

# The Towers Newsletter

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*Michael and Carmen,*

*For Twenty-Five years you have been our Pastor, Our First Lady, and the very essence on which our Church was founded. You have been with us not only through our good times and our bad times, but yours as well. We have laughed together, we have cried together and shared too many memories to even begin to mention. We are grateful for the ministry of both of you. Never think lightly of the great good that God has wrought through you. Continue to be true to your calling. May God's love and power be with you always. As the Bible says in Matthew 25:21: Well done, good and faithful servant.*

*Love,*

*The Congregation of  
Suffolk Christian Church*

**Thank you Michael and Carmen Halley  
for 25 years of dedicated service to  
Suffolk Christian Church.  
May God Bless you both.**

During the month of October we are honored to have our pulpit filled with members as well as friends. Please plan to attend the following Sundays and support those who will be filling the pulpit until we are able to secure an intentional interim pastor.

Oct 3 - The Reverend T. Floyd "Skip" Irby (Communion)

Oct. 10 – The Reverend Robert Bunn, retired minister Holland Baptist Church

Oct. 17 - Laity Sunday, speaker Elaine Abernathy

Oct. 24 - Music Sunday - Part 2

Oct. 31 - Jennifer and Joshua Worrell



*Do you have a prayer request? Please contact Amy in the church office at [suffolkchristianchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:suffolkchristianchurchoffice@gmail.com)*

### Transition Team Update

On Sunday, September 12th, the Transition Team for our Intentional Interim search was commissioned by Rev. Halley. This team consists of Dana Bilby, Evelyn Jones, John Kinsey, Billy Wyatt, Joyce Trump, Vickie Wilson and Curtiss Johnson. The team has reviewed applications and continues to search for the person God is calling to be our leader in the Intentional Interim role for the next several months. This is not a short process. It requires our church to complete a self study and this method is highly recommended after a long term ministry. As a congregation we need to know where we see ourselves going in our next phase of church ministry and down what path God is leading us. Every member of the congregation will be involved. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team.



**You can find the weekly services online at**

**[www.suffolkchristian.org](http://www.suffolkchristian.org) , YouTube or**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SuffolkChristianChurch/>**

"Due to the current increase in the number of COVID 19 Delta Variant cases in our area, the CDC and the Governor of Virginia recommends that everyone, **vaccinated or unvaccinated**, wear a mask for indoor group activities. Exceptions apply for children under 5 and those with certain health issues."





## October's Mission: Meals on Wheels

**Please use the YELLOW tithing envelope  
to support this mission**

Founded in 1987, Suffolk Meals on Wheels, Inc. is a non-profit organization with its office located on the Garden Level of Sentara Obici Hospital. We deliver nutritious meals to homebound residents in the Suffolk, Windsor, Smithfield, and Isle of Wright region who find it difficult or impossible to prepare meals for themselves. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday, rain or shine. As an independent local organization, Suffolk Meal on Wheels receives no state nor federal funding but instead relies on private payments, grants, donations, and fundraising events to support our home delivered meals program.

Suffolk Meal on Wheels provides a source of daily social contact for people who would otherwise be alone. With the help of our meal service, seniors and individuals with disabilities are given the opportunity to age in place with respect and dignity. Because volunteers check on meal recipients often, older adults who live alone can be comforted knowing that we are always there to ensure their safety. Our dedicated and compassionate volunteers serve as the eyes and ears of our organization, and alert office staff to any inconsistencies in a home environment, behavior or personality changes, and any other pertinent information.

The success of Suffolk Meals on Wheels centers around an extraordinary core of volunteers who contribute their time, caring and concern for our recipients. Suffolk Christian Church has a volunteer team headed by Kitty Martin. We are always looking for additions to our team. At the present time our team of volunteers spends about two hours every 6 or 7 weeks with deliveries.



### A Step Back In Time

The organization of the Philathea Class dates back to October 27, 1913 with thirteen charter members. On April 17, 1950, the Young Ladies Bible Class and the Senior Philathea Class agreed to name the combined classes "The West Memorial Bible Class" in honor of the late Col. J.E. West, who taught the Philathea Class for thirty-five years.

