

The Towers Newsletter

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Pastor's Column

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who made Lent, Holy Week, and Easter such a meaningful time in the life of our church. From the music; to the Palm Sunday parade, potluck lunch and egg hunt with the Easter bunny; to Holy Week with the Last Supper Re-enactment and Easter vigil to the glorious celebration of Easter, it took a village. I am grateful to each person who committed their time and energy to help us accomplish our mission and honor God with our worship.

Coming up Soon!

Please put the following events on your calendar and plan to participate:

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| Spring Church Conference | Wednesday, April 30 th , 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
Plan to attend so that we have a quorum to vote! |
| Memorial Sunday | Sunday, May 18 th , 11:00 a.m. worship and lunch to follow
Please join us as we remember those we have lost in the last year |

Please Pray!

Please continue to pray for our Pastor Search team and the candidate that God is preparing to bring to this place, and for the Music Committee as they search for a new organist.

Please pray for our Building for Hope core team (Jim and Carman Goben and Tracy) as they travel to Alexandria, VA for the second retreat on May 15-17. Pray for the larger team as they continue to work through the curriculum and prepare to help the congregation discern how God is calling us to move forward.

Please pray for our college students as they finish their semesters and for our members serving in the military.

Please pray for Sunday School teachers for our youth and children and for the Board of Christian Education as they plan and prepare for Vacation Bible School.



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 Report....*from the April 9th 2025 meeting

The deacon's board continues its efforts to update the Veteran's Board in the hallway. The boards will be taken down and placed in the library to give congregants the opportunity to review the names and make any additions or deletions necessary. The board wishes to get this done as diligently as possible, making sure all who served from SCC have a rightful place on the board.

The directory is being updated but this is a large task and will take a significant amount of time.

Stewardship Report

"We are Walking by Faith through Commitment"

January-March 2025 income - \$68,379.08

January-March 2025 expenses - \$73,696.22

Emergency Relief Fund - \$203.00



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



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 to have the applications emailed to you.

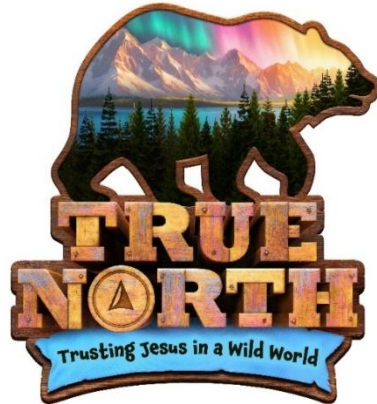
Students may apply for any of the multiple scholarships. Applications must be received in the church office by May 16th.



Reporting on Missions....

May's **Yellow** Envelope Mission: Crisis Pregnancy Center

The mission we are supporting for the month of May is the Crisis Pregnancy Center. 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 North 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.



Vacation Bible School
June 23rd – 27th
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

We will learn how Jesus is our unmovable, unshakable friend forever. When we wonder, feel alone, feel powerless, need hope or need help, we can always trust Jesus. Come and join us for a time of fun, fellowship and learning about Jesus' love for us. **Volunteers Needed:** Please pray how you will be able to help with VBS this year. The bulletin board will be up soon outside of the Board of Christian Education office for volunteers.



We will hold our Memorial Service on Sunday, May 18th, 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 9th. If you and your family will be joining us for lunch after the service, please RSVP to the office by May 14th. We continue to pray for all of our families that have lost a loved one recently.



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
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



The Western Tidewater Free Clinic is collecting tote bags again this spring. Please consider donating your unused totes and cloth grocery bags. You may place them in the box in the hall outside the office. Thank you.



May 2nd
May 16th
May 30th

CHURCH MEMORIAL SUNDAY LUNCHEON



Churchwide Fellowship will sponsor the annual Memorial Sunday Luncheon on Sunday, May 18th, immediately following the worship service. The luncheon will be a 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 outside of the church office. **Fried chicken and beverages, WILL BE PROVIDED.** Deadline for sign-up will be May 14th.



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.



FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

SAVE THE DATE...The last meeting of Fellowship for Women before our summer break will take place June 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. We are planning a covered dish picnic and hope you will be able to attend. More details will follow but please plan to bring a favorite dish to share. Please sign up in the church office. As always, all are welcome!



Mother's Day Roses 2025

The Wednesday morning Bible Study is again sponsoring a day of roses to honor our mothers on May 11, 2025. 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 2025

On Thursday, May 1, the 74th 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 "Pour Out to the God of HOPE and Be Filled." All members of our Suffolk Christian Church family are asked to please spend extra time in prayer on May 1 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.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13



It's that time of the year...high school and college Graduations are approaching quickly. If you have a child or anyone else graduating this year, please send their information to Priscilla Bunch via email **@pbunch1@aol.com** by Sunday, May 18th.



