

The Towers Newsletter



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January 2025 Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Advent and Christmas season such a meaningful one here at SCC. I am grateful for all those who assisted with our lunch with Santa potluck and the reception after Lessons and Carols. Thank you to the choir, ringers, youth, and accompanists who led us for that special evening. I am grateful for our staff and worship leaders and all those who donated flowers to beautify our church during this holy season and for those who helped with the Historic Walking Tour. There are many thankful families in our community who received food and toys due to our ministry outreach. It has been a busy season of fellowship and ministry, thanks to all of you who contributed in so many ways!

Coming Up in January

Plan to join us in worship during January and February. Here is what's coming up:

December 29 th	Joe Simmons will be preaching, special Sunday of Giving
January 5 th	Deacon ordination, baptism, communion and Epiphany
January 12th	Baptism of the Lord and remembering our baptisms

Pastor Search Update

The Pastor Search Team is continuing to work with our candidate to set a call weekend. Thanks for your patience and continued prayers as they work through the holidays and coordinate busy schedules! In the meantime, I'm on the journey with you,

Tracy



You may now watch our service LIVE Sunday mornings!

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Deacon's
Corner

The Board of Deacons Report....from the December 11, 2024 Meeting

With the holiday season upon us, numerous giveaways proved to be a rousing success. The weekly food pantry "extras" were a Thanksgiving basket, homemade pie and 25 Food Lion gift cards. This distribution was on a first come, first served basis. Needless to say, we received many grateful thank you's for the additional gifts.

The annual Thanksgiving fruit basket program was a huge success as well. The congregation really stepped up with their donations of fruit. We had an extra 15 bags left which were in turn donated and/or delivered.

The Suffolk Holiday walking tour brought many visitors to our beautiful church. It was decorated so beautifully. Many thanks to Joyce Trump for heading the committee, all the volunteers and also to Sean Bilby who served as the tour guide/historian for all our visitors.

The new officers for the board of deacon's are as follows: Ginnie Kinsey, Chair, Carman Goben, Co-Chair and Lisa Carraway, Secretary.

Stewardship Report

"We are Walking by Faith through Commitment"

January-November 2024 income - \$233,313.75

(includes \$20,000.00 from investments)

January-November 2024 expenses - \$239,702.17

Dollars for Supply & Multiply - \$1,934.48

(includes special monthly mission)



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 - \$975.00

August 2024 - Genieve Shelter - \$610.00

September 2024 - Neighbors in Need - \$480.00

October 2024 - Suffolk Christian Fellowship Ctr -\$705.00

November 2024 - Beacon of Hope - \$900.00

December 2024- Crossover Global Ministries - \$675.00

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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....

January's **Yellow** Envelope Mission: Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk (CAPS)

The Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk (CAPS) is a network of churches and organizations working together for poverty alleviation and community development. By sharing resources, information and support, we bring synergism to our efforts for the development of our city.

Our Vision

We envision Suffolk churches and organizations united and empowered to accomplish Christ's commission. We envision individuals and families living with dignity as they participate in CAPS ministries and experience holistic gospel transformation.

Our Mission

CAPS is a group of churches and organizations working together for poverty alleviation and community development. By sharing resources, information and support our efforts are synergized for the development of our city.

Emergency Assistance

We assist Suffolk residents who are experiencing crises by assessing their needs, praying with them, providing information and resources and directly contributing financially. Our staff meets one-on-one with individuals and families to seek to provide the most appropriate and effective assistance. Every person is unique and every situation is different so we provide tailored services rather than one-size-fits-all solutions.

Connection to Resources

CAPS networks with local help agencies and churches in order to provide more comprehensive assistance. Homeless shelters, food pantries, transportation services, counseling and legal assistance are some of the resources to which clients are connected.



