

The Towers Newsletter

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Pastor's Article

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter such a meaningful time in the life of our church. I am grateful for the ways that our children, youth, choir, musicians, worship leaders and re-enactors led us in worship during this Holy Season. I also appreciate those who worked behind the scenes running sound, setting up and rearranging our spaces, preparing food, stuffing, and hiding Easter eggs, cleaning up, and all of the other things that are crucial but often unseen. We welcomed 155 people on Easter Sunday, THANK YOU!

May will also be a busy season in the life of our church. This month we will celebrate Mother's Day (May 14th), remember those we have lost on Memorial Sunday (May 21st), and celebrate Memorial Day and Pentecost on May 28th. We will start June with Graduate Sunday on June 4th and music Sunday on June 11th.

Please continue to pray for our Pastor Search Team. After a recent candidate withdrew from the process, we are now gathering a list of additional candidates. We continue to trust that God will bring just the right person at just the right time. In the meantime, I'm on the journey with you!



You may now watch our service LIVE Sunday mornings!

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

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www.suffolkchristian.org

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*The Board of Deacons Reports.....*from the April 12th, 2023 Meeting

*An open session was held prior to the meeting and ten people (non-board members) attended, expressing concerns and/or offering comments.

*The Board voted to hold similar open sessions on a quarterly basis, giving each participant five minutes to voice concerns and/or offer suggestions. As always, all meetings are open to any member wanting to attend (except for Executive Session) but if someone wishes to speak at a regular meeting, they should contact the chair so it can be included on the agenda. All concerns and suggestions will receive full review by the Board.

*It was decided that a report on each meeting would be published in the monthly newsletter to better inform the congregation of important matters of the church.

*Because of the great blessing of an accumulated large amount of money that's been given to our church to feed the hungry, the Board voted to change the name of this important mission from "Food Pantry" to "Food Ministries." This in no way affects our Tuesday afternoon food give-away, but other avenues to help feed the hungry in our community will be sought. If you have an idea or suggestion for a food ministry please bring it to any member of the Board.

*The Board acknowledged and thanked Tommy Queen for his long-term personal ministry providing meals every other month at the Salvation Army, with the help of several of our church members. This ministry will now be an SCC mission and fall under the "Food Ministries" umbrella.

*Reviewing the SCC constitution is ongoing but nearing completion. When completed and approved by the Board, it will 'lay on the table' for 90 days, giving everyone a chance to review the revised document before it is put before a church conference for vote.

*A church member has generously donated a full page ad in a publication of the Holland Ruritan Club so that information about our church can be shared with those attending the Car Show (May 13) and the annual Founders Day events (May 20). Thank you to this anonymous donor.

*The monthly mission for May will be "Tornado and Storm Relief."

Any questions please contact Alan Garner, Chair # 757-630-8651 email: wakefieldpharmacy@verizon.net

Reporting on missions

Proverbs 11:25

“Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.”

May’s **Yellow Envelope** Mission: Tornado and Storm Relief

A string of destructive tornados ripped through huge swaths of our county. The funds donated this month will go to 14 states across our nation that have been devastated by 81 plus tornados from March 31 through April 1, 2023. These fellow American families are mourning the loss of loved ones, awaiting news of injured and sorting through the rubble of their homes and businesses. So many have lost so much, follow your heart with prayers and donations to help these people in need!



January 2023 – Church Family Assistance - \$1,108.00
February 2023 – Coats for Community - \$865.00
March 2023 – Western Tidewater Free Clinic - \$862.00
April 2023 – SCC Scholarship Fund - \$1,202.00

Stewardship Report

“We are Walking by Faith through Commitment”

January – March 2023 income - \$60,207.70
January – March 2023 expenses - \$65,744.87
Dollars for Supply & Multiply - \$1,996.48



Donations to the Memorial Garden Fund in memory of Shirley H. Talbert have been given by Amy Hott and Jennifer Hott, Curtiss and Betty Johnson

A donation to Care and Concern in memory of Shirley H. Talbert has been given by her family members



CALL TO PRAYER.....

Preceding this year's National Day of Prayer (May 4) the Prayer Team is planning a special service on **Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m.**, in the sanctuary. Pastor Tracy will lead us in prayer as we make our petitions to our Father in heaven for those who are sick, for unity in our church, the Pastor Search Team and process and the pastor God will call to our church. We will also pray for our community, nation and world AND for the private concerns that are on each individual heart. One of the Core Values of Suffolk Christian Church is that we believe in the power of prayer. We hope you will plan to attend this brief but very important opportunity, as the body of Christ, to present our requests to God.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, He hears us." 1 John 5:14

Thanks!

Friends and Family of Suffolk Christian Church,

Thank you all so much for the love, prayers, support, and for sharing your beautiful church for mom's service. The reception by Care and Concern, was like always, plentiful and delicious!

Mom loved being a part of the family of Suffolk Christian Church. She loved the relationships and friends she enjoyed until she was unable to attend. That didn't matter, though, because the church then came to her.

