

The Towers Newsletter

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Pastor's Column

What a joy it has been to be your pastor for the last 3.5+ years. As I shared in worship, my last Sunday with you will be July 27th, and it will be a bitter-sweet day for me. I recently told the deacons that although I have done a number of preaching interims, this is the first time I have really had the opportunity to be both preacher and pastor for a congregation. It has been an honor to visit in your homes, to pray with you in hospitals and rehab centers, to dedicate babies, baptize growing believers, and walk with you through the loss of loved ones. I am grateful for deep friendships that will continue for years to come.

Church family, you have worked hard during this interim time, remembering who you have been, assessing where you are now, and discerning God's initiatives for the future. You are embracing Building for Hope, you are moving forward in ministry, and you are open to how God will continue to lead. You are well positioned to welcome a new pastor to walk with you into the exciting days ahead.

Thank you for the many ways that you have welcomed me, Jay and especially Missy.



You have walked with us and prayed us through some challenging times in our own lives, and we are grateful. We will carry fond memories of SCC with us and we look forward to returning to visit in the days ahead. Please look us up whenever you find yourselves in Richmond.

It has been a joy to be on the journey with you,

Tracy, Jay and Missy



You may now watch our service LIVE Sunday mornings!

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Deacon's
Corner

The Board of Deacons Report....from the June 11th 2025 meeting

The Veteran's committee will hopefully have the Veteran's board completed soon.

The update of the church directory is still moving along.

The donations for the Seats and Feets was delivered. We received much more this year than last and the representatives at the Salvation Army were thrilled.

The Kalamoo Lego Club reached out to SCC to see if we had space available for their club of young people to meet once a week, during the morning hours, from July until November. This club is active in Lego construction as well as robotics. Ginnie Kinsey and Priscilla Bunch attended the most recent meeting and were impressed with the discipline and interest of the children. A motion was made and passed to welcome them. This is what our Building for Hope endeavor is all about, helping out our community.

Stewardship Report

"We are Walking by Faith through Commitment"

January-May 2025 income - \$97,424.26

January-May 2025 expenses - \$117,895.98

Emergency Relief Fund - \$440.00



We're
Getting
a New
Pastor

Formal announcement
coming soon!



January 2025 - CAPS - \$450.00

February 2025 - Genieve Shelter - \$730.00

March 2025 - Western Tidewater Free Clinic - \$930.00

April 2025 - SCC Scholarship Fund - \$415.00

May 2025 - Crisis Pregnancy Center - \$528.26

June 2025 - Meals on Wheels - \$684.00



A donation to the General Fund in **Memory of Fannie & Albro Ellis** given by Jan Ellis.

A donation to the General Fund in **Memory of Robert Henry & Rachel Duke Ellis** given by Jan Ellis & Family.

Donations to the Memorial Fund in **Memory of Mary Jane Cathey** given by Phil McPhail and William Chorey.

A donation to the Memorial Fund in **Memory of Forrest & Mary Jane Cathey** given by Mills & Gin Staylor.

A donation to the Memorial Fund in **Memory of David Parker** given by Joyce Trump and Calvin & Evelyn Jones.



Reporting on Missions....

July's **Yellow** Envelope Mission: SCC/Suffolk Schools Partnership

The mission we are supporting for the month of July is Suffolk Christian Church/Suffolk Schools Partnership. Every child deserves to have all the tools available to ensure they have the opportunity to learn and grow. One of the initiatives resulting from our church town hall meetings was to invest in our local schools by helping to meet the needs of students and teachers. Children are the world's most valuable asset and appreciation and support for their education is paramount to their success!



2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Sunday, June 1st was scholarship Sunday. We received applications from three candidates. Nathan Wilson, who will be graduating from ODU in December of 2025 with a degree in Sports Management, Annie Copeland who is a rising sophomore at ODU and Phoebe Bilby, who is a graduate student majoring in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) at Longwood University.

Three scholarships were available this year, the David A. and Dorothy W. Darden and Family Scholarship and the Glen L. and Sara A. Heuberger Scholarship, with a combined total of \$5,000.00 and the SCC Scholarship in the amount of \$800.00. It was totaled and dispersed evenly to all three recipients.



News From the Community Clothes Closet

We are in need of clothes for men! At the last community giveaway on June 7, the men's racks are now looking bare. There will be a bin in the library for Men's clothing donations.

Thank you so much! - Lisa McLaughlin

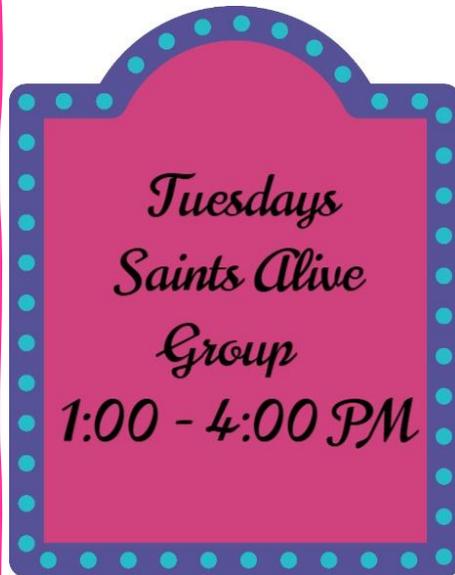


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| Robbie Phillips | 07/01 |
| Shannon Griffin | 07/02 |
| Becky Sharrett | 07/03 |
| Myrtle Etheridge | 07/03 |
| Charlotte Parr | 07/05 |
| Beth Barnett | 07/05 |
| Donald Bracy | 07/05 |
| John "J.M." Nemish Jr. | 07/05 |
| Jennifer Worrell | 07/06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



All are welcome on Friday Nights to join in the card game, Hand & Foot. If you do not know how to play the game, we can teach you. We begin @ 7:00 pm. Bring a snack to share with others. Lots of laughs!