Yates, Gladys Harrell, *A History of Suffolk Christian Church*, 1960  
Photo by Beverly McGahee

## CHURCH CONFERENCE, October 24

There will be a Church Conference after church services on **October 24**. The Conference will be a shorten version in which only the report of the Finance Board for the budget will be discussed. All other information will be in the normal Conference Report for information. If you have any questions regarding Board Reports, please direct them to that Boards' Chairperson. Please have all conference reports to Amy Peterson by October 19<sup>th</sup>.



HOW CAN WE  
*Thank*  
*God*  
ENOUGH FOR YOU?  
- 1 Thessalonians 3:9, NIV -

The Board of Deacons and the Halley Retirement Committee would like to express their sincere appreciation to the entire Suffolk Christian Church congregation for all your love and support this past weekend. The Church has not ever looked more beautiful. From the grounds to the beautiful reception on Saturday and the Celebration Service on Sunday, everyone is to be commended for their dedication to Michael and Carmen and to our Church.

As Paul said to the people of Corinth: *I always thank my God for you and for the gracious gifts he has given you, now that you belong to Christ Jesus:*  
*1 Corinthians 1:4*



## GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

*Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.*

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7 2 4 1 6 3 5

w y l a s a  
3 5 2 4 6 1

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continually,

p y r a  
1 4 2 3

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e g v i  
4 1 3 2

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in all circumstances; for this  
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

n n t a s k  
2 4 1 3 5

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV



## Puzzle!

Complete each friend pair from the Bible, using the verses as hints. Then write the circled letters in order on the blanks below to complete Proverbs 17:17.

David & _____	2 Samuel 15:37
King Agrippa & _____	Acts 25:13
Naomi & _____	Ruth 1:22
Paul & _____	Acts 16:25
Joshua & _____	Numbers 14:6
Peter & _____	Luke 5:8-10
Job & _____	Job 2:11
Elijah & _____	2 Kings 2:1-14
Zophar & _____	Job 2:11
Jonathan & _____	1 Samuel 18:1
Peter & _____	Luke 5:8-10
Jesus & _____	John 11:20
Jesus & _____	John 11:5
Timothy & _____	2 Timothy 1:1
Jesus & _____	John 11:5
Mary & _____	Luke 1:39-40
Job & _____	Job 2:11
Aaron & _____	Exodus 4:27

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”  
\_\_\_\_\_

PROVERBS 17:17a

Answer: Husnah, Festus, Ruth, Silas, Elizabeth, Elishah, David, James, Mary, Martha, Paul, Lazarus, Elizabeth, Eliphaz, Moses, A friend loves at all times.

Dear SCC Family,

Thank you for the prayers, phone calls, text messages, and cards while I was recuperating from my knee surgery. I'm blessed to be part of a church family.

**Benita Rhodes**

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Dear friends and members of our church,

I am so grateful to everyone that's hearts were opened and helped with all of the baptisms. Thank you so much!!!

I felt the presence of "Our Savior" as I was being baptized. Not only did I feel His love, but also the love of you that so graciously took my hand and assured me they had me.

Thank you Jesus, for the precious friends that were there to support me and gave me the beautiful flowers.

I love the gifts the church gave me. The holiday ornament is beautiful. I will cherish it and the cookbook and the wonderful devotional book also. The mat, sticker and pen will be used with wonderful reminders of your love.

In Jesus most precious name,

**Emily King**

Attention Ladies: The **Afternoon Circle** plans to meet **OCTOBER 4th** at **1 pm** in The Saints Alive room. Mark your calendar and join us for fellowship.



The **Evening Circle** will meet Monday, October 4th at 7 PM. Please join us as we begin a new study. Beverly McGahee will present an introduction to *Anxious for Nothing* (Finding calm in a chaotic world) by Max Lucado. We look forward to being back together and welcome everyone to our group.

