

# The Towers Newsletter

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## Pastor's Column

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the life of Suffolk Christian Church in this season of life and ministry. First, I am grateful to everyone who had a part in our Holy Week and Easter services. From musicians and worship leaders, to re-enactors, to sound/light techs, to those who prepared communion and assisted with baptism, to those who greeted and/or provided security, to those who provided flowers, to those who locked and unlocked doors and turned the lights and air on, to those who stuffed and hid Easter eggs and brought food to our potluck, to those who typed, printed, and folded bulletins, to our staff who coordinated these efforts, and to those who came to worship. It was a tremendous week in the life of our church.

Second, I am thankful for those who are providing leadership to our new Fellowship for Women. Between 45-60 women have attended the first three events. This is meeting a real need in our church and I look forward to the way this ministry will continue to expand and grow.

Next, I am so thankful to those who have led and contributed to our recent mission efforts. I am grateful for the committee that felt led to help us provide a new camper home for one of our families and to those who helped with housewarming gifts. I am also grateful to everyone who helped us feed the homeless the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to Ginny Kinsey who organized and assisted seven teams who served throughout the week. A good time was had by all and the recipients of the meals expressed deep gratitude for the wonderful food we provided. Well done to everyone who shopped, cooked, packed, cleaned-up and delivered meals. I am particularly grateful for Girl Scout Troop 964 who provided home-made cookies and helped us pack meals mid-week. To others that have been involved in our ongoing food pantry and other outreach efforts, thank you.

Last but not least, I am grateful to the House of Worship team and a number of others (including members of the All Saints Presbyterian Church) who work so diligently to keep our building and grounds in such great shape. Your stewardship of our property honors God and is a joy to all who gather here each week.

It truly takes a village, and I have probably missed some of you along the way. It is a joy to watch each of you exercising your gifts and giving so generously of your time, money, and energy. Thank you.

## Upcoming Events

Please join us on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> for our annual Memorial Sunday. We will honor and remember those we have lost in the last year and fellowship over lunch around the tables. Please sign-up on the bulletin board for this Covered dish luncheon. After worship, we will take a brief moment for church members to vote by written ballot on the revisions to our Constitution. We hope you will join us for this important day.

On the journey with you,

Tracy



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

Go to: YouTube.com

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[www.suffolkchristian.org](http://www.suffolkchristian.org)

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Deacon's  
Corner

### The Board of Deacons Reports....

The Board of Deacons met on Tuesday 9 April with an open session.

The updated Constitution is currently laying on the table, as required. We will hold a called Church Conference on May 19th immediately following the 11:00am service to vote on the proposed changes.

As part of the four initiatives discussed during the January Town Hall 3 of the 4 initiatives are active:

- SCC continues their support of feeding the homeless by providing meals the week of 15 April.
- The Women's Fellowship has held 3 meetings with 40+ in attendance for each.
- The initiative for an alternative worship service to be revisited once a new pastor has been installed.
- Pastor search status: The Pastoral Search Team will meet with a candidate mid-April. Updates will be provided as available.

SCC will support the Salvation Army "Seats & Feet" drive by collecting underwear and socks for children up to age 14. A donation box is located outside the church office. Donations will be collected through May 18th.

CAPS is seeking a church representative. If anyone is interested, please contact Rob Abernathy at 757-617-2441 or [suffolkappraiser@verizon.net](mailto:suffolkappraiser@verizon.net)

The Ruritan Club Car Show will feature an ad for SCC, made possible through a generous donation.

~ SCC Board of Deacons~

## Stewardship Report

*"We are Walking by Faith through Commitment"*

January-March 2024 income - \$80,600.91

(includes \$20,000.00 from investments)

January-March 2024 expenses - \$71,714.14

Dollars for Supply & Multiply - \$1,756.48

(includes special monthly mission)



### SEATS & FEETS\*

\*Socks And Underwear

### DRIVE

April 21 - May 18, 2024

In honor of National Salvation Army Week, we are asking churches, organizations, or families to collect new children's underwear and socks April 21 – May 18, and return them to The Salvation Army of Suffolk, 400 Bank Street no later than May 18. (We have a collection box outside of the church office). Items will be distributed to kids 14 and under at The Salvation Army of Suffolk "End of Summer Community Fun Day" on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**GIVE A PAIR AND SHOW YOU CARE!**



### FROM: HOUSE OF WORSHIP

Lights, thermostats, doors, ACTION

It seems the cost of everything has gone up including our utility costs. Please help by turning lights off when leaving the room and area, returning thermostats to the suggested setting and closing doors behind you. The sanctuary thermostat is pre-programmed and if you change the temperature, you don't need to use the hold setting - it will return to the programmed setting (in case you forget to reset the temperature).

