

# The Towers Newsletter

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**August 2023**



## Pastor's Column

### MUSIC UPDATES

We have been so blessed to have Grace Garner at the organ this summer. Unfortunately, Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> will be Grace's last Sunday with us. Grace, thank you for leading us so well this summer. We have enjoyed watching you grow and you have certainly enhanced our worship. We pray that God will richly bless you as you begin the fall semester at Bridgewater.

We also say thanks to our choir members, who are taking a well-deserved month off in August. Thanks in advance to our musicians who will provide special music this month. We look forward to worshipping alongside you.

### PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Please continue to pray for our pastor search team and the candidate that God is calling to SCC. The search team is continuing to work diligently. We pray that God will continue to lead and guide them every step of the way and that we will continue to trust in God's timing in the process.

### USING OUR GIFTS

This month each board will begin the process of nominating new members for 2024. Please prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to use your gifts to be God's hands and feet at Suffolk Christian Church and in our larger world.

### CONSTITUTION UPDATE

You should have received an email last week with a copy of the draft of our revised constitution. It is "lying on the table" for ninety days to give all members the opportunity to comment on the draft. Copies are also available in the church office if you'd like to pick one up. We'll vote on the final draft at our fall church conference. Thank you, deacons, for all of your hard work on this important project.

God continues to be at work in our midst. Join us this month as we look at some of the challenging parables in the book of Matthew. We will also celebrate baptism on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Plan to join us when you are in town. As always, I am honored to be on the journey with you! Tracy



**You may now watch our service LIVE Sunday mornings!**

Go to: YouTube.com

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[www.suffolkchristian.org](http://www.suffolkchristian.org)

Facebook

## Children's Wednesday Morning



August 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

The children have been having a blast at Wednesday morning bible study. We will have Wednesday morning bible study time for children from beginning **kindergarten** – to completing **5<sup>th</sup> grade** on the dates above. We will have a bible story, craft, snack, and game time. Come join us! Please contact Priscilla Bunch if you have any questions. Please let Priscilla know if your children will be attending. Parents: You are more than welcome to drop your child or children off and enjoy some “free” time to yourself.

### Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> Cookout

#### For the First Responders



We will be having a cookout for the First Responders of our city on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00noon – 3:00 pm. We will need people to help set up, cook, provide items and help during the day. We would need to be at the church no later than 9:30 am to set up for the cookout. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. If you should have any questions, please contact Priscilla Bunch.

Reporting on Missions....



August's **Yellow** Envelope Mission: Genevieve Shelter

The mission we are supporting for the month of August is the Genevieve Shelter. This very worthy organization strives to provide a safe refuge and supportive environment for the victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking. It is a very local mission, serving Suffolk, Franklin, Smithfield and the counties of Isle of Wight, Southampton and Surry. All services, which include information, education and training, focus on ending the cycle of violence. And all services are free to their clients. We hope you will contribute to this life-saving mission.



**January 2023** – Church Family Assistance - \$1,108.00  
**February 2023** – Coats for Community - \$865.00  
**March 2023** – Western Tidewater Free Clinic - \$887.00  
**April 2023** – SCC Scholarship Fund - \$1,567.00  
**May 2023**– Tornado and Storm Damage - \$943.00  
**June 2023** – Meals on Wheels - \$715.00  
**July 2023** – Crisis Pregnancy Center - \$754.00



A donation to Care and Concern in memory of Shirley H. Talbert has been given by Emily King

A donation to the General Fund in memory of Robert and Rachel Duke Ellis has been given by H. Jan Ellis

### Stewardship Report

*"We are Walking by Faith through Commitment"*

January - June 2023 income - \$124,939.72

January - June 2023 expenses - \$126,948.92

Dollars for Supply & Multiply - \$2,126.48

## **COALITION AGAINST POVERTY IN SUFFOLK**

CAPS continues to help many families in Suffolk, however, unfortunately, they are not able to help everyone. They will be having their annual fundraiser on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a copy of the flyer in the newsletter which provides all the details. There will be tickets (\$13.00 each) available in the church office or contact Priscilla Bunch.

