special Music:** If you are interested in presenting a selection during the special music section of Sunday Worship Service, please see Gena Fulton or Libby Scott.

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues^[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,^[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹²For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Morning Worship Nursery

- 3 Roya & Kamryn Blankenship
- 10 Sandy Aven & Patsy Prater
- 17 Lynn Pannell & Deborah Wise
- 24 Christy McCracken & Helen McKenna

Children's Church Assistant

- 3 Tuesday Dowell
- 10 Hannah Eastridge
- 17 Lydia McKenna
- 24 Family Sunday

It's been a difficult month in the youth department. As we go through a time of transition, we covet your prayers. Please continue to keep Eric and Trisha in your prayers as Eric finishes his education and Trisha continues her pregnancy. Also please keep the youth leaders in prayer as they continue in the youth program, and of course, don't forget to continually pray for the youth of Suburban.

A lot of exciting things are being prepared for the upcoming year. On February 15 and 16th, the youth will have a Lock-In with lots of exciting games and activities. A yard sale is planned for May and a missions trip is being discussed for later in the year. There is also talk of an exciting trip to a yet to be revealed amusement park. Lots of things are being planned for this coming year so keep your eyes open to the spot for all the latest information.

Outreach News

Parkers to Visit!

Phil and Michelle Parker, missionaries in Thailand, visited SCC on January 13, 2013. Phil shared stories about his family's work in Thailand and updated us on the growth of the church there, including the number of baptisms. The family will be on furlough until May.

Visit-and-a-Meal: If you are not currently assisting with this outreach to seniors and those who are sick and shut-in, let Carol Wilkie, Patsy Prater, or Jeffery Musick know. Thank you to those who serve on both teams.

The Outreach Committee for 2013:

- Florence Parris
- Patsy Prater
- Cecil Anders
- Larry & Connie Azure
- Herb & Carol Wilkie
- Judith Schuler
- Rich Pannell
- Sandy Aven
- Jeffery Musick, chairperson

HAVEN of REST

*February 24
Kegley's Team*

VISIT-and-a-MEAL

*February 28
Team 1*

Prayer Time

February Birthdays

4 Deborah Wise
 9 Elizabeth Childress
 10 Connor McKenna
 10 Lydia McKenna
 21 Eric Eastridge
 24 Merle McVey
 24 Tony Childress

Prayer List

Jocelyn Matusevich
 Megan Salyer
 Helen McKenna
 Nancy Harrison
 Chip Fowler
 Ken Owens
 Homer O'Quinn
 Billy Walden
 Dotty Hayes
 Jean Santonastaso
 Goffery Salyer
 Justin
 Eleanor Jane Romonsky
 Cynthia Hagy
 Stanley Barr
 Megan Salyer
 Bennie Sullivan
 Sierra McMillan
 Jim Cook
 Tom McKenna
 Dotty Hayes
 Lillian Belcher

Connie Azure
 Bob Cline
 Gerald O'Dell
 Joe O'Dell
 Helen McKenna
 Hannah Ryan
 Dema Woods
 Libby Scott
 Stanley Barr
 Jack Parris
 Kevin Parrigan
 Sara Woods
 Buddy Fullen
 Cecil Anders
 Ray & JoAnn Warner
 Scott Woods
 Kelly Rife
 Laura Whaley
 Albert & Katherine Owens
 Margaret McCarty
Sympathies, the families of:
 Wanda Reeves

James Eads
 Judy Netherland
 Jerry Price
 Reina Brown
 Oakley Slone
 Stanley Ratliff
Military
 Zack Viers
 Jordan Ortega
 Colton Hess
 John Keen
 Andy Frye
 Corey Edwards
 Brandon Anders
 Ron Justice
 John Chung
 Forrest Schuler
 Kaleb Littreal
 Daniel Goodwin
 Dustin Farmer
 Jeremy O'Quinn
 Benjamin Walden

Prayer Focus

Prayer Focus for February

Rich has challenged us through his sermons for the past few weeks to re-disciple. As we look toward this time sitting at the Master's feet, pray that we would have a renewed commitment to love Jesus and learn from Him.