## **OCTOBER** Birthdays

### Happy Birthday !!!!

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Jody Rice         | Oct. 2  |
| John Sharrett III | Oct. 2  |
| Lisa Carraway     | Oct. 3  |
| Douglas Parr      | Oct. 4  |
| Nita Bagnell      | Oct. 5  |
| Jim Coppola       | Oct. 5  |
| Chloe Worrell     | Oct. 5  |
| Willow Young      | Oct. 5  |
| Aurora Saldana    | Oct. 6  |
| Tom Atkins        | Oct. 7  |
| Sandy Jones       | Oct. 8  |
| Frances Carr      | Oct. 10 |
| James Bradshaw    | Oct. 11 |
| Carl Saunders     | Oct. 11 |
| Chuck Rountree    | Oct. 13 |
| Tom Arthur        | Oct. 13 |
| Nell Williams     | Oct. 14 |
| P. J. Fowler, Jr. | Oct. 15 |
| Carolyn Gwaltney  | Oct. 16 |
| Michelle Martin   | Oct. 18 |
| Sarah Burford     | Oct. 19 |
| Emma Bailey       | Oct. 21 |
| Ann Griffin       | Oct. 22 |
| Madelyn Grandy    | Oct. 23 |
| Erik Fanny        | Oct. 24 |
| Esther Carmany    | Oct. 25 |
| Lucas Fleming     | Oct. 26 |
| Elaine Abernathy  | Oct. 26 |
| Gloria Judkins    | Oct. 26 |
| Wayne Gardner     | Oct. 26 |
| Elliott Chavis    | Oct. 28 |
| Logan Sigler      | Oct. 30 |
| Mills Staylor     | Oct. 30 |
| Caitlyn Hannah    | Oct. 30 |

*\*Items are needed for the weekly food pantry!* Applesauce (individual cups); Snacks (Granola Bars, Nabs, Individual Packs of Nuts); Oatmeal (Individual Servings); Pop Tarts; Noodles; Spaghetti; Macaroni; Rice (1 lb. bags); Dried Beans; Macaroni and Cheese; Canned Vegetables; Spaghetti Sauce; Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Protein Drinks.





## Memorials

**A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Ann Phillips Harrell Nurney has been given by Harold Jan Ellis.**

**Donations to the Young at Heart ministry in memory of Millie Strickland have been given by Mike and Ella Flora, Terry and Becky Ringler, Pat and Lisa Davenport, Joyce H. Trump, Kim Shields, Suzanne B. Leibert**

**A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Margaret Heuberger has been given by Joyce H. Trump.**



**Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped with our First Responders Cookout on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a busy day for our 1<sup>st</sup> Responders, but many were able to come by and join us for lunch. A great time was had by all.**

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**Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 – 7:00 PM**



Bring your children to our fall festival and invite your neighbors. We will have a Haunted House and lots of games for the children to play. We will have hot dogs, chips, drinks and popcorn. There will be a cake walk for all ages. This will be great fun and fellowship!

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**Trunk or Treat**

**Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 – 8:00pm**



Bring your children for our Trunk or Treat following our Fall Festival. We will need people to decorate their cars!

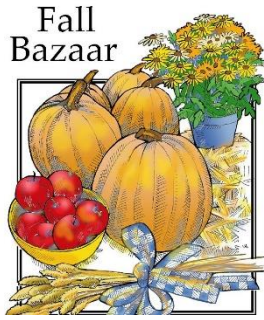
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**Saturday, October 30th**

- 1) Help with setting up and taking down Fall Festival
- 2) Items for the calk walk
- 3) Decorated cars for our Trunk or Treat

See sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the office and indicate how you can help!



Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

North Parking Lot

The Board of Christian Education will be sponsoring our annual Fall Bazaar. If you have any items you can donate for our Country Store, please contact Priscilla Bunch. If you know anyone who would like to be a vendor, please have them contact Priscilla Bunch by email @ [pbunch121@gmail.com](mailto:pbunch121@gmail.com). You can also give them Priscilla's home phone #. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Please invite your friends to come out for some good food, fun and fellowship.

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First, I want to thank Carmen Halley for her dedication to the Saints Alive group. We will continue meeting on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm and hopefully she'll return once she gets settled into her "retirement". God Bless You, Carmen Halley! There's always room for more people to join this wonderful group.

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Fridays, October 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:30 pm



The graphic features a central orange pumpkin with green leaves and a stem, surrounded by a circular wreath of yellow and red flowers. To the right of the wreath, the word "OCTOBER" is written in a large, bold, orange, sans-serif font. Below this, the words "Daily Bible Readings" are written in a smaller, bold, brown, sans-serif font.