Fridays
January 3rd
January 17th
January 31st



John Nemish	01/02
Summer Rice	01/03
Latane Barton	01/06
Phil Thatch	01/06
Pat Byrum	01/06
Bert Young III	01/06
Ryan Fleming	01/06
Caden Fleming	01/06
Jim Thorsen Jr.	01/07
Gary Williams	01/07
Richard Savage III	01/11
Jim Shank Sr.	01/11
Muriel Shumate	01/13
Jimmy Judkins Jr.	01/14
Jason Fanny	01/17
Jane Marie Dailey	01/19
Rylan Ashcraft	01/22
Chris Topping	01/23
Pat Fowler	01/25
Cameron Worrell	01/25
Ginnie Kinsey	01/28
Kelly Myles	01/28
June Beale	01/30
Debra Carr	01/31

Part time Bookkeeper Job Description

Title: **Bookkeeper**

Location: Suffolk Christian Church, 216 N. Main St, Suffolk, VA

Reports to: Board of Finance, Suffolk Christian Church

Position Summary:

The Bookkeeper will maintain accurate and detailed financial records for the Suffolk Christian Church and administer the financial needs of the church including: recording contributions and income, the payment of bills, the preparation of bi-weekly payroll and other financial duties that may become necessary. If interested, please contact Elaine Abernathy - 757-620-2317, or Jim Goben - 757-650-7300.

Dear Suffolk Christian Church Family –

Please accept my sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness we have received since my accident in September.

Your outpouring of cards, calls, visits and other remembrances have helped tremendously in keeping my spirits up during this unexpected ordeal. Most of all thank you for your continued prayers for both Richard and me. He is better and will be released to home care soon. I continue to improve and will learn in early January what additional treatment will be required. Your prayers are appreciated as we continue the healing process.

Your Christian love and support mean more than I can express. With a humble and grateful heart, I wish each of you and yours a Blessed New Year!!

Janet Rock

A BIG
Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who donated toys for the ForKids organization. These toys will bring smiles to faces of children who may not have had a smile without your generosity.



Celebration for Dae!

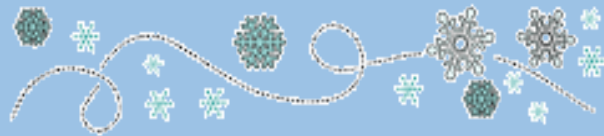
There will be a retirement celebration for Dae Nixon, our Financial Secretary on January 26th, following Sunday morning worship. Bring your favorite dish as we enjoy a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall.



The little red wagon will be at the North entrance every first Sunday for food pantry donations. Our food pantry is running low on items. Below is a list of items needed for our food pantry:

Individual cups Applesauce; Canned fruit or individual cups of Fruit; Nabs; Individual packets Oatmeal; Pop Tarts; Small boxes of Cereal; Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Meats; Canned Vegetables, Canned Beefaroni or Spaghetti; Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers; Protein Shakes, Boxed Milk, Bottled Water.

The above is just a suggested list...if you can think of other things, please feel free to bring to our Food Pantry.



In Memory of

Donations to the Food Pantry Ministry in memory of L. H. Byrum have been given by Bill and Frances Carr, Frances H. White, Billie Harry, Fay B. Allen, Joyce H. Trump, Roger and Rita Lane

A donation to Care and Concern in memory of L. H. Byrum has been given by H. Jan Ellis

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

A donation to the Food Pantry Ministry in memory of Talmadge Darden has been given by the E. Talmadge Darden Fund



The next meeting of FFW will take place on Monday, January 27 at 3:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall at church. Please wear your most comfy clothes (or exercise gear) as we are entitling this meeting "Living a Healthy Life for You and God." It's time to get in shape after all the holiday indulgence! Pam Boykin will lead us through simple exercises that can be done seated or standing. She will also answer our exercise questions. Please bring 4 cans of food that will be used as weights and then donated to our church's food pantry. (Bring 2 the size of a Campbell's soup can and 2 same size larger ones.) Healthy snacks and bottled water will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board at church so we will know how many to prepare for. Remember you are always welcome to bring a friend. We hope you will join us.



