

Suburban Christian Church

Loving, Serving and Growing Together

SCC Newsletter February 2012

**MISSION
STATEMENT:**

SCC exists to:

EXALT

God

**EVANGELIZE
the Lost**

**EQUIP
Christians for
Service**



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February is known as the month of love. Another word for love is sacrifice. It always is. If there is no sacrifice, there is no love. Why do parents sacrifice nights of sleep, personal time and doing what they want to do? It's all because of love. Why do men hold purses in the mall while their wives try on a dress? Why do women watch war movies and sports? It's all because of love. When you love another person you always do things that you would not do if you were alone. Do you think that Jesus wanted to leave the glories of heaven and willingly endure the tortuous agony of the cross? He did it because of love. Love is always active and sacrificial.

I remember a Sunday School class when we were discussing the importance of our "deeds" matching our faith from James chapter 2. I asked the question, "What are some of the 'deeds' we do to confirm our faith"? I was excited when one person answered, "We need to love others." They were a little confused as to why I was so excited. I told them we were discussing works, actions, and deeds; and in that context we come up with love. That tells me they were thinking

of love more as an action than an emotion or feeling. The world says you "feel" in love. The truth is you always "act" in love. Love is a deed done, not an emotion felt.

College student, Heidi Neumark took a year off college to be part of a volunteer program at Johns Island—off the Carolina coast. There she learned a great lesson from Miss Ellie. She was somewhere between 90 to 100 years old, no one really for sure and she still chopped her own firewood.

Miss Ellie had a friend named Netta whom she had known since they were small girls. In order to get to Netta's house, Miss Ellie had to walk two miles through fields of tall grass which were home to numerous poisonous snakes.

Netta's home was not that far from Miss Ellie's place, but there was a stream that cut across the fields. You had to walk quite a distance to get to the place where it narrowed enough to cross. Heidi felt sorry for Miss Ellie so she recruited some men to

build a small plank bridge not far from Miss Ellie's home that would dramatically shorten the distance she had to travel.

When she showed it to Miss Ellie there was no smile or excitement, she just looked puzzled. She just shook her head and said, "Child, I don't need a shortcut." And she explained about all the friends she kept up with on her way to visit Netta. A shortcut would cut her off from Mr. Jenkins, with whom she always swapped gossip; from Miss Hunter, who so looked forward to the quilt scraps she'd bring by; from the raisin wine she'd taste at one place in exchange for her biscuits; and the chance to look in on the "old folks" who were sick. "Child," she said again, "can't take shortcuts if you want friends in this world. Shortcuts don't mix with love."

When love is concerned, there are no shortcuts. Therefore, the cross.

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This Month's Events

Special Music

- 5 Kelly Rife
- 12 Toby Cook
- 19 Jay Taylor
- 26 Deborah Wise

Meditation

- 5 Larry Azure
- 12 Sonny Scott
- 19 Bobby Church
- 26 Bob Blackburn

Elder

- 5 Jerry Musick
- 12 John Kegley
- 19 Merle McVey
- 26 Jim Cook

Greeters

- 5 Zac & Kelly Rife
- 12 Thomas & Becky Copley
- 19 Deborah, Faith, London,
& Mallory Wise
- 26 Cary Drake & Penny
Stanley

Communion Prep.

- 5 John Kegley
- 12 John Kegley
- 19 John Ray Wagner
- 26 John Ray Wagner

Projector Operator

Jerry Schuler

- **February 1, 7:00 a.m.: Men's Breakfast at IHOP**

- **February 4, 9:00 a.m.: Christian Men's Breakfast**

West Hills Christian Church invites all men and boys to join them at Golden Corral for a fellowship breakfast and devotions.

- **February 5, 3:00 p.m.: Haven of Rest**

Linda Kegley's Team will be serving this month.

- **February 5, 6:30 p.m.: Super Bowl Party**

There will be a Super Bowl party here at the church! There will be games and food as we enjoy our evening together. There still will be a Sunday evening service at 6:30 p.m., the festivities will follow.

- **February 12, 5:00 p.m.: Valentine's Dinner**

A five-star meal served with Broadway quality entertainment! What a perfect evening! If you miss this you may regret it the rest of your life!!