ALL PROFITS WILL BENEFIT THE  
COALITION AGAINST POVERTY IN  
SUFFOLK

Sunday, September 17

11am - 2pm

**BBQ**  
**Fundraiser**  
with  
Captain Bob's

**\$13**

**BBQ - FRIED CHICKEN - SLAW**  
**HUSH PUPPIES - GREEN BEANS**

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#### Our Mission Dollars at Work

In recent months we have sent our special monthly offerings for Ukraine and Disaster Relief to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. In their summer 2023 newsletter, they reported the following:

**Ukraine:** 1,129 individuals, 178 churches, and 18 organizations donated \$1.24 million dollars. These donations helped meet the needs of people in Ukraine as well as those Ukrainians who are now in refugee camps in foreign countries.

**Disaster Response:** CBF's Disaster Response exists to help people and churches to serve communities affected by disaster. This year they have responded to flooding in KY as well as Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic and Hurricane Ian in Florida. Volunteers have offered 1,800 volunteer hours and CBF has assembled and distributed 1,800 response buckets (valued at \$180,000.00)

Thank you, Suffolk Christian Church, for loving and supporting our neighbors near and far!

KEEP SUFFOLK  
*Beautiful*

# RECYCLING DRIVE

AT NANSEMOND RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

**AUGUST 5, 2023 9:00AM-12:00PM**  
3301 NANSEMOND PKWY, SUFFOLK 23435

## ACCEPTED MATERIALS\*

FOOD • SOAPS • ELECTRONICS • CLOTHING • PAPER • CARDBOARD  
PLASTIC BAGS • CLOTHING • HEARING AIDS • EYEGLASSES

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE\*\*

GASOLINE • ANTIFREEZE • BATTERIES • PESTICIDE • PAINT  
PROPANE TANKS • OIL • AND MUCH MORE!

## DOCUMENT SHREDDING

DURING BUSY PERIODS THERE MAY BE A THREE  
GROCERY BAG LIMIT

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SUFFOLK SHERIFF'S OFFICE and THE SUFFOLK  
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEYS OFFICE

## RETIRE U.S. FLAGS

NEED TO RETIRE YOUR US FLAG?  
WE WILL BE ACCEPTING FLAGS TO  
BE RESPECTFULLY DECOMMISSIONED  
BY THE BOY SCOUTS

## SPECIAL NOTES:

\*NO TUBE TV'S, ALL TV'S  
MUST BE 42 INCHES OR LESS.  
\*\*HAZARDOUS MATERIALS  
NO GREATER THAN 5 GALLON  
OR 75 LBS.



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**Halloween Party for the Children**

**5:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Trunk-a-Treat 7:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

*More to come in the September newsletter!*



**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Mark Your Calendars**

*More details in the September Newsletter*



You are invited to come to Saints Alive in the Saints Alive room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. They play card games and always welcome others to come to share in the fun and fellowship. Saints Alive meet every Tuesday @ 1:00 pm. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, they meet @ noon for lunch. Come and join us!!

## AUGUST 2023



Beverly McGahee	08/01
Donna Henderson	08/01
Dana Bilby	08/01
Sergio Galan	08/01
Bill Bailey Jr	08/04
Joan Harrell	08/04
Jean Saunders	08/04
Julie Masters	08/08
Betty Johnson	08/09
Lee Trump Jr.	08/09
Thomas Queen	08/09
McKenna Myles	08/11
Mary Emily Dailey	08/12
Gin Staylor	08/13
L.H. Byrum Jr.	08/13
Chloe Underwood	08/15
Mary Ralph	08/16
R. Joe Simmons	08/18
Diane Mathias	08/18
Rachel Bradshaw	08/20
Susan Judkins	08/23
Brian Saunders	08/23
Joey Briggs	08/23
Barbara Griffin	08/25
James Wilson	08/26
"Corky" Harry IV	08/27
Jim Mann	08/27
Cathy Nelms	08/28
Renee Hensler	08/31

NEWS FROM THE



# Nursery

We need volunteers for our nursery. If you can help in the nursery, please contact Priscilla Bunch.