Women's Fellowship Clothing Ministry

Thank you to all who have donated to the Women's Fellowship clothing drive. The distribution date will be Saturday, March 1, 2025, with the time to be determined. The first date to begin sorting these clothes will be announced as soon as possible. Because of the large amount of clothes we have already received, we will need lots of volunteers to help with this. Remember many hands make light work. Thank each and every one of you for your support with this worthwhile project. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lisa McLaughlin at (757) 593-6109.



The elder of the two elevators, near the south entrance has been retired from use. It had served the church well for many decades but due to its unsafe condition it can no longer be operated. Please use the large Otis elevator near the north entrance.



Keeping Our Church Clean

We had the Sanctuary and most of the 1st floor carpets cleaned in December, as well as the Fellowship Hall and kitchen flooring. The results were excellent. Please help keep our church home tidy by cleaning up after ourselves.



Christmas Flowers 2024

Outside Front Wreath is in memory of **Forrest H. Cathey** given by Patricia, Donna, and Barbara

Outside Front Wreath is in memory of **Elton Boyce** and in honor of **Mildred Boyce**, and in memory of **Locke and Trythenea Baker** given by Robert and Marilyn Boyce

Upstairs Balcony Wreath is in honor of **The Trump Family, Merry Christmas** given by Renee Trump Hensler

Upstairs Balcony Wreath is in memory of **Mary Jane and Bud Writtenberry and Marie and Jobie Jones**

Upstairs Balcony Wreath is in memory of **Deceased Class Members** given by The Adult Bible Class

Upstairs Balcony Wreath is in memory of **Paul J. Fowler Jr.** given by Pat Fowler, Paul, Michele, Kevin, Virginia, Ann, and Mary Fowler

Inside Front Column Wreath is in memory of **Ann Ralph** given by Wendy, Art, Conner, and Bobby

Inside Front Column Wreath is in memory of **John C. "Jack" Harry III, Martha Harry Young, and Margaret Harry Heuberger** given by The Harry Family

Side Foyer Arrangement in memory **William "Punk" and Betty Brantley, Earl and Amy Barrett, Ruth Barrett, and Lycurgus and Byrdie Barrett** given by Betty Jo (Brantley) Nuckols, and Bruce Nuckols and Family and Marion Barrett Murphy and Family

Huntboard Arrangement is in memory of **Louise B. and James W. Dailey** given by Jane Marie and Jim Dailey

Piano and Organ Arrangement is in memory of **Louise Bradshaw** given by Mary Lou

Upstairs Foyer Arrangement (Outside of Sanctuary) is in memory of **Lisa Noel, Mike Jacobs, and Lawrence and Elizabeth Burnett** given by David, Barbara, and Michaela

Downstairs Newel Post Swag is in honor of **Our Granddaughters, Emma and Ellie** given by Jim and Carman Goben

Wreath North Entrance Column is in memory of **Rick Savage** given by the Savage Family

Wreath North Entrance Column is in memory of **Frank and Margery Hannah** given by Billy, Barbara, Forrest, and Caitlyn

Wreath North Entrance Door in memory of **Beverly and Janie Aston, Betty Aston McCloud, Ron Aston, and Kathy Aston Parker** given by Their Family

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Wreath Iron Gate Front Entrance is in honor of **My Grandson, Reece Jonas Kroll's First Christmas** given by Mary Beth Chapman Carden

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North Foyer Arrangement is in memory of **Margaret and Bill Simons and Callie and Jack Harry** given by The Harry Family

North Second Floor Arrangement is in memory of **Diane and Donald Long** given by Rich and Carol Edwards

Wreath Beside Office Door is in memory of **Richard E. Saunders, Abram and Edla Norfleet, Percy and Ida Saunders, William F. Norfleet, Robert A. Norfleet, Marianna and Robert Whitley, Doris Bailey, and Clifton Saunders** given by Margaret Saunders

