

The Towers Newsletter

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Pastor's Column

AUGUST SERMON SERIES



I hope you will join us this month in worship as we focus on becoming a Christ-centered church. Beginning August 11th, we'll explore together what it means to move from being a bounded church to one that is focused on moving people toward Christ. This will be an enlightening and challenging series, come with an open heart and mind ready to discern how the Spirit might be working among us.

MUSIC UPDATES

We have been blessed to have such talented musicians sharing their gifts with us while the choir has taken a much-needed break in July. We look forward to welcoming the choir back in August! It has also been a joy to have Ben at the organ from time to time. Remember, if you have a favorite hymn you'd like us to sing, let Janet know!!

PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Please continue to pray for our pastor search team and the candidate that God is calling to SCC. 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. Members of our search team and potential candidates have been traveling over the summer, we are hopeful that the process will move a bit more quickly as everyone settles back into their regular schedules.

USING OUR GIFTS

This month each board will begin the process of nominating new members for 2025. 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.



You may now watch our service LIVE Sunday mornings!

Go to: [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Suffolk Christian Live Worship / Subscribe

You also find us on:

www.suffolkchristian.org

Facebook



Deacon's
Corner

The Board of Deacons would like to remind you that copies of the Suffolk Christian Church Constitution, approved May 2024, are available in the office.



From Board of Building & Grounds:

Air Conditioning Boundaries – Let’s renew our efforts to close doors so the air conditioning won’t have to try and cool adjacent areas too. With our current high temperatures- air conditioners are running almost constantly because of doors being left open.

Thank you!



Mark your Calendars!

August 2nd, 16th & 30th

Come join in the fellowship!

Stewardship Report

“We are Walking by Faith through Commitment”

January-June 2024 income - \$135,578.92

(includes \$20,000.00 from investments)

January-June 2024 expenses - \$129,710.03

Dollars for Supply & Multiply - \$1,823.48

(includes special monthly mission)

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Join us for
Journey Sunday
School Class



Journey Sunday School Class (formerly Son Worshipers/Crusaders), has a new classroom on the 2nd floor, room #225 off the commons area (3rd & 4th grade classroom). Come join us for a lively discussion on the book of John.

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Reporting on Missions....

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

The mission we are supporting for the month of August is the Genieve 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. All services are free to their clients. We hope you will contribute to this life-saving mission.

Wednesday, September 11th Cookout

For the First Responders



We will be having a cookout for the First Responders of our city on Wednesday, September 11th, 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 9:30am to set up for the cookout. All church members are welcome. If you come please bring a covered dish to share. 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.



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
Tracy Hartman	08/11
McKenna Myles	08/11
Mary Emily Dailey	08/12
L.H. Byrum Jr.	08/13
Gin Staylor	08/13
Eileen Gray	08/13
Chloe Underwood	08/15
Mary Ralph	08/16
Diane Mathias	08/18
R. Joe Simmons	08/18
Rachel Bradshaw	08/20
Susan Judkins	08/23
Joey Briggs	08/23
Brian Saunders	08/23
James Wilson	08/26
Jim Mann	08/27
"Corky" Harry IV	08/27
Cathy Nelms	08/28
Renee Hensler	08/31



You are invited to come on Tuesdays to play cards in the Saints Alive room on the 1st floor. They always welcome new members to share in all the fun and fellowship. They meet every Tuesday @ 1:00 pm. The 3rd Tuesday of each month they meet @ noon for lunch...bring your own.



Information Needed for Our College Students

It's that time of the year again to get updated information on our college students. We would like to add them to our Prayer List. Please send Priscilla your child's name and where they will be attending by Sunday, August 18th. Priscilla's contact information is: pbunch1@aol.com. Thank you!!



- January 2024** - SCC Suffolk Schools Partnership - \$1,465.11
- February 2024** - Coats for Community - \$870.00
- March 2024** - Western Tidewater Free Clinic - \$916.00
- April 2024** - SCC Scholarship Fund - \$775.00
- May 2024** - Crisis Pregnancy Center-\$510.00
- June 2024** - Meals on Wheels - \$825.00
- July 2024** - SCC Family Assistance - \$800.00

SCUBA Vacation Bible School

We had a great time of fun and fellowship at VBS this year. We averaged 18 children each night. The Board of Christian Education would like to thank all the people who helped fund our meals each night for the children and volunteers. Thank you to all of our volunteers; we had several new ones this year. Without the volunteers, we would not be able to have Vacation Bible School.



Blessing of the Backpacks – Sunday, August 25th at 11:00am

We will be having our annual Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 25th, during our 11:00am worship service. Please have your children bring their backpacks to church. If you are a teacher or administrator for any schools please bring your backpacks as well.



Food Pantry Needs

Our Food Pantry is running low on items. We need canned meats, beefaroni, canned spaghetti, macaroni & cheese, boxed pasta salads, canned vegetables, fruit cups, snack items, individual packets of oatmeal, individual packets of grits, pop-tarts, and granola bars. Thank you in advance for supporting our Food Pantry.

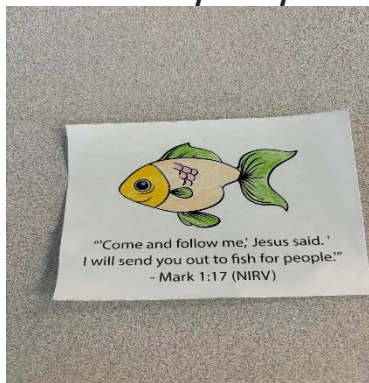


August 7th & 14th

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

We will have children's Wednesday morning bible studies for children who will be starting Kindergarten this fall to completing 5th grade. This will be held in the Beginner's Department on the 1st floor. The children may enter from the outside on the north side of the church. We will have a bible story, craft, snack, and game time. Come join us for a fun-filled morning! If you should have any questions, please contact Priscilla Bunch. Parents: You are more than welcome to drop your child/children off and enjoy some "free" time to yourself.

Children's Wednesday Morning Bible Study - July 17th





Day 1: Matthew 17:14-21

Day 2: Matthews 21:21-22

Day 3: Hebrews 11:1-3

Day 4: Hebrews 11:4-7

Day 5: Hebrews 11:8-12

Day 6: Hebrews 11:23-31

Day 7: Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Day 8: James 2:14-17

Day 9: James 2:18-26

Day 10: Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 11: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Day 12: James 1:3

Day 13: James 1:6

Day 14: James 5:14-15

Day 15: Mark 10:52

Day 16: Mark 11:24

Day 17: Romans 4:8-12

Day 18: Romans 5: 1-5

Day 19: Romans 10:9-11

Day 20: Psalm 37:5-6

Day 21: 1 Timothy 4:10-12

Day 22: Galatians 3:23-29

Day 23: John 3:14-17

Day 24: Romans 1:16-17

Day 25: John 11:23-27

Day 26: 1 Corinthians 15:16

Day 27: Ephesians 3:16-17

Day 28: John 6:35




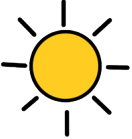






Day 29: 1 Corinthians 13:1-2

Day 30: Psalm 119:30

Day 31: Romans 14:1

Commit to reading your bible for 10 minutes each day. Read the above scripture and reflect on how this scripture could apply to your life.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00am Thursday Crafters 7:30pm Chancel Choir	2  7:00 pm Game Night	3 
4 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 2:00pm-8pm All Saints Presbyterian Church	5	6 1:00p Saints Alive	7 10-12pm Children's Wed. morning Bible study 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous meeting 7:00p Board of Christian Ed.	8 10:00am Thursday Crafters 7:30pm Chancel Choir	9 	10
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