Closing the doors will also help to control any fire and smoke damage in the surrounding area.

*Tote  
Bags*



Western Tidewater Clinic is in need of fabric tote bags for their clients. If you have totes you are not using, please consider dropping them off at church to be passed on to the clinic.



### Reporting on Missions....

The **Yellow** Envelope Mission for the month of May is the Crisis Pregnancy Center. We encourage you to please give what is in your heart to this mission, by using May's **yellow** envelope. 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.



### Mother's Day Roses 2024

The Wednesday morning Bible Study is again sponsoring a day of roses to honor our mothers on May 12, 2024. This is an old Southern tradition that many of us remember. If you grow roses in your yard, please clip one, pin it on and wear it to church on Mother's Day....a red rose if your mother is living and a white rose if she is not. If you do not have roses in your yard, there will be some available to you that Sunday morning at the entry doors. "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12



### National Day of Prayer 2024

On Thursday, May 2, the 73rd National Day of Prayer will be observed across our land. This day of prayer was designated by the U.S. Congress and the President is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray and meditate on this day. This year's theme is "Lift Up the Word, Light Up the World." All members of our Suffolk Christian Church family are asked to please spend extra time in prayer on May 2 as we pray in unity across this country and even the world. Let us call on God, praising His glory and petitioning Him for the needs of the many, in our land and across the globe. God has promised us that if His people will humble themselves and call upon Him and confess, then He will hear our prayer and heal our land. May our church be a beacon of light in this city and may our country be a beacon of light in the world. **"For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall."** 2 Samuel 22:29-31

# MAY Birthdays

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



May 10<sup>th</sup>

May 24<sup>th</sup>

Come join in the fun @ 7:00pm and play cards with us. Lots of laughs!

## Thank You!

To our beloved SCC Family,

Thank you for your generous gift of a new trailer for our family to live in. Our old one was damaged by mold and wood rot, and had become hazardous for us. This new trailer is everything we hoped for, and should fill our needs for many years to come.

SCC has always been very kind to our family, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Yours most sincerely,

Pat, Eddie, and Ellie Hawn

Memorial  
Sunday  
Luncheon



## CHURCH MEMORIAL SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Churchwide Fellowship will sponsor the Memorial Sunday Luncheon on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 and beverages, WILL BE PROVIDED.**

*Deadline for sign-up will be May 14<sup>th</sup>.*

*\*Following the luncheon, our own pianist, Rebecca Padrick will present some of her favorite musical selections.*



It's that time of the year...high school and college Graduations are approaching quickly. If you have a child graduating this year, please send their information to Priscilla Bunch via email @ [pbunch1@aol.com](mailto:pbunch1@aol.com) by **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**.



On **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 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: we encourage you to wear your cap and gown.** We will meet outside of the Women's Parlor at **10:45am**.



**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 - \$530.00



The May meeting of FFW will actually take place on June 3, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at church. We have been trying to stick with 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays but in May that falls on Memorial Day so we are having our meeting one week later. We are planning a Covered dish picnic. ☺ Bring your favorite dish and we will hopefully enjoy a beautiful outside event. We will take a summer break after this gathering and resume our fellowship meetings in September. We thank you so much for your participation and enthusiasm as this special ministry for women has been revived. We hope you can attend and as always all are welcome and we encourage you to bring a friend. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office to help us better prepare.



### COME....TAKE A LOOK!

You are hereby invited to journey to the church's third floor and take a peek inside the old Adult Bible Class Sunday School room (closest to the balcony entrance) to view the assortment of items being stored there. You will find a collection of odds and ends that are no longer being used by the church (furniture, lamps, paintings, prints, etc.) If you find an item that your family donated to the church and you would like to have it back, please mark it with your name. If you spot a "treasure" that you would like to purchase, please mark it with your name and the price you are willing to pay. **If you think you might be interested in taking a look at any of these items, please visit that classroom by May 15.** After that date, the decorating committee is seeking to dispose of the contents of that room.



