

# The Towers Newsletter

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 NOVEMBER 2022



We have much to be grateful for as we move into the season of Thanksgiving.

- I remain grateful for each of you, and the many ways you minister within our congregation and out in our community.
- I am grateful for the ways you have supported and prayed for me over this past year.
- I am grateful for the Transition Team and the Pastor Search Team and for the ways that God is working through them to move SCC into the next chapter of life and ministry.
- I am grateful for our staff and the hard work they all do to care for us and advance the ministries of our church.
- I am grateful for our building and those that work so hard to keep it clean and in good repair.
- I am grateful for joyful and talented musicians and worship leaders that lead us faithfully in worship.
- I am grateful for our children and youth who serve as our acolytes and bell ringers.
- I am grateful that God continues to be at work, preparing our new pastor as we continue to work and pray.

What would you add to this list? God has richly blessed us, please join me in offering thanks!

This will be a busy season in the life of the church. I hope that you will be able to help with the Family Fun Night and Trunk or Treat this Saturday, October 29th, and with the Church Bazaar on Saturday, November 5th. Also, plan to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 20th –it will be a great evening of feasting and fellowship.



As always, it's an honor and a joy to be on the journey with you, Tracy



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## Thanksgiving Fruit Baskets

The Board of Deacons is once again sponsoring the distribution of Thanksgiving fruit baskets to the home bound of our church. We are inviting you to participate with us by bringing your gift of fruit to church on Sunday morning, November 20. Your contribution of oranges, pears, apples, grapefruit, grapes, bananas, etc. will help tremendously as we seek to remember those who are unable to be at church with us.



### CONGRATUATIONS, Deacon Emerita, Becky Bradshaw!



On October 20, 2022 a group of SCC members traveled to Clarksville, VA to present the certificate of recognition as Deacon Emerita to Becky Bradshaw. A wonderful visit and nice lunch was enjoyed by all. Thank you, Becky and Jimmy for your years of dedicated service at Suffolk Christian Church.



## 2023 Board Appointments and Nominations

### Board of Deacons

Cheryl Griffin – Term expires – 31 Dec 2025  
Ginnie Kinsey – Term expires – 31 Dec 2025  
Janet Nemish – Term expires – 31 Dec 2025

Bobby Ralph – Term expires 31 Dec 2025  
Jim Thorsen – Term expires 31 Dec 2025

### Board of Finance

Barbara Ascher - Term expires – 31 Dec 2025  
Cheryl Ashcraft - Term expires – 31 Dec 2025  
Marilyn Boyce - Term expires – 31 Dec 2025

Jim Goben - Term expires – 31 Dec 2025  
Joyce Trump - Term expires – 31 Dec 2025

### House of Worship

Johnny Winslow - Term expires – 31 Dec 2025     Jimmy Fanny - Extended term to 31 Dec 2023  
*With those remaining, this Board will have only 1/3 of its approved members*

### Board of Christian Education

Lynn Garner – Term expires – 31 Dec 2025

Janet Simmons – Term expires – 31 Dec 2025

### Music Committee

Kitty Martin - Term expires – 31 Dec 2025

Judy Twiford - Term expires – 31 Dec 2025

### Board of Trustees

Billy Wyatt - Term expires – 31 Dec 2028

### Scholarship Committee

Lisa Carraway - Term expires – 31 Dec 2025

Assistant Church Treasurer – Terry McGahee  
Church Clerk – Cheryl Ashcraft  
Assistant Church Clerk – Claudia Salmon



## Thanksgiving Dinner



The Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 20, at 5:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. We will serve the traditional Thanksgiving dinner of, turkey, dressing, gravy, sweet potato casserole, green beans, roll, and dessert. The dinner will be served as it was prior to COVID.

Tickets are \$12.00 and will be available after worship service each Sunday beginning October 30, and during the week they can be purchased in the church office. The deadline to buy a ticket is Tuesday, November 15.

