

# Suburban<sup>+</sup> Christian Church

Loving, Serving and Growing Together

Mission  
Statement:

SCC exists to:

Exalt

God

Evangelize  
the Lost

Equip  
Christians for  
Service



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The Bible is not shy to describe the experiences of people who endured great hardships. Joseph was a man who was hated by his brothers, sold into slavery and imprisoned on false charges. David was a man pursued by the king and all of his military power and later faced a rebellion by his own son causing him to flee for his life from his own home. It hardly seems necessary to point out the abuse Jesus endured. Betrayed by one of his closest friends, hated by the people he came to save, and then the only sinless man in the world was executed, not for his crimes, but for yours. Facing life's trials is not unusual or uncommon; in fact it would be odd for you to not face trials of one kind or another on a regular basis.

One who suffered a unique trial was a man named Jonah. His rebellion against God caused him to endure a relentless storm at sea which ended up with Jonah as fish food for a giant fish. I've been through some struggles, but I've never faced anything like that. While being bounced

around in the middle of the sea on his divine submarine ride, he to his suffering to God.

*You threw me into the ocean depths, and I sank down to the heart of the sea. The mighty waters engulfed me; I was buried beneath your wild and stormy waves.* Jonah 2:3 (NIV)

*"I sank beneath the waves, and the waters closed over me. Seaweed wrapped itself around my head. I sank down to the very roots of the mountains. I was imprisoned in the earth, whose gates lock shut forever.* Jonah 2:5-6 (NIV)

Jonah confessed the pain and suffering he was enduring, but he also recognized something very important, God had not abandoned him. Many people go through hard times they say things like, "Why is God allowing this to happen?" On the other hand, some refuse to recognize the problems altogether. Jonah not only brought his problems to the Lord,

he also clung to God's promises.

*From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. He said:*

*"In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry."* Jonah 2:1-2 (NIV)

*I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.'...*

*But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit.* Jonah 2:4-6 (NIV)

He knew that he was near death. But he also knew, that God had not abandoned him completely. He knew that God was still in control and no matter what he faced as he sat in the belly of the fish. If God can rescue a man from the belly of a fish, he can certainly rescue you. God is always in control no matter what struggle you are facing.

For up to date information, please visit the website at: [www.suburbanchristian.org](http://www.suburbanchristian.org)

## Special Music

- 1 TBA
- 8 TBA
- 15 Mark & Gena Fulton
- 22 Toby Cook & Libby Scott
- 29 Lori Sammons

## Meditation

- 1 Jerry Musick
- 8 Cecil Anders
- 15 Jim Cook
- 22 John Kegley
- 29 Rich Pannell

## Elder

- 1 Bobby Church
- 8 Ernie Blankenship
- 15 John Kegley
- 22 Jerry Musick
- 29 Bobby Church

## Greeters

- 1 Ray & Dotty Woods
- 8 Herb & Carol Wilkie
- 15 Libby & Sonny Scott
- 22 Hannah & Eric Eastridge
- 29 Jim & Toby Cook

## Communion Prep

- 1 Jerry Widener
- 8 Dotty Woods
- 15 Bill Duncan
- 22 Jerry Cole
- 29 Jeffery Musick

## Projector Operator

Ernie Blankenship

## This Month's Events

### • **March 4, 7:00 a.m.: Men's Breakfast**

On the first Wednesday of each month, the men of the church meet for breakfast, good food, conversation, and fellowship. Consider waking a little earlier before work and meet at IHOP at Exit 7. We'll see you there!

### • **March 8: Day Light Saving Time Begins**

### • **March 11, 12:00 p.m.: Seniors' Luncheon**

We are excited about this month's seniors' luncheon at SCC. We are excited to have David Hutton from Hutton & Associates to be our guest speaker. He is an attorney with offices in Abingdon & Bristol and he will share with us about legal issues pertaining to senior citizens. I know the food will be fantastic! More important than all that is the great friendship and fellowship we will share as brothers and sisters in Christ. See you at noon on March 11.

### • **March 19, 7:00 p.m.: Elders' Meeting**

### • **March 17, Seniors' Trip**

### • **Ignite: Men's Impact Weekend**

March 6 and 7 will be the Men's Impact Weekend posted by Liberty University. Speakers will include Phil Robertson, Tony Dungy, Joe Gibbs, and several other prominent speakers who will encourage men to live lives of faith and spiritual maturity designed around themes of sports, hunting, fishing, extreme sports, martial arts, and other outdoor themes.

### • **Sunday April 5: Easter Sunday**

Rise and shine bright and early to worship our Lord in an Easter Sunrise Service at First Christian in Abingdon at 7:00 a.m. Special Easter Service will be held at Suburban at 11:00 a.m. There is nothing better than celebrating the hope of the resurrection with your church family and friends.

## **COMING SOON!**

Ladies Mark your calendars! Area Christian Women's Fellowship will be hosted by West Hills Christian Church on April 30th at 6:30. Please bring a salad or side dish to share for the pot luck dinner. If you've never attended a meeting before, please consider coming along. This is a wonderful night of fellowship.

