



Pastor's Column

Thank you to Priscilla and the Board of Christian Education for organizing our First Responders lunch, and thanks to everyone who helped make the day such a great success. Many hands truly made light work as we honored those who serve our community each and every day. I am grateful for your commitment to this important event!

The fall will be a busy and important time in the life of our church. Our fall conference will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, October 25th in the West Memorial classroom. In addition to reports, we will vote on the new constitution. Please plan to be present for this important meeting.

Please make plans to join us for our Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat on October 29th and for the Fall Bazaar on Saturday November 4th. These are great ways for us to be present in our community and welcome our neighbors to Suffolk Christian Church. Please see the articles in this newsletter and/or reach out to Priscilla for more information and to volunteer.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 12th and plan to attend the Potluck Lunch and Town Hall meeting after worship. When we did the series of Town Hall meetings last year, we identified four areas where we believe God is calling us to focus moving forward: becoming more involved in our local schools and with the homeless in our community, beginning an alternative worship service, and growing our fellowship. At that time, we felt it would be good to wait until the new, permanent pastor was in place to help develop these initiatives. Despite the hard work of the pastor search team and due to a nation-wide shortage of pastoral candidates, the pastor search process is taking longer than anticipated. Therefore, we are going to get started on developing these initiatives now. Please be praying and thinking about where you would like to serve – working together, we will help usher the church into a thriving and vibrant future. I look forward to seeing you on the 12th! In the meantime, I'm on the journey with you,
Tracy



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*The Board of Deacons Reports.....*from the September 14, 2023 Meeting

*An open session was held prior to the meeting and approximately twelve people (non-board members) attended, expressing concerns and/or asking questions about the current proposed revisions to the SCC constitution (currently laying on the table prior to the vote at the October Conference.) If you have not already done so, please pick up a copy of the proposed changes for your own review.

*A report on Missions was given and the monthly yellow envelope for October was voted to go towards "Sheltering the Homeless" this winter. It was reported that CAPS may or may not have a program and that it is hoped there will be a hotel program again this year. The donations to this SCC fund may be used for either of these two outreaches or for any other program that may occur to shelter the homeless in Suffolk.

*A report on our "Food Ministries" mission was given. The logistics of Tuesday distribution have been changed slightly in that guests now come to the North side of the building and food is passed through the doorway (of the children's department) to the individuals on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Eggs, bread and meats are also being offered in addition to a bag of canned goods and other food items. 16-20 people are coming each week. Our church also has a team that prepares a meal at the Salvation Army every other month.

*Thank you to the congregation for your generous donations of school supplies. 6 children received all of their needed supplies and extras were donated to Mack Benn and Elephant's Fork Elementary Schools.

*The Board voted to host another Town Hall type event on November 5 to further discuss and start to act upon our areas of focus we defined last year... helping the homeless, working with our schools, a possible alternative service and increasing fellowship and promoting growth within our church. Deacons, with the help of the Transition Team, will host this covered dish dinner and program.

*It was reported that the Pastoral Search Committee is still hard at work on securing our next pastor.

*Looking ahead....plans are being made to offer a Pastor's Class for candidates for baptism in our church. This will likely occur in winter, 2024.

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

Reporting on Missions...



October's **Yellow** Envelope Mission: **Sheltering the Homeless**

Last year Federal assistance provided the "Winter Shelter" program to house people in local hotels. (Cheryl Griffin was in charge of implementing this program in Suffolk.) The Salvation Army provided shelter in the past year. Suffolk Christian Church generously provided food for those in both of the programs last year along with other groups.

However, it is still being worked out how the coming season will look. Please pray for our homeless not only for the coming winter but every day! We know we want to be a part of this effort in whatever way we can. Therefore, it is the intention of the Board of Deacons that the funds collected in October be used for the sheltering of the homeless people in the coming cold, however that shapes up to be. We thank you for your generous support and prayers for this mission.