Following the dinner, we will have an auction. The proceeds will go to the General Fund of the church.

If you would like to donate an item to the auction please contact Cheryl Ashcraft. We need to know what item you will be donating for the auction as soon as possible.

### *Reporting on Missions...*

#### **November's Yellow Envelope Mission: HURRICANE RELIEF**

Hurricane Ian battered the state of Florida as a category 4 storm in late September and over 125 people lost their lives. This hurricane is listed as one of the top ten costliest hurricanes in U.S. history, causing economic losses in the billions of dollars. Major damage was caused by flooding and power was out for days. We will send your donations, made through the November yellow envelope, to Hurricane Relief via the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) of which Dr. Hartman is affiliated. We thank you for your generous support of our neighbors in Florida through this monthly mission.



#### **Beyond Our Shores:**

\*Please continue to pray for our neighbors in Haiti....there is still much unrest. We don't have an update on Shear at this time but are pleased that our church was recently able to help financially to get much needed food supplies to the Supply and Multiply center. We will update you when we receive more information. Thank you for your support of Shear and Supply and Multiply through your one dollar bills and checks in the collection plate.



#### **Coats for the Community 2022**

Suffolk Christian Church has had a coats ministry since 1990! We are known throughout the community as the "Coats Church." Although the recent pandemic has altered what that looks like, it is still our goal to provide a warm winter coat for anyone who needs it. What "Coats for the Community 2022" will look like is this: We will maintain a Coats Closet on the 3rd floor and will accept donations of gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens. (In years past we have accepted sweaters as well, but we don't really have the space to store those.) We will also purchase coats to stock the Closet and also purchase coats for specific needs as we learn of them. Instead of one distribution day we will give out coats on some Tuesdays in the fall when food is also being distributed and by appointment, as we learn of a need. The Adult Bible Class sponsors this project but it is a church wide effort and we hope you will participate with us. Class members will do the purchasing with our available funds but we also invite and encourage any church member to help in this procurement process. Also, if you know of a need please feel free to bring someone to church to look for a coat. We certainly solicit your ideas, input and help to make this ministry successful and to glorify God in the process.

Ways you can help:

- \*Make a financial donation to the coats fund, to make these and future purchases possible.
- \*Volunteer to shop for a needed coat. (You do not have to pay for the coat yourself, but can turn in a receipt to be reimbursed.) Or if you see a great value on a coat, please purchase for the Closet. We are always in need of extra-large coats (especially 2X through 5 X.)
- \*As always, pray for this project and all individuals in our community in need. Thank you!

We will be collecting specific items to make Thanksgiving bags for our weekly Food Pantry clients to be distributed on Tuesday, November 22nd. Below is a list of items needed:

- 25 canned hams
- 25 boxed stove top stuffing
- 25 cans of collards
- 25 cans of yams
- 50 cans of any vegetable
- 25 boxes mashed potatoes
- 25 boxes brownie mix
- 25 cans of fruit
- 25 packets of gravy
- 25 rolls of paper towels
- 25 rolls of aluminum foil



Please bring your donated items to church and place them in the food pantry wagon.



*Dear Suffolk Christian Members,  
Tom and I have been blessed three times by your providing food for us. I am feeling much better, but Tom is struggling. I am hoping to soon be better and will be able to attend worship services with all of you. God is sooo good to us through your ministry to us!!  
Sincerely,  
Grace Garner-Atkins and Tom*

The CAPS organization would like to express our thanks for the special mission emphasis offering. We are grateful that churches give us an opportunity to share about CAPS and to be able to thank them personally.

We look forward to many more years of working with you.

