

The Towers Newsletter

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“Make Your Recreation Re-Creation!”



As we move into the heart of summer, many of us will be enjoying some much-needed vacation. Whether you are heading to the beach, the mountains or “home” to visit family, I pray that your time away will be just what you need it to be. As you take a break from your normal routine, and hopefully slow down a bit, I encourage you to enjoy some true Sabbath – time to rest in body, mind, and spirit – time to allow God to rejuvenate you.

I also hope that, whether you are able to get away or not, you will join in me in prayer for the following:

- Please continue to pray for our the transition team as they continue work on the church and pastoral profiles and as they work together to assemble the pastor search committee. These are important next steps for our congregation and we want God to continue to lead us each step of the way. Pray that the pastor search committee will have discerning hearts and minds, and that God will lead the right candidate to us.
- Continue to pray for our new pastor, that God will continue preparing him/her to be the leader that SCC needs to lead us into a vibrant future.
- Third, continue to pray for our church. Pray that God will prepare us to receive a new leader, pray that we will be willing to say YES!; to think creatively and go forth boldly as we enter a new chapter.
- Finally, pray that you will be open to how God might be directing you to serve – either in the church or in the world.

There are exciting days ahead. I’m honored to be on the journey with you, Tracy



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A Note from the Transition Team...

During the month of May, we completed our Town Hall Meetings. Thanks to each of you for your participation and willingness to share with the Transition Team your thoughts for the future of Suffolk Christian Church. You have answered questions and shared with all of us pertinent data that we need to include in our Ministerial and Pastoral profiles. You have also prayed for our team, and we know that God has heard our prayers and will send us the person that will lead us to fulfill our future needs. Over the next month, these profiles will be assembled and ready to send out to prospects for our new Pastor. We are in the final stages of forming the Pastoral Search Team and it is our hope to have this team approved by the congregation at a called church conference no later than the beginning of September. It is our hope to have a very diversified team which will represent all ages of our congregation. With Pastor Tracy's assistance along with the Center for Healthy Churches, it is our hope this process will not take more than four to six months. We will need your continued prayers and support.

The past six months have not been easy for our church family. We have lost many faithful church members. Our prayers are with each of those families. We thank Pastor Tracy for all her support during this time. She has been a blessing to our transition process and our church family.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the search process, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Tracy or a member of the Transition Team.

God's blessings to each of you as we continue to be guided by God in this process.

Your Transition Team

**Dana Bilby, Evelyn Jones, Billy Wyatt, John Kinsey, Curtiss Johnson,
Joyce Trump and Vickie Wilson**



AED CERTIFICATION: Are you AED certified?

House of Worship has updated our AED equipment and would like to know who in our church family is already certified to use it. If you are certified, please let Jim Goben know! We plan to offer training to certify additional folks in late summer or early fall. *Watch the newsletter and the bulletin for details.*

HOST HOMES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

Are you interested in hosting a 9th or 10th grade student from Spain for the 2022-2023 school year? Students will arrive in Suffolk in mid-August and will stay through the end of May 2023. Training and local support are available. Please reach out to Tracy if you are interested and would like more information on this exciting opportunity.



Reporting on Missions....

MISSIONS
Offerings

July's Yellow Envelope Mission: CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER

The mission we are supporting for the month of July is the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater. This organization is all about saving lives, sparing hearts and spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. This Christ centered group has a calling to reach out to women and families involved in crisis-related pregnancies by offering real help for the present, hope for the future, and healing from the past. There is a center in Suffolk located at 302 N. Main St. All donations go to supporting moms, dads and babies. Financial support for this ministry is raised entirely through private funding and donations. CPC does not receive any monetary assistance from the government. We hope you will support this worthy mission.



Beyond Our Shores:

*Shear is the child we are helping in Haiti with his physical therapy. Please continue to pray for him (and all of the people of Haiti.) Shear needs a brace to help him in his PT. When we have more information about this need we will pass it along. Please continue to pray that his therapist will be able to travel from St. Marc to Monwi, where Shear lives.