- January 2023** – Church Family Assistance - \$1,108.00
- February 2023** – Coats for Community - \$865.00
- March 2023** – Western Tidewater Free Clinic - \$987.00
- April 2023** – SCC Scholarship Fund - \$1,567.00
- May 2023**– Tornado and Storm Damage - \$943.00
- June 2023** – Meals on Wheels - \$987.00
- July 2023** – Crisis Pregnancy Center - \$904.00
- August 2023** – Genieve Shelter - \$896.00
- September 2023** – Neighbors in Need - \$785.00

Maui Wildfires - \$932.00

Stewardship Report

"We are Walking by Faith through Commitment"

January - August 2023 income - \$181,938.40
January - August 2023 expenses - \$174,369.49
Dollars for Supply & Multiply - \$2,161.48



Volunteers needed for Meals on Wheels mission:

If anyone is interested in volunteering for Meals on Wheels, please contact: Kitty Martin, organizer, at **757-377-6552**



Churchcast and monthly Newsletter

If you are not receiving emails or phone calls from the church through Churchcast, please sign up in the church office by giving your email address and phone number. Also, for anyone that has a phone number or email address that has changed, please let the church office know.

If you would like a hard copy of the current months newsletter, you may pick one up in the slots on the wall located by the door of the library. If you would like a copy to be mailed to you each month, let us know your name and address and we will take care of getting it mailed, or email the church office at:

suffolkchristianchurchoffice@gmail.com



Children's Fall Festival Saturday, October 28th

5:00 – 7:00 pm

We will have our annual fall festival for the children of our church and the community. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks will be served for dinner. We will have a petting zoo, haunted house, cake walk and games. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help with set up, clean up, help during the festival and donations for the cake walk. This takes the participation of many for this to be a successful festival.

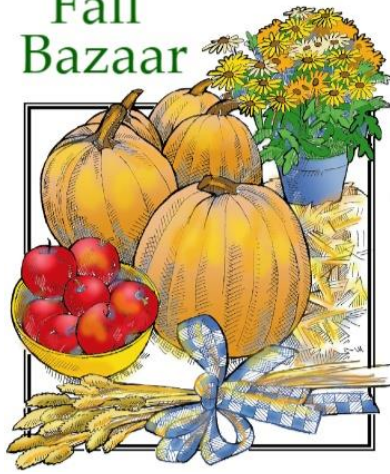
**Trunk
or
Treat**



7:00 – 8:00pm

Bring your children for our Trunk or Treat following our Fall Festival. We need people to decorate their cars and to hand out candy

Fall Bazaar



Saturday, November 4th

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The bazaar is a fun day at our church. Our bazaar is sponsored by the Board of Christian Education, but it takes everyone in the church participating to make it a success. We will need items for our country store and people to work during the day. If you know anyone who would like to be a vendor, please have them contact Priscilla Bunch by email @ pbunch121@gmail.com. You can also give them Priscilla's home phone #. The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board outside of the Board of Christian Education office. There will be breakfast and lunch for everyone to purchase. Please invite your friends to come out for some good food, fun and fellowship.



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Jody Rice	10/02
Lisa Carraway	10/03
Douglas Parr Jr.	10/04
Willow Young	10/05
Jim Coppola	10/05
Chloe Worrell	10/05
Nita Bagnell	10/05
Tom Atkins	10/07
Sandy Jones	10/08
Forrest Hannah	10/09
Frances Carr	10/10
James Bradshaw	10/11
Carl Saunders	10/11
Tom Arthur II	10/13
Nell Williams	10/14
P.J. Fowler Jr	10/15
Carolyn Gwaltney	10/16
Michelle Martin	10/18
Sarah Burford	10/19
Emma Bailey	10/21
Ann Griffin	10/22
Madelyn Grandy	10/23
Erik Fanny	10/24
Elaine Abernathy	10/26
Gloria Judkins	10/26
Wayne Gardner	10/26
Lucas Fleming	10/26
Elliott Chavis	10/28
Logan Sigler	10/30
Mills Staylor Jr.	10/30
Caitlyn Hannah	10/30