Wreath Iron Gate Walkway is in memory of **Lonnie and Doris Cones** given by The Family

Wreath Iron Gate Walkway is in memory of **Frank and Georgie Lee Abernathy** given by The Family

Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Paige and Bill Redd, Steve Redd, and Mildred Brown** given by Cheryl and Tommy

Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Susan** and **Kirkwood Edwards** given by Rich and Carol Edwards

Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Earl Martin** given by The Family

Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Corey** given by Mom and Dad

Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Pearl** and **Eddie Kinsey** given by John and Ginnie

Boxwood Wreath is in honor of **Dianna Crumpler's Fight** given by John and Ginnie

Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Miss Susie I. Powell, J. W. Powell, John** and **Nancy Holland, Lillye I. Holland,** and **Emma F. Eley**

Boxwood Wreath is in honor of **All Those Who Serve** given Anonymously

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Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Irvin Salmon** given by The McLaughlin Family

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Poinsettias In Memory Of

Our Parents given by Joe and Janet Simmons

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J. T. and Dorothy Judkins given by Their Family

Alfred, Genevieve, and Bill Regerter given by Jim and Gloria Judkins

Jane and Arthur Stone and Donna McCoy given by Judy Twiford

Floyd Twiford given by Judy Twiford

Charles Johnson given by Audrey Johnson

P. J. Fowler given by Audrey Johnson

Joseph T. and Ellen Louise Pierce and Dr. J. Michael and Margaret Nemish given by John and Janet

Claude and Danise Queen given by Rita and Tommy Queen

Robert and Mary Drew given by Rita and Tommy Queen

Billy and Joyce Harrell and Pam Askew given by Their Family

Mary and David Parker and Billy Parker given by Their Family

Rick Savage given by The Savage Family

Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Savage, Jr. given by The Savage Family

L.H. Byrum given by Pat, Christine, Catherine, Kevin and Alex

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Paul J. Fowler, Jr. given by Pat Fowler, Paul, Michele, Kevin, Virginia, Ann and Mary Fowler

Earl and Margaret Rountree given by Benita Rhodes

Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Briggs given by Sharon and Jimmy Fanny

Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Fanny given by Sharon and Jimmy Fanny

Irvin Salmon given by Claudia Salmon

Hilda and Winston Meade given by Claudia Salmon

Jo Ann Wills given by Claudia Salmon

Sarah Fletcher

Anna Goode Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Z. Turner

Billy and Joan Cones, Love Your Family

Beverly S. Burton given by Sue Burton

Mary Sue Parker given by Sue Burton



Poinsettias In Honor Of

Jody, Steven, Charlie, Summer and Lucca and J.M. and Gwynne given by John and Janet

Our Sons, Gregory and Jeremy given by Rich and Carol Edwards

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David Parker given by His Sisters, Jean, Joan and Nancy

Kelly Given by Mom and Dad

Lee and Lauren given by Mom and Dad

McKenna, Bobby, Lillie, Grey and Gracie given by Grandmommy and Gee

Our Granddaughter, Margot Sullivan given by Randy and Benita Rhodes

Mary Jane Cathey given by Billy, Barbara, Forrest and Caitlyn

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The Church Staff given by Tracy