Sincerely,  
Mary Sue Rawls, Director



Tommy Ashcraft	November 1
Bryce Jones	November 1
Joyce Ralph	November 2
Lee Bradshaw	November 2
Lindsey Young	November 3
Christopher Ashcraft	November 4
John Kinsey	November 4
Toni Shank	November 5
Janie Darden	November 6
Catelyn Joyner	November 6
Judy Gardner	November 6
Tyler Bunch	November 8
Lucca Rice	November 8
Lynne Copeland	November 9
Charles Parr	November 9
Brandon Ashcraft	November 10
Pat Bristow	November 10
Brayden Stroup	November 11
Audrey Johnson	November 12
Dae Nixon	November 12
Marissa Banton	November 12
Billie Harry	November 13
Jack Nurney	November 13
Shae Masters	November 13
Tom Savage	November 16
Wanda Thorsen	November 17
Andra Bailey	November 17
Aubrey Smith	November 18
Jim Topping	November 20
MaryBeth Carden	November 21
Alex Scott	November 22
Nola "Sam" Jiles	November 23
Bobby Ralph	November 24
Ryan Chavis	November 25
Brenda Wright	November 27
Tim Johnson	November 28
Alex Brown	November 28
Samantha Brown	November 29
Linda Culliton	November 29

**Evening Circle** will meet November 7th at 7 PM in the Conference Room. We are continuing our book study *Anxious For Nothing* by Max Lucado. Please plan to join us.



**A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Edward G. Roberts has been given by Calvin and Evelyn Jones**

**An engraved brick in memory of Edward G. Roberts has been placed on the memorial brick walkway by the Board of Deacons**

**A donation to the Food Pantry in memory of Megan Debranski Kelhart has been given by Billie Harry**

**A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Mary Donnan Debranski and Megan Debranski Kelhart has been given by Sue P. Burton**

**A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Betty Aston McCloud has been given by Calvin and Evelyn Jones**



**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 - \$880.00**

**June 2022 - CAPS - \$1,065.00**

**July 2022 - Crisis Pregnancy Center - \$1,542.05**

*(includes \$772.05 from UK - via video broadcast)*

**August 2022 - Genevieve Shelter - \$835.00**

**September 2022 - Neighbors in Need - \$760.00**

**October 2022 - Sheltering the Homeless - \$831.00**

**November 2022 - Hurricane Relief - \$45.00**



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## *Bazaar*

Saturday – November 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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Our Fall Bazaar is approaching quickly. Please look at the bulletin board outside of the Board of Christian Education office and sign up to help. We always need baked goods, candies, breads, homemade pickles, jams, jellies, etc. If you are not sure how you can help, please see Priscilla Bunch. Invite your friends & family to come with you!

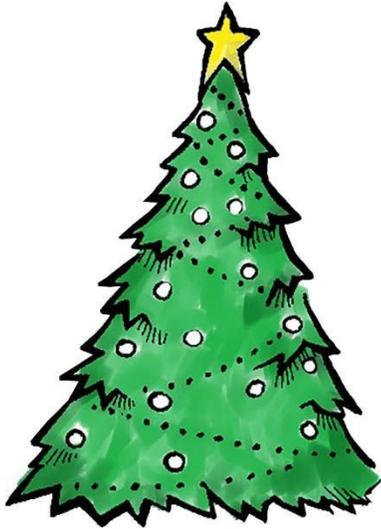
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## For Kids Toy Drive

ForKids is one of the largest service providers to children and families experiencing homelessness in Virginia. They serve 14 cities and counties in Hampton Roads by providing housing solutions, education, and critical services.

The ForKids organization helped 1647 children last year to have a brighter Christmas. We will be collecting toys this year for this organization. The tubs will be put out by the Christmas Tree in the South foyer on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor by Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. **Please return the toys to the church no later than Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.** All toys will be taken to the organization on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. There is a list of suggested toys/items in the newsletter. Your support of this organization is greatly appreciated by those in our community and will bring smiles to children who may be less fortunate than we are at this time. If you should have any questions, please contact Priscilla Bunch.

