The Towers Newsletter

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OCTOBER 2025

Pastor's Column

Dear Suffolk Christian Church family,

My family and I have enjoyed every minute worshipping with all of you. We, once again, want to thank all of you for your generosity, kindness, and the help you have given us. October is one of my favorite months as it is the beginning of Fall. The weather gets cooler, the leaves change colors, and the bugs finally die. It is a season of change. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reads, "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." We are currently in a season of change as this is a new chapter in all our lives. There will be many obstacles as well as victories in our future. My hope and prayer are that we lean into God's everlasting love and care as we live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our lives. This is an exciting time, and one way we can keep that excitement alive is inviting folks to church, feeding the hungry at food pantry, clothing those in our clothes closet, volunteering to help with our youth, lifting up praises in our choir, teaching God's word in Sunday School or Bible study, and most importantly praying for each other as we carry one another's burdens. Let us all continue to grow in Christ together!

Your friend in Jesus,

Reverend Donald Waltz

You may now watch our service LIVE Sunday mornings!
Go to: YouTube.com
Suffolk Christian Live Worship / Subscribe
You also find us on:
www.suffolkchristian.org
Facebook

The Board of Deacons Report...from the September 10, 2025 meeting

The Veteran's Board is coming along. A few families have come by with information such as names and branch of service, but did not know the actual length of service. We still will be having their names, ranks and branch of service. It was suggested possibly putting the boards on the pulpit so that everyone would be reminded of the importance of updating the boards to honor our living and deceased veterans. We hope to have this completed by Veteran's Day.

A new folding machine is being ordered to replace the one that has been in the office for many, many years. It has reached its performance limit. This will prove to be very helpful for the office staff.

Rev. Waltz is enjoying his new tenure as our pastor. The board has received nothing but outstanding comments from so many. We are excited that God helped us choose the right person for the job.

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
May 2025 – Crisis Pregnancy Center - $528.26
June 2025 – Meals on Wheels - $684.00
July 2025 – SCC/Suffolk Schools Partnership - $765.00
August 2025 – SCC Family Assistance - $535.00
September 2025 – Neighbors in Need -$545.00

Stewardship Report

"We are Walking by Faith through Commitment"

January-August 2025 income - $193,411.15
(includes $40,000 from investments)
January-August 2025 expenses - $171,741.36
Emergency Relief Fund - $155.00 (sent Mercy Chef's $2,188)

Reporting on Missions….

October's Yellow Envelope Mission: Beacon of Hope in Western Tidewater

The mission we are supporting for the month of October is Beacon of Hope in Western Tidewater. This shelter ministry was created to bridge the sheltering gap for individuals facing homelessness in Suffolk and the Western Tidewater region. Beacon of Hope in Tidewater has emerged as a refuge for those seeking shelter and has served over 115 individuals within the first three years. It continues to serve and advocate for the homeless population in Suffolk and Western Tidewater. They are steadfast in their mission to ensure that those experiencing homelessness have a warm and safe place to stay during the coldest months. In addition to donating to this worthy cause, they will be asking churches to provide meals again this year as they have in the past. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact the founder, Cheryl Griffin, at 757-304-2883.

L.A.M.B.S. Club

Having children in the Church is a blessing, and it takes many of us to assist in nurturing their growth in Jesus. If you feel led to help with L.A.M.B.S. Club on Sunday mornings, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office!

Care and Concern Ministry

The Care and Concern Ministry is a very active part of our church. We are so grateful for our monthly volunteers who deliver meals to our shut-ins and those who might need a meal following hospitalizations and those who take a month to send cards to our folks. We thank all of our church members who graciously provide funeral reception food and help in the preparation of receptions. At a recent meeting, thirteen church members attended, signed up and covered us for 2026. But there is always room for more! We invite you to join us as we continue to minister to our own. Monthly meal volunteers and funeral reception coordinators are now listed in the weekly bulletin. Any of us would be happy to talk with you about ways you can help.

Elaine Abernathy and Claudia Salmon – Co-Facilitators

OCTOBER Birthdays

Jody Rice	10/02
Lisa Carraway	10/03
Douglas Parr Jr.	10/04
Nita Bagnell	10/05
Jim Coppola	10/05
Chloe Worrell	10/05
Willow Young	10/05
Anita Copeland	10/08
Forrest Hannah	10/09
Frances Carr	10/10
James Bradshaw	10/11
Carl Saunders	10/11
Nell Williams	10/14
Carolyn Gwaltney	10/16
Michelle Martin	10/18
Sarah Burford	10/19
Emma Bailey	10/21
Ann Griffin	10/22
Erik Fanny	10/24
Gloria Judkins	10/26
Elaine Abernathy	10/26
Lucas Fleming	10/26
Mills Staylor Jr.	10/30
Logan Sigler	10/30
Caitlyn Hannah	10/30

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our Fall Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, October 29th at 7:00p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please plan to be present for this important meeting.

