

# The Towers Newsletter

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## Pastor's Column for July 2024

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Janet and all of our SCC musicians for leading us in worship on Music Sunday. God was glorified and we were moved by this meaningful and joyful service. We are so grateful to have such talented and faithful musicians! The choir will be taking a well-deserved break during the month of July, and we will be blessed all month by special music. Choir – we look forward to your return in August.

Also, thank you Priscilla, the Board of Christian Education, and all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make VBS a great success. We trust that God has been at work in the hearts of the children who attended, and we hope that this ministry will bring new faces to our family of faith.

Finally, thank you to the Fellowship for Women Steering Committee – Lisa Carraway, Kim Parr, Beverly McGahee, Betty Johnson and Evelyn Jones – for coordinating all of the women's events this spring. The final meeting of the season – a covered dish picnic – was attended by over forty women. It was a beautiful evening filled with great food, fun, and fellowship! We look forward to gathering again in September!

Please continue to pray for the Pastor Search Team and for the candidate that God is calling to be our next pastor. We have been praying for this person for many months, and I remain confident that God will reveal him/her to us in just the right time. In the meantime, I'm on the journey with you,

Tracy

Note: During the month of July, I will be in Suffolk on Sunday and Monday.



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

Go to: YouTube.com

Suffolk Christian Live Worship / Subscribe

**You also find us on:**

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Deacon's  
Corner

The Board of Deacons Reports.... from the June 12, 2024 Meeting

\*Congregational updates were given by Dr. Hartman.

\*The yellow envelope mission for July will be Church Family Assistance; August, Genieve Shelter; September, Neighbors in Need.

\*The Pastoral Search team gave a report. They continue to reach out to possible candidates. Dr. Hartman encouraged us by reminding us that many churches without full time pastors are also having difficulty in securing one.... we are not alone.

\*Thank you again to the congregation for their support of the Hawn trailer purchase. As previously stated, the unused remainder of that love gift (\$2,280) has been placed in the Church Family Assistance Fund.

\*Copies of the newly revised SCC Constitution will be available soon in the office.

\*Work is ongoing in establishing a plaque to honor all past Deacons Emeriti of our church.

## Stewardship Report

*"We are Walking by Faith through Commitment"*

**January-May 2024 income - \$117,148.42**

(includes \$20,000.00 from investments)

**January-May 2024 expenses - \$110,866.11**

**Dollars for Supply & Multiply - \$1,794.48**

(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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, room #225 off the commons area (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom). Come join us for a lively discussion on the book of John.

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Reporting on Missions....

The **Yellow** Envelope Mission for the month of July is **SCC Family Assistance**. This fund exists to help church Members financially during emergency situations and is administered by the pastor, chair and vice-chair of the Board of Deacons. Your support of this fund is greatly appreciated as we try to provide a helping hand to those experiencing trying circumstances. We encourage you to please give what is in your heart to this mission by using July's **yellow** envelope. Thank you so much for your generosity in the support of our church family.



## 2024 Scholarship Recipients

Nathan Wilson is the recipient of the Z. Turner Family Memorial Scholarship. Nathan is attending Old Dominion University.

Phoebe Bilby is the recipient of the Dr. W.W. Staley Scholarship, the Suffolk Christian Church Special Mission Scholarship, and the West Memorial Class Scholarship. Phoebe is attending Longwood University.

Annie Copeland is the recipient of the Mary Virginia March Memorial Scholarship, the David & Dorothy W. Darden & Family Scholarship, and the Glen L. & Sara A. Heuberger Scholarship. Annie is attending Old Dominion University.

Taylor Cherry is the recipient of the Suffolk Christian Church Elon University Scholarship. Taylor is attending Elon University.



Congratulations to our 2024 High School and College graduates. From left to right, Margaret Copeland, Annie Copeland, and Phoebe Bilby. We wish them all the best in the next chapter of their lives.



Robbie Phillips	07/01
Shannon Griffin	07/02
Becky Sharrett	07/03
Myrtle Etheridge	07/03
Charlotte Parr	07/05
Beth Barnett	07/05
Donald Bracy	07/05
John "J.M."Nemish Jr.	07/05
Jennifer Worrell	07/06
Shaun Allen	07/08
Erin Matthews	07/09
Glenn Hott Jr.	07/10
Elton Bailey	07/11
David Ascher	07/11
Christine Young	07/13
Helen Johnson	07/13
Beth Simpkins	07/18
Emily King	07/20
Janet Simmons	07/20
Alan Garner	07/20
Debbie Munn	07/22
Curtiss Johnson	07/23
Eddie Matthews	07/23
Steven Thorsen	07/26
Justin Topping	07/26
Gary Munn	07/27
Will Rhodes	07/28
Sarah Rhodes	07/28
Robert Boyce	07/29
Josh Worrell	07/29
Alex Joyner	07/31



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



Everyone is invited to come to Game Night on Fridays @ 7:00 pm in the Saints Alive. This is an exciting time of fun and fellowship. Bring a snack to share with everyone. We will meet during the month of July on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.



The Washington Nationals are celebrating Faith and Baseball with our Faith Day!