# Youth News

## Morning Nursery

- 1 Yvonne Stallard & Jordyn Simerly
- 8 Mildred Sobotka & Madison Clark
- 15 Cindy Eastridge & Ryan Blankenship
- 22 Katie Richter & TBA
- 29 Hannah Eastridge & Tuesday Dowell

## Morning Pre-K Class

- 1 Connie Azure & Tuesday Dowell
- 8 Toby Cook & Tuesday Dowell
- 15 Nerina & Helen McKenna
- 22 Cindy & Hannah Eastridge
- 29 Family Sunday

## Children's Church

- 1 Lynn Pannell & Lydia McKenna
- 8 Charity Dowell & Eric Eastridge
- 15 Linda Kegley & Hannah Eastridge
- 22 TBA
- 29 Family Sunday

It's time to think about SUMMER! Appalachian Christian Camp has announce the 2015 schedule. Paper registration is available here at SCC or online. For more details about programs check out the website <http://www.campacc.com/news.php> or have a talk with Tuesday Dowell, Hannah or Eric Eastridge about their personal experiences at ACC.

# Outreach News

Mission focus of the Month is "Haven of Rest". The mission statement for the Haven of Rest is to provide food, clothing, shelter, basic counseling, training, referral and structured programs and to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Haven of Rest is an independent 501c3 corporation located in Bristol, TN and governed by a Board of Directors made up of local Christians who attend various Christian denominations. Find out more. Visit website: [bristolmission.org](http://bristolmission.org)

Suburban will be collecting Canned Meat and soup for our "Food Pantry" during the month of March. Container provided for donations will be placed in the foyer.

Fish Banks are due by April 5. Basket for returned Fish Banks is provided in the foyer. Thank you for your participation.

Committee members are: Jeffery Musick, chair, Judith Schuler, Larry and Connie Azure, Herb and Carol Wilke, Florence Parris, Cecil Anders, and Rich Pannell.

Missionary update-Joshua and Ruth Barron, Kenya West Africa

Josh and Ruth report \*\*Continue to be many new churches and baptisms \*\*Mara North cluster of churches (Josh and Ruth's area) have increased from 4 or 5 in 2007 to 11 in 2014 and now there are 16. \*\*Discipleship Training School is gearing up for the 2015 session. All twelve slots have been filled with a waiting list for next year\*\* Community Christian Bible Training Institutes continues to function well. Josh taught Church History there last October.\*\* Sunday Schools are growing. Ruth is developing a children's curriculum. In November, Josh and Ruth hosted a Sunday school teacher's training seminar. Seminars were led by two teachers from Generations Christian Church in Florida. \*\*Celebrate the birth of a little girl "Shalviah Tzadika", means "peace or the Lord" and "righteous/justice". \*\*One of the most important ministries there is for their family to be seen living as a Christian Family.

# Prayer Time

## March Birthdays

2 Joyce Cole  
2 Tony McKenna  
7 Norma Reeves  
13 Sam Crowe  
19 Toby Cook  
21 Bill Duncan  
21 Florence Parris  
22 Lori Sammons  
23 Juanita Musick  
26 Jamie Dowell  
27 Cindy Eastridge  
27 Makayla McCracken  
28 Zac Rife  
29 Mark Fulton

## Prayer List

Goffrey Salyer  
Paul Campbell  
Mike Tagge  
Riva Richardson  
JW Compton  
Sonny Scott  
Larry Azure  
Lydia Whiteside  
Elaine Rice  
Cecil Anders  
Jocelyn Matusevich  
Cynthia Hagy  
Ruby Campbell  
Heather Hayes  
Kristin Crowe  
Alisa Mutter  
Sammy Dotson  
Pat Swift  
Janice Cornett  
Johnny Bare  
Don Cole  
Donna Welch  
Tommy Kiser  
Brian Lingerfelt  
Sandy Aven  
MacKenzie Riley  
Jeff Asbury  
Ronnie Shockley  
Larry Roberts  
Lola Lincoln  
Bobbi Masucci  
Loretta Charles  
Beth Williams  
Jerry Rice

Katelyn Matusevich  
John Masucci  
Bill Fuller  
Jackie Repass  
James & Nancy Jarvis  
Dale Salwer  
Carl Schuler  
Jasmine Schuler  
Faye Abernathy  
Matthew Farmer  
Courtney Cook  
Fred Barr  
Katelyn O.  
Tina Lowe  
Paul Johnson  
Ronnie Salyer  
Janet Lester  
Johnny Childress  
Anthony Woods  
Bobby Church  
Kim Edwards  
Al Sammons  
Holis Salyer  
Randall Parris  
Nerina McKenna  
Tony & Elizabeth Childress  
Jess Hagy  
Ona Burress  
Lillian Worley  
Jonnie Gilliam  
Norma Reeves  
Albert & Katherine Owens  
Laura Whaley  
Jeff Asbury

## Sympathies, the families of:

Ann Utt  
Ike Fulton  
Annie Eller  
Peggy Guffey  
Korbyn Rigole  
**Military**  
Forrest Schuler  
Corey Edwards  
Zac Rife  
Preston Fulton  
Steven Lino  
John Keen  
Matt Blevins  
Levi Gent  
Ron Justice  
Zack Viers  
Jordan Ortega  
Daniel Goodwin  
Haris Balcinovic  
Victor Crespo  
Benjamin Walden  
Andy Frye  
Jeremy O'Quinn  
Kaleb Littreal  
Brandon Anders  
Dustin Farmer  
Joey Blevins  
Joe Joe Harley

## March Prayer Focus

As Christians we look for ways to grow in Christ and strengthen our relationship with Him. Let us make an effort to focus on communicating with our Father through prayer.

Pray that:

- We would set aside a special time every day to come before the Father.
- We would love our unsaved family and friends enough to bring them before the Father.