FROM THE BOARD OF MUSIC

We are sorry to hear that Janet Rock has decided to resign her position as Music director, but we understand. We will miss her as director, but will see her in the congregation. Thank you, Janet! Dana will continue to lead the choir. We are blessed to have her. And of course, not to forget Bracey Parr. Your organ opening on September 7th, was wonderful. Thank you for filling in for Rebecca. Still looking for an organist. We continue to make joyful noises throughout the sanctuary.

Kitty Martin, Music Board chairman

Joyce Trump Honored as Suffolk's First Citizen

Congratulations to our own Joyce Trump who was recently named Suffolk's First Citizen for 2025, sponsored by the Suffolk Rotary Club and the North Suffolk Rotary Club. She was selected for her countless contributions to our city and the lasting impact those contributions have had. On September 18, 2025, Joyce was honored at a reception at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts. This event was attended by her children and her many friends in the community, including fellow SCC members. Joyce, we are so very proud of you and so happy you received this well-deserved honor.

SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN INVITES

WOMEN, MEN, AND FRIENDS TO JOIN US FOR A

AND

Shopping at DeWayne's Christmas Land and Garden Center

Monday, December 8, 2025

Cost Per Person $100.00

Reservation and Final Payment Due November 2nd

We will travel by motor coach from the Church Parking lot at 8:00 AM

Returning Home at approximately 8:00 PM

Mid-Morning Breakfast Provided as we travel
Dinner on your own at
Smithfield Chicken and Barbeque
We will enjoy dessert on the way home

If you are not familiar with "The Rudy", it is a small hometown Theater located in Selma, NC. The show consists of various types of Christmas Music, a sing along and a comedian. DeWayne's is a Christmas shopper's delight with unique gifts and Christmas Décor. We will enjoy each other's company and enjoy beautiful Christmas Music, shopping and good food.

Hope you will join us.

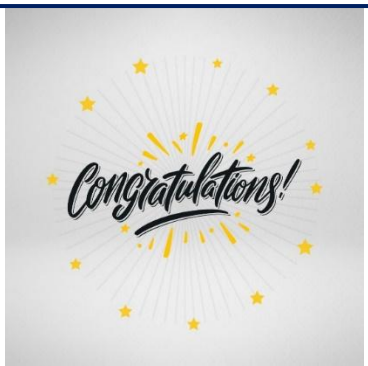
There is a sign-up sheet outside the office.

Make checks payable to Suffolk Christian Church and leave in Jim Goben's Office Box

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.
Also needed: Toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, deodorant, paper plates, laundry detergent, soap, tissues, napkins, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

Any items you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

We need Sunday school teachers for our children. Also, we would like to start Children's Church in October and we need volunteers to help. Please contact Priscilla Bunch if you can help or have any questions.



McKenna Myles & Katherine Wilson along with two other troop members have earned their Girl Scout Silver Award. They all worked to make our Food Pantry better by painting, making a new curtain, and further organizing the food items along with toiletry items they have been collecting from our congregation. As of Tuesday, September 9th, we began to offer paper products and toiletry items, in addition to the weekly grocery items. Please continue to support their project by bringing paper products and toiletry items to the church. If you see these girls at church, congratulate them on this award.

October Memorials

A donation to the Memorial Fund has been given in memory of Mary Jane Cathey by the West Memorial Bible Class.

A donation to the Fellowship for Women has been given in memory of William (Bill) Carr by Thomas & Rita Queen.

FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

The October meeting of FFW will take place on Monday, Oct. 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. We will meet in the fellowship hall of Suffolk Christian Church and enjoy dinner together. Monette Harrell will be our guest speaker as she shares with us the story of *The Ham Book*, the cookbook she and her husband created in 1977. This well-loved cookbook is still in print. Our dinner will be a buffet and will consist of dishes, using the recipes from Monette's book. If you would like to contribute a dish to share, please make a note when you sign up for this event. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the office and remember you are always welcome to bring a friend.
We hope you can come!