A Step Back In Time

**Do you recognize anyone? This is the Sunday School Class from 1958 or 1959.
Thanks to Elaine Abernathy for the picture!**



SCC donated \$1,635 to the Ukraine Relief, and we received a thank you from Cooperative Baptist Fellowship:

“Your act of generosity helps us to meet the needs of our hurting world and share the love of Christ in countless ways. Because of people like you, we are caring for those affected by the crisis in Ukraine, supporting the ministry of hundreds of local congregations and providing for the long-term presence of field personnel in 19 countries around the world.”

If anyone would like to join the Board of Ushers, there is a sign-up sheet outside the office! You may also sign up on the bulletin board to be a greeter or worship leader!



Happy Birthday !!!!

Shannon Griffin	July 2
Myrtle Etheridge	July 3
Becky Sharrett	July 3
Makenna Brezovic	July 4
Donald Bracy	July 5
J.M. Nemish, Jr.	July 5
Charlotte Parr	July 5
Beth Barnett	July 5
Jennifer Worrell	July 6
Shaun Allen	July 8
Eloise Byrd	July 8
Erin Matthews	July 9
Glenn Hott	July 10
Elton Bailey	July 11
David Ascher	July 11
Christine Young	July 13
Helen Johnson	July 13
Beth Simpkins	July 18
Fran Winslow	July 19
Emily King	July 20
Alan Garner	July 20
Janet Simmons	July 20
Debbie Munn	July 22
Eddie Matthews	July 23
Curtiss Johnson	July 23
Steven Thorsen	July 26
Justin Topping	July 26
Gary Munn	July 27
Will Rhodes	July 28
Sarah Rhodes	July 28
Robert Boyce	July 29
Josh Worrell	July 29
Alex Joyner	July 31



Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

- party - t = p r a y (v. 1)
- lady + i = _ _ _ _ (v. 3)
- drab + e = _ _ _ _ (v. 5)
- rod + o = _ _ _ _ (v. 7)
- bask - b = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)
- keeps - p = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)
- define - ee = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)
- shift - t = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)
- sneaky - y = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)
- sift + g = _ _ _ _ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

_ _ _ _ _ (v. 13)

Answers: pray, daily, bread, door, asks, seeks, find, fish, snake, gifts, Holy Spirit

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



Suffolk Christian Church Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 am ~ 2:00 pm

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A donation to the Food Pantry in memory of James (Jim) M. Culliton, Jr. has been given by Michael and Barbara Lawson

Donations to the Memorial Fund in memory of James "Jim" M. Culliton, Jr. have been given by Bunny Lewis, Bill and Roberta Powell

A donation to the Music Fund in memory of Irvin Salmon has been given by Jim and Paige Hill

A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Chuck Rountree has been given by H. Jan Ellis

A donation to the General Fund in memory of The Honorable Walter S. Felton, Jr. has been given by Jim and Paige Hill

A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Forrest Cathey has been given by Bill and Roberta Powell



January 2022 - Church Family Assistance - \$615.00

February 2022 - Meals on Wheels - \$785.00

March 2022 - Western Tidewater Free Clinic - \$840.00

April 2022 - Winter Shelter - \$750.00

May 2022 - SCC Scholarship - \$830.00

June 2022 - CAPS - \$845.00



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To: Suffolk Christian Church Family

Dear friends,

Over the last two years our world has experienced unprecedented challenges. From lockdowns at churches, schools, and businesses; to illnesses and deaths, we have all suffered in some way. Thankfully Suffolk Christian Church has not only weathered the storm, but we have also risen to the challenges and remained a beacon of light and hope on Main Street.

Now the world is facing a whole new set of challenges that include increased inflation and record energy costs. Many families, businesses, and non-profit organizations are feeling the results of these economic challenges, and Suffolk Christian Church is no exception. Over the last several months, you may have noticed that our expenditures are exceeding our revenues a bit more each month.

The staff and the Board of Finance are doing all we can to keep our expenses low. Our budget is basically bare bones. Utilities and maintenance are the bulk of budgeted amounts, and they are increasing. Employee salaries and benefits have not increased for some time. As with any organization, to have a balanced budget, as expenses increase, revenue must increase to offset them.

We now need to ask for your help. As the summer months approach, many members leave for vacations and travel, and this is the time when our revenues tend to drop to their lowest point of the year. Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic the church has not done a financial campaign. We have relied on the goodness and generosity of our church family to see us through these trying times, and you have been faithful in your giving. Once again, we ask that you help us rise to meet our current challenges with whatever you are able to contribute. We have survived and thrived for over 150 years and with God's help we will continue to do so. Thank you in advance for your help and may God bless you and yours.