July 4th, 11th, & 25th



All ages are welcome to Saints Alive on Tuesdays. They meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon and have lunch together. Everyone brings their own lunch. All other Tuesdays they begin @ 1:00 pm. Come and join in the fun and fellowship.



Our Food Pantry needs several items for our weekly pantry. Some items needed are: Applesauce (individual cups); fruit cups; Snacks (Granola bars, Nabs, Individual packs of Nuts); Individual serving packets of Oatmeal & Grits; Pop Tarts; small boxes of Cereal; Spaghetti Sauce w/ meat; Spaghetti Noodles; Macaroni & Cheese; 1 lb. bags Rice; Flavored Rice; Stove Top Stuffing; Scalloped Potatoes; Au gratin Potatoes; Dried Beans; Canned Meats; Canned Vegetables; Canned Pasta w/ Meat; Peanut Butter; Jelly; and Crackers.

Any items you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Paper
Products
Collection



KITCHEN SUPPLIES

While down in the kitchen supply area, it was noted that several items were just laying around instead of being where they needed to be placed. **PLEASE**, if you are helping with an event, please put the supplies away in their appropriate space. I understand we are all tired after an event, so if you can't do it the day of, please return the next day, if possible, to return items to the designated area. I have had to throw away several items because they are left out and we all know we have creepy crawlers in the kitchen area. Thank you for helping to keep our kitchen area tidy! Also, if you feel we need to order supplies for a specific event or just need supplies that are used for every event, please let Priscilla know by either seeing or calling her. Thanks in advance for helping us to keep our kitchen area tidy!

Thank
& you

Thank you, Reverend Hartman and SCC members, for being so kind when my husband, David, died. You and Reverend Halley combined to celebrate the man we loved and greatly miss. The dinner after was lovely, the church did a wonderful job and I much appreciate their hard work.

Judy Parker and Family

(Judy included a donation to Church-wide Fellowship)

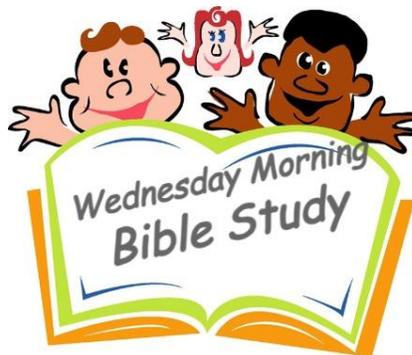


The cooling season is here! Please remember to close doors to maintain the temperature while the air conditioning is running.



Thank you for all the cards, calls, visits, food and prayers after my surgery.

Rob Abernathy



July 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

We will have Children's Wednesday morning Bible studies. This will be for children who will be entering Kindergarten this fall to those who will be entering 5th grade. We will meet 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. 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 @ 757-539-9182 or by email at pbunch1@aol.com.

PARENTS: You are more than welcome to drop your child/children off and enjoy some "free" time for yourself.



July Daily Bible Readings

Day 1: Isaiah 61:1

Day 2: James 1:25

Day 3: James 2:11-13

Day 4: 2 Corinthians 3:17

Day 5: Galatians 2:4-7

Day 6: Galatians 5:1

Day 7: Galatians 5:13

Day 8: 1 Peter 2:16

Day 9: Proverbs 21:15

Day 10: Deuteronomy 10:17-18

Day 11: Deuteronomy 16:19-20

Day 12: Deuteronomy 32:4

Day 13: 2 Samuel 8:15

Day 14: 1 Kings 10:9

Day 15: Psalm 37:27-28

Day 16: Psalm 37:29-31

Day 17: Psalm 97:2-6

Day 18: Psalm 106:3

Day 19: Proverbs 2:7-9

Day 20: Proverbs 21:3-5

Day 21: Proverbs 29:26

Day 22: Ecclesiastes 5:8

Day 23: Isaiah 5:16

Day 24: Jeremiah 5:27-29

Day 25: Jeremiah 23:5

Day 26: Amos 5:15

Day 27: Matthew 23:23

Day 28: Luke 18:1-8

Day 29: Hebrews 11:32-34

Day 30: Isaiah 45:22-24

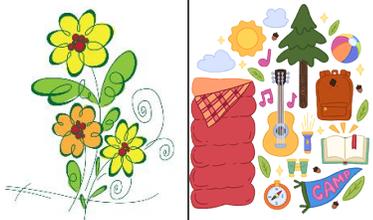
Day 31: Philippians 3:19-21

Commit to reading your bible daily for 10 minutes

and mediate on his God's word.



July 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | 1 1:00p Saints Alive | 2 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous | 3 10:00am Thursday Crafters | 4  7:00pm Game night | 5 |
| 6 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service | 7 | 8 1:00p Saints Alive 3:00p Food Pantry | 9 10:00am-12:00pm Children's Wed. morning Bible Study 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous bus. meeting 6:45pm Board of Deacons 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous | 10 10:00am Thursday Crafters | 11 7:00pm Game night | 12  |
| 13 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service | 14  | 15 12:00p Saints Alive Potluck 3:00p Food Pantry | 16 10:00am-12:00pm Children's Wed. morning Bible Study 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous | 17 10:00am Thursday Crafters | 18 | 19  |
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