- **February 16: Visit-and-a-Meal**

Please see Patsy Prater or Carol Wilkie with new names.

- **February 21, 7:00 p.m.: Elders' Meeting**

- **Church Directory:** It is time to update the church directory! There is a directory in the foyer for your review. If there are additions or changes, please notify the secretary by email (secretary@suburbanchristian.org) or make corrections on the directory in the foyer. Details you may want to include are: name, address, home and/or cell phone number, and email address. Thank you for your help!

- **Kitchen:** Just a simple reminder of what your parents taught you: "leave it as you found it." The kitchen is a blessing to all of us at Suburban, and it is open for everyone to use. Please make sure you clean up behind yourself and leave it as you found it, or even a little better than you found it.

- **Heaters:** If you use the heaters in the nursery or conference room, please make sure you remember to turn them off. Thank you for helping display good stewardship.

- **Sunday Nights:** Once again, the North American Christian Convention comes to SCC! Beginning back on January 8, we have heard 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.

- **Wednesday Night Study Series:** Last month we started 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.

Morning Worship

Nursery

- 5 Roya Blankenship
- 12 Deborah Wise & Hannah Eastridge
- 19 Lynn Pannell & Tuesday Dowell
- 26 Sandi Aven

Children's Church

Assistant

- 5 Michaela Pannell & Kamryn Blankenship
- 12 Trisha Wilber & Tuesday Dowell
- 19 Cindy & Hannah Eastridge
- 26 Family Sunday

As we all are aware, February is considered the "Love" month. We spend money on candy, flowers, cards, and gifts to show our love for one another. The greatest display of love we read about in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only son." Let us remember this display of love for us as we celebrate our love for others. Please join us in prayer this month for the following:

- * Praise God for His infinite love.
- * Pray that our nation's leaders will do what is best for our country.
- * Pray for families in our community who are struggling financially.
- * Pray that as a church we would be fully committed and active in prayer.
- * Pray that others will know we are Christians by our love.



Outreach News

The year 2011 was a very busy year for the Suburban Outreach Committee. Several new projects and supports were added. During 2012, the SCC Outreach Committee will continue supporting and sponsoring the following programs: overseas missionaries, colleges/universities, campus ministries, local agencies, disaster relief, food programs, and aid to families. The Outreach Committee hopes to keep you more informed this year by developing an "Outreach Bulletin Board" which will be located in the hall by the parking lot door.

Committee members this year are: Jeffery Musick (Chair), Judith Schuler, Larry and Connie Azure, Herb and Carol Wilkie, Toby Cook, Cecil Anders, Patsy Prater, and Rich Pannell. If there questions or needs, please contact Jeffery Musick or see one of the committee members.

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

HAVEN of REST
February 5

VISIT-and-a-MEAL
February 16

Prayer Time

February Birthdays

4 Deborah Wise
 9 Elizabeth Childress
 11 Bill Mullins
 20 Emily Horton
 21 Eric Eastridge
 24 Merle McVey
 24 Tony Childress

Jillian Faye Blevins
 Jerry Hagy
 Alice Stroad
 Randall Parris
 Larry Azure
 Pat Fortner
 Philistine Kendrick
 Becky Corvin
 Debbie Childress
 Dotty Nash
 Brady Dando
 Marie McDowell
 Laura Whaley
 Trisha Thomas
 Buddy Fullen
 Helen McKenna
 Jack Woodard
 Lundy Prater
 Josh Looney
 Jackie Carroll
 Melissa Warren

Beulah Owens
 Bill Hensley
 Mark Summey
 Lillian Worley
 Goffery Salyer
 Scott Woods
 Janie Sisk
 Earl Toler
 Donna Owens
 Tony Childress
 Sandy Prater
 Robert Charlton
 Arlie Riffe
 René Matusevich &
 Family
 Roy Scarem
 Brian Mooney
 Ona Burress
 Elizabeth René Cox
 Micah Cox
 Albert & Katherine

Owens
 Tarina Cox
 Connie Wilkie
 Eddie Little
Sympathies, the
families of:
 Austin Arnold
 Betty Little
 Virginia Haye
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

Please watch the bulletin for further information.