We, her family, will be forever grateful for all the love and support you gave her. She will be sorely missed, but we are comforted by the understanding that her heart is whole and healed, her mind is sharp again, and she is with the love of her earthly life and her Savior!

Many thanks again!

Marissa Talbert Banton and family

The following 2 notes of appreciation are from
the family of a Veterans of the Cross recipient:



Thank you

Dear friends at Suffolk Christian Church,

Recently, our mom received a very kind note and gift from you. She and the whole family are deeply touched that you both remembered her and our dad, Dr. Paul Carmany, and that you honored her in this way. To those of you who remember them, bless you and thank you for sharing your memories! We are so glad to hear the Bethel Bible series was helpful, too. He loved leading that! Mom is in assisted living now. She has had some health problems, so she's moving more slowly these days! But she does remember you and wants you to know she appreciates your thoughtfulness!

Bless you all!

Steve and Connie Carmany

(Paul & Esther's son & daughter-in-law)



Thanks

To Our Dear Friends at SCC:

Thank you so much for your letter and generous check for my Mom. She had a small stroke at Christmas, and is now living in assisted living here at Wesley Glen. Her new address is:

Esther Carmany

Wesley Glen

5155 N. High Apt. 512W

Columbus, OH 43214

She is making good progress, and your letter and gift was very appreciated. Thank you for your kind words about my Dad, too. I miss him every day.

Sincerely,

Peg Carmany



Graduation time is quickly approaching. If you have a child graduating from high school or college this year, please send their information to Priscilla Bunch via text or email @ pbunch121@gmail.com by **Sunday, May 21st** .



June 4th

On Sunday, June 4th, we will be honoring our graduates during the 11:00 am worship service. If you are graduating or have already graduated this year from high school or college, please plan to attend. **Graduates: please wear your cap and gowns.** We will meet in the West Memorial Bible Class at **10:45 am**.



The following scholarship applications are now available in the

church office:

the David A. And Dorothy W. Darden and Family Scholarship, the Glen L. and Sara A. Heuberger Scholarship, the Z. Turner Family Memorial Scholarship, the Suffolk Christian Church Elon University Scholarship, the Mary Virginia March Memorial Scholarship, the Dr. W.W. Staley Scholarship, and the Suffolk Christian Church Special Mission Scholarship. Please visit the church office to pick up applications or call 757-539-9182.

Applications must be submitted by May 16th.



Nancy Setnicky	May 01
Jenny Lynne Stroup	May 02
Jan Ellis	May 03
Marilyn Boyce	May 03
Noah Grandy	May 03
Angela Martin	May 03
Kyle Griffin	May 05
Jennifer Harry	May 05
Abigail Bilby	May 05
Michael Matthews	May 05
Teresa Trump	May 06
Edward Britt Jr.	May 08
April Benton	May 09
Bobby Masters	May 12
Steven Keene	May 15
Matthew Stroup	May 15
Parker Bailey	May 19
Hubie Young Jr.	May 20
Martin Saunders	May 21
Jane Arthur	May 22
Lynn Pope	May 24
Tracy Bailey	May 24
Glenn Harrell	May 26
Barbara Taylor	May 26
Phoebe Bilby	May 27
Ashley Benton	May 30
Mack Wright	May 31



We will hold our Memorial Service on Sunday, May 21st, with lunch in the fellowship hall afterwards. If you have lost a family member and would like his/her name listed in the program, please call the church office by May 16th. If you and your family will be joining us for lunch after the service, please RSVP to the office by May 16th. We continue to pray for all of our families that have lost a loved one recently.

Memorial
Sunday
Luncheon



CHURCH MEMORIAL SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Churchwide Fellowship will sponsor the Memorial Sunday Luncheon on Sunday, May 21st, immediately following the worship service. The luncheon will be covered dish. Since we will not be asking our guests to bring a dish, we ask that each family provide **2** of your favorite dishes to share. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office. **Fried chicken, dessert, and beverages, WILL BE PROVIDED.**

Deadline for sign-up will be May 16th.



It's that time of the year to prepare for Vacation Bible School. Please pray about how you can help with VBS this year. Invite your friends to come with you! It will be a fun time of fellowship and learning about Peter and how Jesus is for Everyone. Mark your calendars now!!



Game Nights

6:45 pm

Friday, May 12th and Friday, May 26th

Come join us for fun, food & fellowship!

Bring a snack to share.