Respectfully,

R. Joe Simmons,
Chairman, Board of Finance
Suffolk Christian Church

“CAPS”

Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk UPDATE

As our church representative, Priscilla Bunch attended a 3-hour Strategic Planning meeting on Monday, June 20th, CAPS wants to grow by encouraging other churches to join the organization. If you have friends at other churches and their church isn't a member of CAPS, share with them about CAPS. Also, like CAPS Facebook page so you can keep up to date on what's happening in our community. We need to spread the word to help decrease the homeless in Suffolk.



Children's Wednesday Morning



July 13th, 20th, and 27th

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

The children had a blast last summer with Wednesday morning bible study. We will have Wednesday morning bible study time for children from beginning **kindergarten** – to completing **5th grade**. We will have a bible story, craft, snack, game time, and music. This will be based on a mini VBS each week. 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.



Everyone is invited to come to Game Night on Fridays @ 6:45 pm in the Saints Alive Room. This is a great time of fun and fellowship. We will meet on July 1st, 15th, and 29th.



GREETING CARDS

Forgot to get someone a card? ? There are all kinds of greeting cards in the library. These cards were donated to us. Please feel free to “shop” for your cards. If you are able, please make a donation in the box provided. Submitted by Priscilla



You are invited to come to Saints Alive in the Saints Alive room on the 1st 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 3rd Tuesday, they meet @ noon for lunch. Come and join us!!



Thursday Crafters








Thursday Crafters meet every Thursday @ 10:00 am in the Saints Alive room. Some of the crafters are working on projects they started several years ago and want to finish. Some are working on quilting projects, and some are working on a new craft, Diamond Painting. The crafters usually stop and have lunch which is sometimes pre-planned, or they order food. Everyone is welcome to attend this group! So go ahead, grab your craft and come join us!



Day 1:	Isaiah 40:29-31	Day 16:	Psalms 103:2-5
Day 2:	Isaiah 43:2	Day 17:	John 8:36
Day 3:	Isaiah 54:10	Day 18:	John 10:10
Day 4:	Isaiah 54:17	Day 19:	John 14:13-16
Day 5:	Isaiah 61:1	Day 20:	Luke 11:9-13
Day 6 :	Exodus 14:14	Day 21:	Matthew 6:31-33
Day 7:	2 Corinthians 4:17-18	Day 22:	Proverbs 3:5-6
Day 8:	2 Chronicles 7:14	Day 23:	Romans 10:9-10
Day 9:	James 1:5	Day 24:	Revelation 2:7
Day 10:	James 4:7	Day 25:	Revelation 3:5
Day 11:	Philippians 4:19	Day 26:	Deuteronomy 31:8
Day 12:	Psalms 18:3	Day 27:	1 Peter 4:1-2
Day 13:	Psalms 19:7	Day 28:	Colossians 3:3-4
Day 14:	Psalms 37:4	Day 29:	Malachi 3:10
Day 15:	John 3:36	Day 30:	Ephesians 3:16-19
		Day 31:	2 Samuel 7:28

Commit to reading the scripture each day and meditate on what the scripture means to you. The scripture above is some of God's Promises.

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Summer Sermon Series YES! </div>					1 11:30am Meals on Wheels 6-45pm Game Night	2
3 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service	4 Independence Day 	5 Church Office Closed 1:00pm Saints Alive 	6 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	7 10:00am Thursday Crafters 7:30pm Chancel Choir	8 11:30am Meals on Wheels	9
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The Food Pantry, at the present time, is giving out between 15 and 20 bags of food each week. Our supply of food in the pantry has gotten very low and at this time we are extremely low on canned meat, canned vegetables, and snacks. Below is an UPDATED list of suggested items needed for the pantry.

Applesauce (Individual Cups); Snacks (Granola Bars, Nabs, Individual Packs of Nuts), Oatmeal (Individual Servings), Pop Tarts; Noodles, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Macaroni, Rice (1 lb. Bags), Dried Beans, Canned Vegetables, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Protein Shakes, Boxed Milk, Bottled Water, and Flavor Packets For Water Bottles