### Food Pantry Needs

**The little red wagon will be at the North entrance every first Sunday for food pantry donations. Below is a revised list of needed items:**

**Food Pantry Needs** - Applesauce (Individual Cups); Canned fruit, Snacks (Granola Bars, Nabs, Individual Packs of Nuts), Oatmeal (Individual Servings), Pop Tarts, Small boxes of cereal, Noodles, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Macaroni, Rice (1 lb. Bags), Dried Beans, Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Protein Shakes, Boxed Milk, Bottled Water, and Flavor Packets for Water Bottle

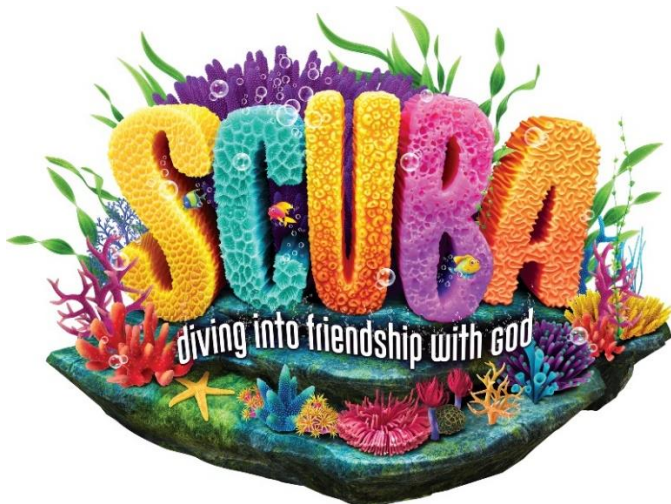


We will hold our Memorial Service on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, with lunch in the fellowship hall afterwards. If you have lost a family member and would like his/her name listed in the program, please call the church office by May 10<sup>th</sup>. If you and your family will be joining us for lunch after the service, please RSVP to the office by May 14<sup>th</sup>. We continue to pray for all of our families that have lost a loved one recently.



Scholarship applications are available in the church office. You may stop by the office to pick up an application or email the church office at: [suffolkchristianchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:suffolkchristianchurchoffice@gmail.com) to have the applications emailed to you.

Students may apply for any of the multiple scholarships. Applications must be received in the church office by May 17<sup>th</sup>.



### ***Vacation Bible School***

***Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> –***

***Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>***

***Dinner: 5:30 pm***

***VBS: 6:00-8:00 pm***

At Scuba, kids explore what it means to have a friendship with God! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, devour yummy treats and experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Fin-tastic Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

**Bible Verse: "We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God."  
(John 6:69)**





## *Easter Flowers 2024*

Inside Front Column Spray is in memory of **P. J. Fowler, Jr.** given by Pat Fowler and Family

Inside Front Column Spray is in honor of **Mildred Boyce** and in memory of **Locke** and **Trythenea Baker** and **Elton Boyce** given by Robert and Marilyn Boyce

Piano and Organ Arrangement is in memory of **Jack** and **Bobbie Chapman** given by Frances and Bill Carr

Huntboard Arrangement is in honor of **The Baptism of McKenna Myles** given by The Family

Second Floor Arrangement is in memory of **R. E. Johnson, Geneva Johnson,** and **Bobby Johnson** given by Marion Johnson and Family

South Vestibule Arrangement is in honor of **Those That Serve Others** given by Orin Reams

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, Doris Bailey,** and **Clifton Saunders** given by Margaret Saunders

North Entrance Column Floral Spray is in memory of **Jack** and **Bobbie Chapman** and **Randolph** and **Ethel Chapman** given by Mary Beth and Bob

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

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Outside Front Floral Spray is in honor of **Those That Serve Others** given by Orin Reams

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South Outside Entrance Floral Spray is in memory of **Doris Cones** given by Pat Fowler and Family

North Foyer Arrangement is in memory of **Lisa Noel, Mike Jacobs,** and **Lawrence** and **Elizabeth Burnett** given by David, Barbara, and Michaela