Our Sons, Brandon and Christopher given by Cheryl and Tommy

Our Granddaughters, Rylan and Allison given by Cheryl and Tommy

Our Girls, Meredith and Mary Blythe McLaughlin given by Lisa and Andy McLaughlin

Claudia Salmon given by The McLaughlin Family

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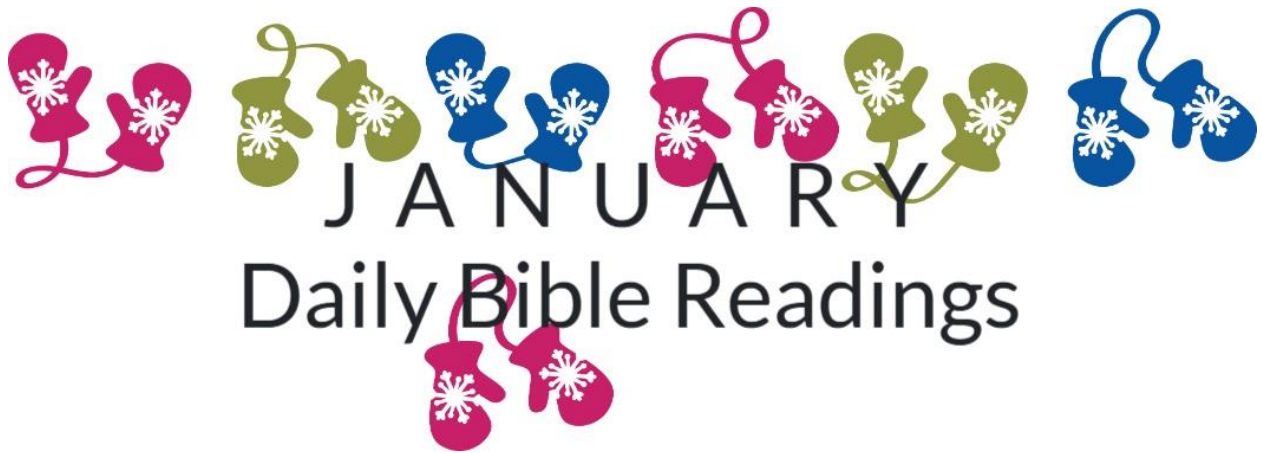
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Day 1: Genesis 1:1

Day 2: Isaiah 43:19

Day 3: Psalm 104:30

Day 4: Ezekiel 36:26

Day 5: John 3:3

Day 6: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Day 7: Revelation 21:5

Day 8: Psalm 51:10

Day 9: Isaiah 65:17

Day 10: Ephesians 4:24

Day 11: Romans 6:4

Day 12: Galatians 6:15

Day 13: Jeremiah 31:31

Day 14: Isaiah 42:9

Day 15: Ezekiel 11:10

Day 16: Matthew 9:17

Day 17: Isaiah 40:31

Day 18: Colossians 3:10

Day 19: Psalm 85:6

Day 20: Revelation 21:1

Day 21: Philippians 3:13-14

Day 22: Lamentations 3:22-23

Day 23: Isaiah 57:10:

Day 24: Hebrews 12:24

Day 25: Titus 3:5

Day 26: Psalm 96:1

Day 27: Ephesians 2:15

Day 28: 1 Peter 1:3

Day 29: Psalm 40:3









Day 30: Isaiah 66:22

Day 31: Revelation 2:17

Commit to reading your bible and reflect on the scripture each day.

JANUARY

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	2 10:00am Thursday Crafters	3  7:00pm Game Night	4
5 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service De-decorate church	6	7 1:00p Saints Alive	8 6:30pm Board of Deacons 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous bus. meeting 7:00pm Board of Christian Ed.	9 10:00am Thursday Crafters 7:15pm Chancel Choir	10	11 
12 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service	13  January	14 1:00p Saints Alive 3:00p Food Pantry	15 6:30pm Board of Finance 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	16 10:00am Thursday Crafters 7:15pm Chancel Choir	17  7:00pm Game Night	18
19 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service	20	21 12:00p Saints Alive Potluck 3:00p Food Pantry	22 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	23 10:00am Thursday Crafters 7:15pm Chancel Choir	24	25 
26 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 12:00pm Retirement party for Dae	27 3:30p Fellowship for Women (fellowship hall)	28 1:00p Saints Alive 3:00p Food Pantry	29 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	30 10:00am Thursday Crafters 7:15pm Chancel Choir	31  7:00pm Game Night	