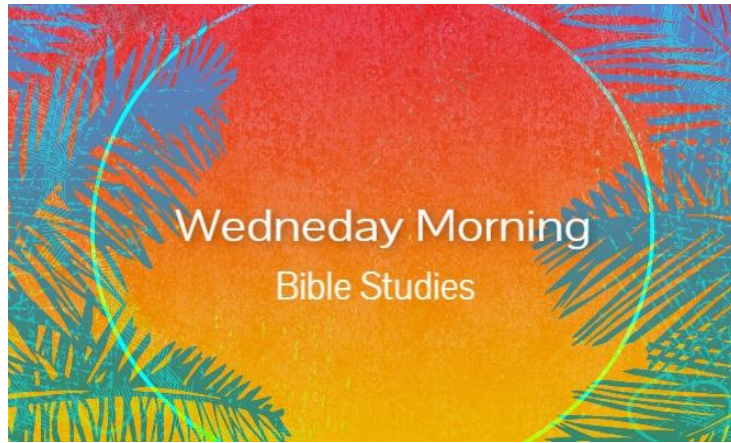
<https://www.mlb.com/nationals/tickets/specials/faith-day>

Faith Day will take place on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:05pm vs the Chicago Cubs.

To receive access to the post-game faith celebration you must purchase your special event

Faith Day tickets through [nats.com/faith](https://nats.com/faith) . \$5 of each ticket will be donated to [The House DC!](https://www.houseofrep.com/)

(this was an email sent to the church from Drew Larson, Account Executive, Washington Nationals phone: 202-640-7696)



## Wednesday Morning Bible Studies

**July 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This will be held in the Beginner's Department on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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! There will be a registration form for the parents to fill out the first 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.**



**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 - \$775.00**



### 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.



thank you

Dear Tracy and Suffolk Christian Church,

On behalf of the entire team at Western Tidewater Free Clinic, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generous donation. Your support plays a crucial role in helping us provide essential medical care to the uninsured and underserved within our community.

Last year, we provided 11,419 visits to 1,473 unique patients. Our patients are diverse, and yet they all share one thing: **they need our help**. Thanks to you, we can ensure these neighbors receive the high-quality and compassionate care they deserve.

Thank you so much for your gift and for blessing our patients and mission.

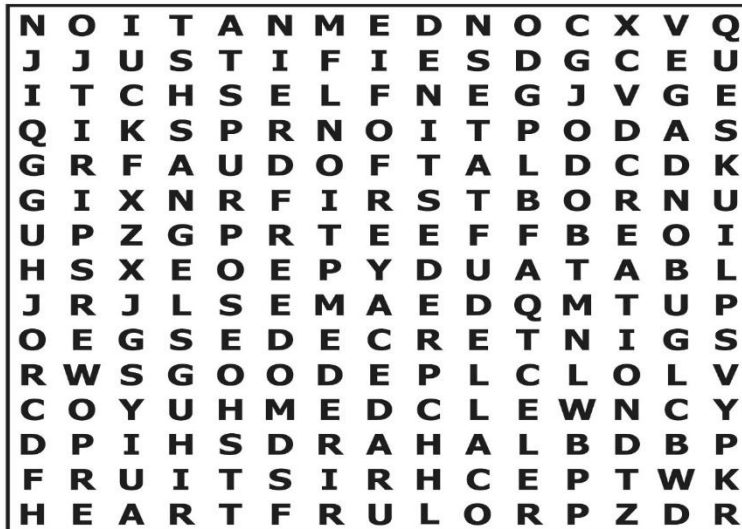
With deep gratitude,

Ashley O. Greene  
Executive Director

(\*Western Tidewater Free Clinic was our March Mission)

# Puzzle!

Search for words found in Romans 8.



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|-------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| Abba        | elect      | Jesus        | adoption  |
| family      | justifies  | angels       | firstborn |
| Lord        | bondage    | flesh        | love      |
| called      | freedom    | peace        | Christ    |
| fruits      | powers     | condemnation | glorified |
| predestined | conquerors | good         | purpose   |
| creation    | hardship   | redemption   | decay     |
| died        | intercedes | Spirit       | heart     |





**Day 1: Psalm 33:6-12**

**Day 2: 1 Peter 2:9-17**

**Day 3: 2 Corinthians 2:12-18**

**Day 4: Galatians 5:1-15**

**Day 5: John 8:31-42**

**Day 6: John 8:43-59**

**Day 7: Romans 6:1-11**

**Day 8: Romans 6:12-23**

**Day 9: Romans 8:1-11**

**Day 10: Romans 8:12-18**

**Day 11: Romans 8:19-30**

**Day 12: Isaiah 61:1-6**

**Day 13: Isaiah 61:7-11**

**Day 14: Luke 4:14-21**

**Day 15: Acts 1:1-13**

**Day 16: Acts 1:14-26**

**Day 17: Acts 2:1-13**

**Day 18: Acts 2:14-21**

**Day 19: Acts 2:22-35**

**Day 20: Acts 2:36-47**

**Day 21: Acts 3:1-11**

**Day 22: Acts 2:12-26**

**Day 23: Acts 4:1-12**

**Day 24: Acts 4:13-22**

**Day 25: Acts 4:23-31**

**Day 26: Acts 4:32-37**

**Day 27: Acts 5:1-11**

**Day 28: Acts 5:12-26**

**Day 29: Acts 5:27-42**

**Day 30: Acts 6:1-7**

**Day 31: Acts 6:8-15**

**Commit to reading the scripture each day and meditate on what the scripture means to you. The scriptures above are about freedom and how Christ set us free**

# JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1:00p Saints Alive	3 5:30p All Saints Pres.church 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	4 	5 Game Night for Everyone 7:00 Game Night	6 
7 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 2:00pm-8pm All Saints Presbyterian Church	8	9 1:00p Saints Alive 3:00p Food Pantry	10 10-12pm Children's Wed. morning Bible study 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous bus.meeting	11 10:00am Thursday Crafters	12 	13
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