Thank you

Dear Church,

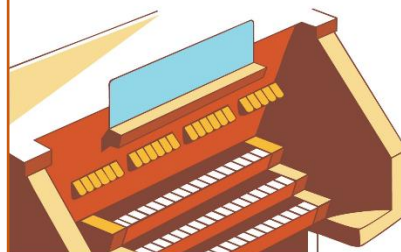
Thank you so much for the lovely reception after my brother's funeral! It was very special. Glenn loved his church and his church family! Thank you for all the love and support for him for many years. He is now walking the streets of Gold in Heaven.

Thank you again, God bless,

(Family of Glenn Ellis)

From our summer

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Thank you note
from Grace Garner:

Dear Suffolk Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your incredibly generous gift. It is such a blessing, and I was stunned when I saw it. Your gift will be an amazing aid as I begin saving for adult life following college, and I cannot express how touched I am by your generosity.

Thank you again and God Bless,
Grace Garner

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, November 27th

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 Huntboard Arrangement	\$50
Piano/Organ Arrangement	\$40
Upstairs Foyer Arrangement (outside of Sanctuary)	\$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]

Given by: _____

Please complete and return your **order form** with payment to the office or mail 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.

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Every Tuesday, there is a group who meet in the Saints Alive at 1:00 pm to play cards. They meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon for lunch...bring your own or they fix lunch at church.

We have Game Nights during the month on Friday evenings @ 6:45pm. Usually the group plays cards but are always open for new games.

Look at the monthly calendar for these dates and come join in the fun and fellowship. This is a great opportunity to meet others in the church you may or may not know.



The Board of Christian Education would like to “thank” everyone for your donations and help during our annual 9/11 cookout. We fed several fire fighters/EMT’s, police officers and employees of the sheriff’s department. It was a great day of fellowship with our city’s first responders.



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 Bottles.



OCTOBER 2023

Daily Bible Readings

Day 1: 2 Samuel 22:2-3

Day 2: Isaiah 41:10

Day 3: Psalm 91:1-4

Day 4: 2 Timothy 4:18

Day 5: 2 Thessalonians 3:3

Day 6: Psalm 23:1-6

Day 7: Proverbs 19:23

Day 8: Psalm 46:1

Day 9: Psalm 138:7

Day 10: James 4:7

Day 11: Proverbs 18:10

Day 12: Psalm 32:7

Day 13: Deuteronomy 31:6

Day 14: 1 John 5:19

Day 15: Romans 8:31

Day 16: Hebrews 13:6

Day 17: Nahum 1:7

Day 18: Psalm 62:2

Day 19: Psalm 121:7-8

Day 20: Exodus 14:14

Day 21: Proverbs 30:5

Day 22: Psalm 16:8

Day 23: Psalm 18:30

Day 24: Psalm 5:11

Day 25: Psalm 3:3

Day 26: Psalm 16:1

Day 27: Psalm 118:6

Day 28: Psalm 118:8

Day 29: 1 John 4:4

Day 30: Psalm 121:8

Day 31: Luke 21:28

Commit to reading your bible daily for 10 minutes and journal your thoughts.



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am King's Ringers 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 4:00pm All Saints Pres. Church	2  7:00pm Churchwide fellowship meeting	3 1:00pm Saints Alive 7:00pm God of his Word book study	4 10:00am God of His Word book study 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous-bus.meeting 7:00pm Board of Christian Ed.	5 10:00am Thursday Crafters 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	6	7 NATIONAL  Acolytes FESTIVAL
8 9:30am King's Ringers 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 4:00pm All Saints Pres. Church	9 Columbus Day 	10 1:00pm Saints Alive 3:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm God of his Word book study	11 10:00am God of His Word book study 6:00pm All Saints Pres.Ch 6:30pm Board of Deacons 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	12 10:00am Thursday Crafters 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	13 Wedding 6:45pm Game Night	14 
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