Game Night  
for  
Everyone

August 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

6:45 pm





## **“The God of His Word” Study**

**By: Kathie Lee Gifford & Rabbi Jason Sobel**

**Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

We will start a new book study in September called “The God of His Word”. This study is based on the book called “The God of the Way” book which we studied earlier in the year. If you purchased the book for the other study, you would only need to purchase the study guide for this series. You can come either Tuesday evenings @ 7:00 pm or Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 am. The study will be held in the Conference Room. This six-session Bible study *The God of His Word* tells the story of the Creation and how the Word-Jesus-was there with the Father from the beginning. Viewers will learn about Jesus (the "Word") entering into the world, teaching the people through parables about the kingdom of heaven, calling of the disciples, treating his female followers with love and respect, and revealing to us today that all things are possible with God. (Cast for the oratorios include Danny Gokey, The Shindellas, the Gateway Church Choir, and the Nashville Gospel Choir.)

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you wish to do this study, please indicate if you would like a book and study guide. The cost of the book will be roughly \$20.00 and the study guide \$15.00. I will try to find the best price available when ordering. If you should have any questions, please contact Priscilla.



### **Food Pantry Needs**

**The little red wagon will be at the North entrance every first Sunday for food pantry donations. Below is a revised list of needed items:**

**Food Pantry Needs** - Applesauce (Individual Cups); Canned fruit, Snacks (Granola Bars, Nabs, Individual Packs of Nuts), Oatmeal (Individual Servings), Pop Tarts; Small boxes of cereal, Noodles, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Macaroni, Rice (1 lb. Bags), Dried Beans, Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Protein Shakes, Boxed Milk, Bottled Water, and Flavor Packets for Water Bottles.







Day 1:	Proverbs 13:20	Day 16:	Romans 12:18-21
Day 2:	Proverbs 16:28	Day 17:	1 Corinthians 1:1-8
Day 3:	Proverbs 17:17	Day 18:	Luke 6:27-31
Day 4:	Proverbs 18:24	Day 19:	1 John 4:7-8
Day 5:	Proverbs 22:24-25	Day 20:	Romans 12:9-10
Day 6:	Proverbs 27:5-6	Day 21:	Colossians 3:12-14
Day 7:	Proverbs 27:9	Day 22:	Philippians 2:1-4
Day 8:	Proverbs 27:17	Day 23:	2 Corinthians 13:11
Day 9:	Ecclesiastes 4:9-12	Day 24:	Romans 15:5-7
Day 10:	John 15:12-14	Day 25:	John 17:20-23
Day 11:	1 Thessalonians 5:11	Day 26:	1 Corinthians 1:10
Day 12:	Romans 12:15-17	Day 27:	1 John 4:11-12
Day 13:	Job 6:14	Day 28:	Romans 12:13-14
Day 14:	1 Peter 4:8-10	Day 29:	1 John 4:19-21
Day 15:	Hebrews 10:24-25	Day 30:	Ephesians 4:1-6
		Day 31:	Proverbs 31:25-31

I encourage you to read the scripture each day and meditate for 10 minutes on the scripture you have just read. Enjoy each day to the fullest!



# AUGUST 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:00 Saints Alive	2  7:00pm Music Committee 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	3 10:00am Thursday Crafters	4	5 
6 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 4:00pm All Saints Pres. Church	7	8 1:00 Saints Alive 3:00 Food Pantry	9 10:00 - 12:00 Children's Bible study  6:00 All Saints Pres. Church 6:30 Board of Deacons 7:00 Board of Christian Ed 6:30pm bus. Meeting Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	10 10:00am Thursday Crafters 2:00 Prayer Team	11  6:45pm 5:00pm wedding rehearsal	12 1:00pm wedding
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