## ForKids Suggested Toy List

### Please New Items Only:

**NFL TEAM MERCHANDISE** Washington Football Team, Carolina Panthers, Pittsburgh Steelers, Dallas Cowboys, Seattle Seahawks, New England Patriots, New York Giants, Green Bay Packers

### INFANTS & TODDLERS:

Brand New Coats, Baby Shark Toys, Peppa Pig, Paw Patrol, Mega Blocks, Mozart Effect, Baby Einstein Counting Toys, Fisher Price Toys, Little Tikes, Magna Doodle, Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head, Musical Instruments, Wooden Puzzles, Scooting Toys, Tool sets, Tonka Trucks, Wagons, V- Electronics

### AGES 5-8:

Brand New Coats, Arts & Crafts Items, Dinosaurs, Disney's Frozen Items Dolls – Multicultural, Hot Wheels, Board Games. Diva Dolls, LOL Surprise, My Little Pony, Bristle Blocks, Dress-ups, Girls Nail Decorating Kits, Kitchen Play, Rescue Rangers, Figurines, Superhero Toys/Items, Purses, Scooters

### AGES 9-12:

Brand New Coats, Arts & Craft Items, Jewelry Sets, Purses, Baking Sets, Slime Kits, Cameras, Dolls – Multicultural, Hair Accessories & DIY Kits, Legos, Musical instruments, Skateboards, Bikes, Roller Blades, Scooters w/ Helmets, Sports Items & Games (basketball hoops, mini foosball), Minecraft, Roblox, Fortnite, Star Wars Items, Transformers, Superhero Items, Remote Control Cars, Comic Books, Book Sets

### TEENS, AGES 13-18:

Brand New Coats, Art Supplies, Alexa Echo Dot, Batteries, Video Games (nonviolent), Nail Polish/Manicure Sets, Small Drones, Watches, Purses, Belts, Jewelry, Skateboards, Bikes, Rollerblades & Scooters w/ Helmets, Bluetooth Speakers, (water bottles, beanies, etc.), Karaoke Microphones, Wireless Headphones/Ear Buds, LED Lights, LED Mirrors, Tripod, Ring Light, Selfie Stick, Wireless Keyboards, Smartphone Camera Lens, Moon Lamp/Lava Lamp, Bluetooth Beanie, Face Mask DIY Kits, Cozy Slippers/ Robes, Eye Masks, Multicultural Hair Masks/Hair Kits (such as a soft hood blow dryer/ microwaveable hair bonnet), String Lights/ Picture Frames/ Cinema Light Box/ Tapestries, Small Duffel Bags/ Satchels (male & female), Portable Chargers, Workout Equipment (weights, resistance bands, floor mats), Big Kid Bikes

**Please No Toy Weapons/Weapon Accessories, Squirt Guns, Swords,  
Machine Guns, or Ninja Sets.**



*november*  
**Daily Bible Readings**

Day 1:	Psalm 7:10-17	Day 16:	Psalm 116:14-19
Day 2:	Psalm 9:1-9	Day 17:	Psalm 136:1-9
Day 3:	Psalm 26:1-7	Day 18:	Psalm 145:1-10
Day 4:	Psalm 28:1-4	Day 19:	Psalm 147:1-7
Day 5:	Psalm 28:5-7	Day 20:	1 Chronicles 16:1-8
Day 6:	Psalm 30:1-12	Day 21:	1 Chronicles 16:27-24
Day 7:	Psalm 69:39-34	Day 22:	Philippians 4:1-7
Day 8:	Psalm 75:1-7	Day 23:	1 Timothy 4:1-5
Day 9:	Psalm 95:1-6	Day 24:	Colossians 3:12-17
Day 10:	Psalm 100:1-5	Day 25:	Colossians 4:1-6
Day 11:	Psalm 105:1-7	Day 26:	Isaiah 12:1-6
Day 12:	Psalm 106:1-5	Day 27:	Hebrews 12:22-29
Day 13:	Psalm 107:1-9	Day 28:	1 Thessalonians 5:12-17
Day 14:	Psalm 107:10-21	Day 29:	Jeremiah 22:1-11
Day 15:	Psalm 107:22-31	Day 30:	2 Corinthians 9:6-15
		Day 31:	Matthew 6:21

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

The Christmas season is approaching quickly, and it is time to be thinking about placing your order for Christmas greenery, arrangements, and poinsettias. If you would like to place an order for any of the items listed below, in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contact Cheryl Ashcraft at 757-418-4553.