# OCTOBER

## Daily Bible Readings

|         |                |         |                  |
|---------|----------------|---------|------------------|
| Day 1:  | Psalm 23       | Day 16: | Proverbs 19:23   |
| Day 2:  | Psalm 27:1-6   | Day 17: | Proverbs 29:25   |
| Day 3:  | Psalm 34:4     | Day 18: | Philippians 4:6  |
| Day 4:  | Psalm 56:3-4   | Day 19: | Joshua 1:9       |
| Day 5:  | Psalm 91:1-10  | Day 20: | Romans 8:15      |
| Day 6:  | Psalm 91:11-16 | Day 21: | Romans 8:31-34   |
| Day 7:  | Psalm 111:10   | Day 22: | Romans 8:28-39   |
| Day 8:  | Psalm 112:6-7  | Day 23: | Deuteronomy 7:21 |
| Day 9:  | Isaiah 12:2    | Day 24: | Deuteronomy 31:6 |
| Day 10: | Isaiah 41:10   | Day 25: | Luke 12:22-24    |
| Day 11: | Isaiah 43:1-3  | Day 26: | 1 Peter 5:7      |
| Day 12: | Isaiah 54:17   | Day 27: | Matthew 10:28    |
| Day 13: | 2 Timothy 1:7  | Day 28: | John 14:27       |
| Day 14: | 1 John 4:18    | Day 29: | John 16:33       |
| Day 15: | Proverbs 14:27 | Day 30: | Hebrews 13:5-6   |
|         |                | Day 31: | Psalm 23         |

Commit each day to reading your bible for at least 10 minutes and meditate on the scriptures you read. God Bless You!

## October 2021

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                     | Monday                                                                                                                                     | Tuesday                                                                                                  | Wednesday                                                                                                         | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                       | Friday                                             | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 3<br>9:30am Kings Ringers<br>10:00am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship Service                                                                                              | 4<br>1:00pm Afternoon Circle<br>7:00pm Evening Circle<br> | 5<br>2:00pm Saints Alive<br>7:00pm Bible Study "Mysteries of the Messiah"                                | 6<br>10:00am Bible Study "Mysteries of the Messiah"<br>7:00pm Board of Christian Ed<br>7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous | 7<br>10:00am Thursday Crafters<br>6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir<br> | 8<br>11:30am Meals on Wheels<br>6:30pm Game Night  | 9                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10<br>10:00am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship Service                                                                                                                     | 11                                                                                                                                         | 12<br>2:00pm Saints Alive<br>3:00pm Food Pantry<br>7:00pm Bible Study "Mysteries of the Messiah"         | 13<br>10:00am Bible Study "Mysteries of the Messiah"<br>7:00pm Board of Deacons<br>7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous     | 14<br>10:00am Thursday Crafters<br>2:30pm Prayer Team<br>6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir                                                                 | 15<br>11:30am Meals on Wheels                      | 16                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 17<br>Laity Sunday<br>10:00am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship Service<br>              | 18                                                                                                                                         | 19<br>1:00pm Saints Alive Potluck<br>3:00pm Food Pantry<br>7:00pm Bible Study "Mysteries of the Messiah" | 20<br>10:00am Bible Study "Mysteries of the Messiah"<br>7:00pm Board of Finance<br>7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous     | 21<br>10:00am Thursday Crafters<br>6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir                                                                                       | 22<br>11:30am Meals on Wheels<br>6:30pm Game Night | 23                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 24<br>10:00am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship Service<br>12:00pm Church Conference<br> | 25                                                                                                                                         | 26<br>2:00pm Saints Alive<br>3:00pm Food Pantry                                                          | 27<br>10:00am Bible Study "Mysteries of the Messiah"<br>7:00pm House of Worship<br>7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous     | 28<br>10:00am Thursday Crafters<br>6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir                                                                                       | 29<br>11:30am Meals on Wheels                      | 30<br>5:00pm Children's Halloween Party 5-7<br>7:00pm Trunk or Treat 7-8<br>8:00pm Clean Up<br> |
| 31<br>10:00am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship Service<br>                              |                                                        |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                      |