Suffolk Christian Church,

Thank you for the shopping trip through the clothes closet after our trailer burned down. It was greatly appreciated and thanks to the people who donated the items.

Kevin, Amy & David Price

thank you

Suffolk Christian Church Family,
Thank you so much for the wonderful lunch and your generous gifts on my last Sunday with you. It was a beautiful ending to our time together, and Jay, Missy and I are grateful. We continue to pray for you and look forward to seeing you at DJ's installation service.

With love and gratitude,
Tracy

Dear Tracy & Members of Suffolk Christian Church,

On behalf of WTFC, I want to extend our deepest thanks for your support since 2008. Your generosity and commitment over so many years have helped sustain our mission and has made a real difference in the lives of many of our neighbors in need. The compassion your congregation continues to show is an incredible gift to this community!

With Sincere Appreciation,
Ann Culley Crusenberry

Children's Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat
Saturday, October 25th

Please look over the sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board to see how you can help the day of the festival. We will need people also to decorate their cars for the Trunk-or-Treat. This is a fun time for all – come join us! If you have any questions, please contact Priscilla Bunch.

Daily Bible Readings

October 2025

1st: 2 Corinthians 12:9
2nd: Ephesians 2:4-5
3rd: 2 Timothy 1:9
4th: Hebrews 4:16
5th: Romans 6:15
6th: Matthew 6:14
7th: Psalm 23:6
8th: 1 Peter 1:13-16
9th: Acts 15:11
10th: 2 Peter 3:18
11th: Titus 2:11-12
12th: Nehemiah 9:31
13th: Galatians 2:21
14th: Matthew 18:21-22
15th: Romans 11:6
16th: Acts 20:24
17th: Acts 14:3
18th: Romans 12:6
19th: 2 Corinthians 9:8
20th: John 1:16
21st: Isaiah 30:18
22nd: Romans 5:8
23rd: James 4:6
24th: 1 Peter 5:10
25th: 2 Corinthians 4:15
26th: Colossians 1:6
27th: Ephesians 2:8-10
28th: Romans 3:23-24
29th: 1 Corinthians 15:10
30th: Psalm 103:10-11
31st: Revelation 22:21

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00a Bible Study- Twelve Daring Women of the Bible 7:00p Board of Christian Ed. 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	**2** 10:00am Thursday Crafters 6:00-7:30p Kalamoo Lego Club 7:15pm Chancel Choir	**3** 9:30a-12:00p Kalamoo Lego Club 7:00pm Game Night	**4**
5 9:15am Handbell Choir 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service	**6** 10:00-11:30am Kalamoo Lego Club 7:00pm Churchwide Fellowship meeting	**7** 1:00p Saints Alive 7:00p Bible Study- Twelve Women of the Bible	**8** 10:00a Bible Study- Twelve Daring Women of the Bible 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous Bus. meeting 6:45p Board of Deacons	**9** 10:00am Thursday Crafters 2:00 Prayer Team 6:00-7:30p Kalamoo Lego Club 7:15pm Chancel Choir	**10** 9:30a-12:00p Kalamoo Lego Club 	**11**
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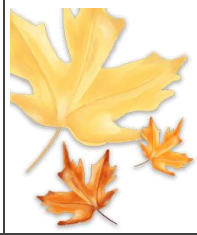
19 9:15am Handbell Choir 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service	**20** 10:00-11:30am Kalamoo Lego Club *Newsletter articles for November due	**21** 12:00p Saints Alive Potluck 3:00p Food Pantry 7:00p Bible Study- Twelve Women of the Bible	**22** 10:00a Bible Study- Twelve Daring Women of the Bible 7:00p Board of Bldg.& Grounds 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	**23** 10:00am Thursday Crafters 6:00-7:30p Kalamoo Lego Club 7:15pm Chancel Choir	**24** 9:30a-12:00p Kalamoo Lego Club 	**25** Children's Fall Festival 5:00p -7:00p Trunk or Treat 7:00p - 8:00p
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Flowers to commemorate the
Installation Service of
Reverend Donald J. Waltz

Altar..... $60.00
Pedestal..... $45.00
Nativity Window..... $30.00
North Foyer..... $40.00
South Foyer.....$40.00
Second Floor Elevator Foyer..... $30.00
Credenza Outside Sanctuary..... $30.00
Large Mum (Front Entrance).....$30.00
Large Mum (Front Entrance).....$30.00

If you would like to place an order,
please contact Cheryl Ashcraft at
757-418-4553 by
Friday, October 17th.