**The deadline for orders is Monday, December 5th  
(Please check what you are ordering)**

2 Outside Front Wreaths	\$85 each
4 Upstairs Balcony Wreaths	\$85 each
2 Inside Front Column Wreaths	\$50 each
1 Side Foyer Arrangement	\$40
1 Hunt board Arrangement	\$50
Piano/Organ Arrangement	\$40
Upstairs Foyer Arrangement	\$40
1 Downstairs Newel Post Swag	\$40
2 Wreaths North Entrance Columns	\$50 each
2 Wreaths North Entrance Doors	\$50 each
2 Wreaths Iron Gates Front Entrance	\$30 each
17 Boxwood Wreaths Outside Windows	\$30 each
North Foyer Arrangement	\$40
North Second Floor Foyer Arrangement	\$40
Wreath Beside Office Door	\$50
2 Wreaths Iron Gates Walkway	\$30 each
Miscellaneous items (greens, candles, etc.)	\$100

Greenery/Arrangements in Honor/Memory of: [Circle one]

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Poinsettias (55 poinsettias are needed to fill the poinsettia tree)**

Quantity	Total (\$15 each)

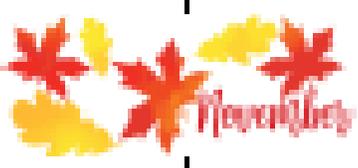
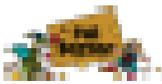
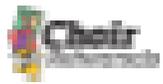
Poinsettias In Honor/Memory of: [Circle one]

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your check to: Suffolk Christian Church / Attn: Cheryl Ashcraft / 216 North Main Street / Suffolk, VA 23434. Please mark your check "Christmas Flowers" and make payable to: **Suffolk Christian Church.**

## November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1 1:00pm Saints Alive</p>	<p>2 1:00pm Girl Support Group 1:00pm Board of Deacons 7:00pm Music Committee 7:00pm Board of Christian Ed 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>3 10:00am Thursday Crafters 1:00pm Church Handbell Choir 7:00pm Church Choir</p>	<p>4 10:00am Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>5 10:00am 9-2 Fall Raceway</p> 
<p>6 10:00am King's Ringers 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service</p>	<p>7 11:00am Afternoon Circle 7:00pm Evening Circle</p>	<p>8 1:00pm Saints Alive 1:00pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>9 1:00pm Girl Support Group 1:00pm Board of Deacons 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>10 10:00am Thursday Crafters 10:00am Prayer Team 1:00pm Church Handbell Choir 7:00pm Church Choir</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day 1:00pm Game Night</p> 	<p>12</p>
<p>13 10:00am King's Ringers 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service</p>	<p>14</p> 	<p>15 12:00pm Saints Alive Potluck 1:00pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>16 1:00pm Girl Support Group 1:00pm Board of Finance 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>17 10:00am Thursday Crafters 1:00pm Church Handbell Choir 7:00pm Church Choir</p>	<p>18 10:00am Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 10:00am King's Ringers 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Thanksgiving Dinner</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22 1:00pm Saints Alive 1:00pm Food Pantry 1:00pm Church Handbell Choir 7:00pm Church Choir</p> 	<p>23 1:00pm House of Worship 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving</p> 	<p>25 Church Office Closed 1:00pm Game Night</p> 	<p>26</p>
<p>27 1st Sunday in Advent 10:00am King's Ringers 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 1:00pm Saints Alive</p>	<p>30 1:00pm Girl Support Group 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p><b>A Season of Thankfulness</b></p> 		