Easter Flowers 2025

Inside Front Column Spray is in memory of **Doris** and **Lonnie Cones** given by The Family

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

Huntboard Arrangement is in memory of **Bud** and **Mary Jane Writtenberry** and **Jobie** and **Marie Jones** given by Calvin and Evelyn Jones

Second Floor Foyer Arrangement is in memory of **Our Fathers, Danny Goben** and **Luther Dennis** given by Jim and Carman Goben

South Vestibule Arrangement is in memory of **My Dad** and **Our Grandaddy, Irvin Salmon** given by Lisa, Andy, Meredith, and Mary Blythe McLaughlin

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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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

South Outside Entrance Floral Spray is in memory of **Paul J. Fowler, Jr.** given by Pat, Paul, Michele, Kevin, Virginia, Ann, and Mary Fowler

Front Outside Floral Spray is in memory of **Guy A. Ross** given by Bracey Parr

Front Outside Floral Spray is in honor of **Meredith Barnhill** given by Bracey Parr

North Foyer Arrangement is in memory of **David Ascher** given by Barbara Ascher

North Second Floor Vestibule Arrangement is in memory of **Earl Martin** given by Kitty, Jonathan, Angela, Michelle, Manny, and Family

Pascal Candle is in memory of **Sylvia B. Bilby** and **Paulette L. Cherry** given by The Bilby Family

Table Beside Christian Ed Office Arrangement is in memory of **Forrest** and **Mary Jane Cathey** given by The Cathey Family

Easter Lilies In Memory Of

Joseph T. and Ellen Louise Pierce and **Dr. J. Michael** and **Margaret Nemish** given by Their Family

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

Ruth Sykes given by Joyce Ralph

Charles Johnson given by Audrey Johnson

Irvin Salmon given by Claudia Salmon

My Parents and **Sister** given by Claudia Salmon

John A. Sharrett, III given by Becky Sharrett

W. R. Savage, Jr. and **Martha Moore Savage** given by The Savage Family

Martha Ligon Savage given by The Savage Family

Rick Savage given by The Savage Family

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

Our Parents given by Rich and Carol Edwards

Elinor Steiner given by Nick and Patty Allen

Marilyn Stahler given by Nick and Patty Allen

Billy Huskey given by Nick Allen

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Turner and **Anna Goode Turner**

Easter Lilies In Honor Of

Margaret Parr given by Bracey Parr

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

Jane Dailey given by Audrey Johnson

Our MeeMaw, Claudia Salmon given by Meredith and Mary Blythe McLaughlin

Margot Sullivan given by Benita Rhodes





May 1st: John 1:9-13

May 2nd: Ephesians 1:1-4

May 3rd: Ephesians 1:5-10

Day 4th: Ephesians 1:11-14

May 5th: Romans 14:7-9

May 6th: Genesis 1:26-27

May 7th: Colossians 2:6-12

May 8th: Colossians 1:1-6

May 9th: 1 Peter 4:1-16

May 10th: Revelation 3:5

May 11th: Revelation 21:5-7

May 12th: 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

May 13th: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May 14th: 11 Thessalonians 2:13-17

May 15th: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

May 16th: 1 Peter 2:9-10

May 17th: 11 Timothy 2:1-7

May 18th: 11 Timothy 2:8-12

May 19th: 11 Timothy 2:15-16

May 20th: 11 Timothy 2:19-22

May 21st: Titus 2:11-14

May 22nd: John 17:9-13

May 23rd: John 17:14-19

May 24th: John 17:20-26

May 25th: Galatians 3:27-28

May 26th: 1 Corinthians 6:19-

May 27th: 2 Corinthians 6:14

May 28th: Jeremiah 1:5

May 29th: 1 John 3:1-3

May 30th: 11 John 1:9-11

May 31st: 111 John 1:9-11

Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's word.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00am Thursday Crafters 7:15pm Chancel Choir	2 1:00p Kevin Weathers Walk thru & rehearsal 7:00pm Game Night	3 Wedding-1:00p-4:30p Kevin Weathers & Emily Thompson (Sanctuary only)
4 9:15am Handbell Choir 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service	5 <p>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.</p> 1 Corinthians 3:7, NIV	6 1:00p Saints Alive	7 10:00am Bible Study 6:30p Narcotics Anonymous bus. meeting 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	8 10:00am Thursday Crafters 11:30am Funeral for Martha L. Savage 7:15pm Chancel Choir	9	10
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