2023

Easter

Flowers



Inside Front Column Spray is in honor of **Our Grandchildren** given by Orin Reams

Inside Front Column Spray is in loving memory of **Our Goddaughter, Monica Tobin** given by Orin Reams

Pascal Candle is in loving memory **Sylvia Barnes Bilby** and **Paulette Lassiter Cherry** given by The Bilby Family

Piano and Organ Arrangement is in loving memory of **Paige** and **Bill Redd** and **Steve Redd** given by Cheryl and Tommy Ashcraft

Huntboard Arrangement is in loving memory of **Melissa “Lisa” Noel, Mike Jacobs,** and **Lawrence** and **Elizabeth Burnett** given by David and Barbara Ascher and Michaela Noel

Second Floor Foyer Arrangement is in honor of **Mildred Boyce** and in loving memory of **Locke** and **Trythenea Baker** and **Elton Boyce**

South Vestibule Arrangement is in loving memory of **John A. Sharrett, III** given by Rebecca Sharrett

Wreath Outside 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,** and **Clifton Saunders** given by Margaret Saunders

North Entrance Column Floral Spray is in loving memory of **Jack Chapman** given by His Family

North Entrance Column Floral Spray is in loving memory of **Bobbie Chapman** given by Her Family

North Entrance Door Floral Spray is in loving memory of **Beverly C.** and **Janie Aston** given by The Family

North Entrance Door Floral Spray is in loving memory of **Betty Aston McCloud, Ron Aston,** and **Kathy Aston Parker** given by The Family

Outside Front Floral Spray is in loving memory of **Jenny Smith** given by Aubrey

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Outside Entrance Floral Spray is in loving memory of **Thomas** given by Helen, Tim, Jamie, Jett, and Ann

North Foyer Arrangement is in loving memory of **Jack Harry, Margaret Heuberger** and **Martha Young** given by The Harry Family

Easter Lilies In Loving Memory Of:

W. R. Savage, Jr. given by The Savage Family

Martha Moore Savage given by The Savage Family

W. R. Savage, IV given by The Savage Family

Edward and Marietta Everett given by The Savage Family

Joseph T. and Ellen Louise Pierce and Dr J. Michael and

Margaret Nemish given by Their Families

Ann Ralph given by Bobby, Wendy, Art, and Conner

Ruth Gibbs Sykes given by Joyce G. Ralph

Charles C. Johnson given by Audrey Johnson

Herbert and Jo Ann Briggs given by Sharon and Jimmy Fanny

Clinton and Christine Fanny given by Sharon and Jimmy Fanny

Helen and Guy Haslett given The Family

Paul Robinson given by The Bilby Family

James D. and Pandora Thorsen given by Jim and Wanda Thorsen

Romeo H. and Lucille Jones given by Jim and Wanda Thorsen

Irvin Salmon given by Claudia Salmon

Hilda and Winston Meade given by Claudia Salmon

JoAnn Wills given by Claudia Salmon

Margaret Virginia Herring given by Sarah Burford

Zachariah and Mamie Turner and Anna Goode Turner

Earl Martin given by The Martin Family

My Dad, W. H. Edwards given by Kitty, Jonathan, and Michelle

Easter Lilies In Honor Of:

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

Doris Cones given by Her Family

Janet Rock given by The Chancel Choir

Rebecca Padrick given by The Chancel Choir

Harvey Parker and Martha Britt given by Sarah Burford

Our Mothers, Joyce and June given by Carman and Jim Goben

In Gratitude For The Members Of Suffolk Christian Church given by Tracy and Jay Hartman



Day 1:	Proverbs 13:20	Day 16:	Romans 12:18-21
Day 2:	Proverbs 16:28	Day 17:	1 Corinthians 1:1-8
Day 3:	Proverbs 17:17	Day 18:	Luke 6:27-31
Day 4:	Proverbs 18:24	Day 19:	1 John 4:7-8
Day 5:	Proverbs 22:24-25	Day 20:	Romans 12:9-10
Day 6:	Proverbs 27:5-6	Day 21:	Colossians 3:12-14
Day 7:	Proverbs 27:9	Day 22:	Philippians 2:1-4
Day 8:	Proverbs 27:17	Day 23:	2 Corinthians 13:11
Day 9:	Ecclesiastes 4:9-12	Day 24:	Romans 15:5-7
Day 10:	John 15:12-14	Day 25:	John 17:20-23
Day 11:	1 Thessalonians 5:11	Day 26:	1 Corinthians 1:10
Day 12:	Romans 12:15-17	Day 27:	1 John 4:11-12
Day 13:	Job 6:14	Day 28:	Romans 12:13-14
Day 14:	1 Peter 4:8-10	Day 29:	1 John 4:19-21
Day 15:	Hebrews 10:24-25	Day 30:	Ephesians 4:1-6
		Day 31:	Proverbs 31:25-31

I encourage you to read the scripture each day and meditate for 10 minutes on the scripture you have just read. Enjoy each day to the fullest!



May

2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1:00 Saints Alive	3 6:30 Special Prayer Service 7:00 Board of Christian Education 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	4 10:00am Thursday Crafters 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	5	6
7 9:30am King's Ringers 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 4:00pm Reformed Pres. Church	8	9 1:00 Saints Alive 3:00 Food Pantry	10 6:00 Reformation Pres. Church 6:30 Board of Deacons 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	11 10:00am Thursday Crafters 2:00 Prayer Team 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	12 6:45pm Game night	13
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