### *Easter Lilies In Memory Of*

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

**Ruth Sykes** given by Joyce Ralph

**Edgar** and **Edith Cole** given by Their Daughter, Lisa Carraway

**Irvin Salmon** given by Claudia Salmon

**Hilda** and **Winston Meade** given by Claudia Salmon

**JoAnn Wills** given by Claudia Salmon

**Charles Johnson** given by Audrey Johnson

**Helen** and **Guy Haslett** given by The Family

**The Haslett Brothers** given by The Family

**Hershey** and **Nell Trump** given by Lee and Teresa Trump

**Gordon and Annie Haskins** given by Lee and Teresa Trump

**Hallett and Carrie Hurdle** given by Lee and Teresa Trump

**Bobby Lee Trump** given by Lee and Teresa Trump

**Zechariah and Mamie Turner and Anna Goode Turner**

**William E. Martin** given by His Family

**M. P. Askew, Jr.** given by Kitty, Jonathan, and Michelle Martin

**William H. Edwards** given by Kitty, Jonathan, and Michelle Martin

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

**Martha Moore Savage** given by The Savage Family

**W. Rick Savage** given by The Savage Family

**Edward and Marietta Everett** given by The Savage Family

**Jack Harry, Margaret Harry Heuberger, and Martha Harry Young** given by The Harry Family

**Margaret and Bill Simons** given by The Harry Family

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

**Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drew** given by Tommy and Rita Queen

**Mr. and Mrs. Claud Queen** given by Tommy and Rita Queen

**Those That Serve Others** given by Orin Reams

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*Easter Lilies In Honor Of*

Abigail and Phoebe Bilby given by Their Parents

Our Pastor Search Team given by Tracy and Jay Hartman



## May Daily Bible Readings

Day 1: Romans 12:1-3

Day 2: Romans 12:9-10

Day 3: Romans 12:11-12

Day 4: Romans 12:13-14

Day 5: Romans 12:15-17

Day 6: Romans 12:18

Day 7: Romans 12:19-20

Day 8: Romans 12:21

Day 9: Romans 13:8-10

Day 10: Romans 13:11-14

Day 11: Romans 14:13

Day 12: Romans 15:1-6

Day 13: Romans 15:7-13

Day 14: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Day 15: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Day 16: 1 Corinthians 15:58

Day 17: Galatians 5:16-18

Day 18: Galatians 5:19-26

Day 19: Galatians 6:1-5

Day 20: Galatians 6:6-8

Day 21: Galatians 6:9-10

Day 22: Ephesians 4:1-6

Day 23: Ephesians 4:20-24

Day 24: Ephesians 4:25-28

Day 25: Ephesians 4:29-32

Day 26: Ephesians 5:1-2

Day 27: Ephesians 5:3-5

Day 28: Colossians 3:1-3

Day 29: Colossians 3:5-9

Day 30: Colossians 3:10-14

Day 31: Colossians 3:15-17

*Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the  
Mercies of God, I urge you to present your  
Bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing  
To God, this is your true worship.*

*Romans 12:1*

Commit to reading your bible 10 minutes each day and meditate on the scripture you have just read.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>7:00pm Board of Christian Ed 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>2</p> <p>National Day of Prayer</p> <p>10:00am Thursday Crafters 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 2:00pm-8pm All Saints Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00p Saints Alive</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30p All Saints Pres. church 6:30p Board of Deacons Anonymous bus.meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00am Thursday Crafters 2:00pm Prayer Team</p> <p>6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00pm Game Night</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 2:00pm-8pm All Saints Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:00p Saints Alive 3:00p Food Pantry</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30p Board of Finance 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00am Thursday Crafters</p> <p>6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p><u>YARD SALE</u> Girl Scout Troop 0946 (Kelly Myles)</p>
<p>19</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Memorial Sunday Service Following service-called Church conference to vote. 12:00pm Memorial Sunday Luncheon 2:00pm-8pm All Saints Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>20</p> <p>*Newsletter articles for June due</p>	<p>21</p> <p>12:00p Saints Alive Potluck 3:00p Food Pantry</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30p All Saints Pres. church 7:00pm HOW meeting 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00am Thursday Crafters</p> <p>6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00pm Game Night</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 2:00pm-8pm All Saints Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1:00p Saints Alive 3:00p Food Pantry</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00am Thursday Crafters</p> <p>6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>31</p>	