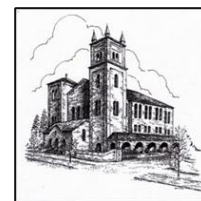


# The Towers Newsletter

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## **AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS**

The Board of Deacons has voted to hold our Fall Conference on:

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 7:00 PM  
in the West Memorial Bible Class.**

This is an extremely important meeting and your presence is requested. We need 50 members to declare a quorum. With our current budget concerns and the hiring of a new minister, your voice is important. We would ask you add this concern to your prayers and be present on October 19, 2022, at 7:00 PM. May God Bless each of you.



## **Pastor Search Team Update**

Thank you, members of SCC, for affirming and praying for our pastor search team in worship recently. Since then, the team has met twice, once to elect officers and once for a training and planning session. The group elected Ginnie Kinsey and Lisa Carraway as co-chairs and Elaine Abernathy as secretary. Joyce Trump, Robert Boyce, Douglas Parr and Benita Rhodes round out the team.

During our training session, the team reviewed our constitution and personnel handbook. These documents, along with the church and pastoral profiles (based on information gathered in the Town Hall meetings and created by the Transition Team), will inform their work going forward. Now, they are in the process of developing an interview rubric that they will use to help evaluate pastoral candidates. We emphasized that although our hard work is important, this is a deeply spiritual process; one that we trust will continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit working in and through us. Please continue to pray for your Search Team that this will indeed be so.

You may remember that this search will be different from other searches we have done in the past. Previously, we would advertise the position widely and work through the denomination for potential candidates. Since SCC is no longer denominationally affiliated, the Transition Team chose to contract with The Center for Healthy Churches to help shepherd us through this process. Soon, the Center will help us compile a short list of candidates who would be a good fit for Suffolk Christian Church. The team also welcomes applicants from other sources, so if you know someone who is interested, encourage them to apply. Resumes and cover letters can be sent to: [sccpastorresume@gmail.com](mailto:sccpastorresume@gmail.com). Members of the committee will begin reaching out to all potential candidates soon.

As the Search Team gains consensus about a candidate (this will take several months), they will work with the Transition Team to schedule a call weekend. Over the course of 2-3 days, all church members, staff, and boards will have the opportunity to meet and interact with the candidate. The candidate will preach and lead in worship, then the church will vote immediately following the service.

Please understand that our pastoral candidates are likely already serving in other congregations. It is imperative that the committee work with complete confidentiality until they are ready to announce a candidate. They will update the congregation as they are able, but they thank you in advance for honoring their need to work quietly for now. I will be advising and coaching the Search Team, but I will not participate in the interviews. Thank you for your prayers and your patience as we continue to move through this process. As one team member said, it is much more important to do this right than to do this quickly. I add a hearty Amen.

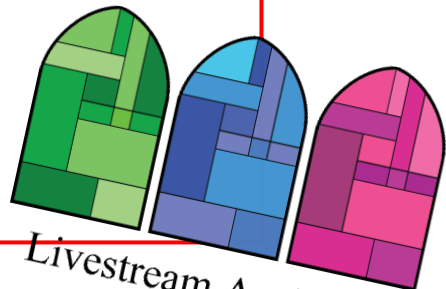
On the journey with you,  
Tracy



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*Reporting on Missions....*

**October's Yellow Envelope Mission: SHELTERING THE HOMELESS**

Because of the recent pandemic, sheltering the homeless in Suffolk took on a different look. Federal assistance provided the "Winter Shelter" program to house people in local hotels. (Cheryl Griffin was in charge of implementing this program in Suffolk.) With Covid shut-downs everywhere, churches were not successfully used as shelters in the past 2 years; only a few weeks were attempted. It is still being worked out how the coming season will look and if Suffolk Christian can once again be a shelter. We know we want to be a part of this effort in whatever way that we can. Therefore, it is the intention of the Board of Deacons that the funds collected in October be used for the sheltering of homeless people in the coming cold months, however that shapes up to be. We thank you for your generous support of this mission.



**Beyond Our Shores:**

\*Our latest update on Shear (pronounced Shay-ear) our little boy in Haiti, is that he has been given antibiotics to treat infection and has NOT had an amputation. However he has not been able to return to the doctor because of the terrible instability in Haiti. The situation seems pretty dire, with delays in opening schools, airline cancelations and roads being unpassable. The people of Haiti need your prayers desperately....Shear needs your prayers. Thank you for your support of Shear through your dollars in the collection plate.



**Bible Quiz**

Which of the following is not called a "fruit of the Spirit" – but probably could be?

- A. love
- B. faithfulness
- C. self-control
- D. gratitude
- E. gentleness

Answer: D (See Galatians 5:22-23.)

**PUZZLE**

**Piles of praise**

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves.  
What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

*Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.*

rooted    built    thankfulness    strengthened  
 continue    faith    overflowing    Lord    received

So then, just as you \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to live your lives in him, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ up in him, \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ as you  
 were taught, and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, overflowing, faith, strengthened, built, rooted, continue, faith, overflowing, thankfulness

The West Memorial Bible Class was blessed the day Mary Huber told us she would be our pianist. For ten years, she graced us with her music. We will never forget her stirring preludes while we visited with each other and her trying to encourage us to sing along and to sing loudly. In appreciation, the class has presented her with a gift card and a donation has been given to the music fund in her honor.

Jane Marie Dailey  
West Memorial Bible Class



**Many thanks to all who remembered me during my recent sickness and to care and concern for a delicious meal.**

**May God Bless, Sarah Burford**



Applesauce (Individual Cups); Snacks (Granola Bars, Nabs, Individual Packs of Nuts), Oatmeal (Individual Servings), Pop Tarts; Noodles, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Macaroni, Rice (1 lb. Bags), Dried Beans, Canned Vegetables, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Protein Shakes, Boxed Milk, Bottled Water, and Flavor Packets for Water Bottles



## October BIRTHDAYS

Jody Rice	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
Tom Atkins	Oct. 7
Sandy Jones	Oct. 8
Frances Carr	Oct. 10
James Bradshaw	Oct. 11
Carl Saunders	Oct. 11
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

### *Grief Support Group, Wednesdays*

We are offering a grief support group on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. We'll be working together to support each other as we journey through our own grief. Even if your loss is not recent, you are welcome. Please email the church office at [suffolkchristianchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:suffolkchristianchurchoffice@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.





**A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Edward G. Roberts has been given by Ben and Peggy Ellis**



**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 - \$770.00**  
**August 2022 – Genevieve Shelter - \$810.00**  
**September 2022 – Neighbors in Need - \$760.00**



## **Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**\*11:00 am\***

The Afternoon Circle will have a time of Meet and Greet on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00 am. The circle will meet in the Saints Alive. We are looking for new members and a new leader for this upcoming year. We will discuss the possibilities of speakers and programs. If you are a member of the Afternoon Circle, I encourage you to invite others to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Priscilla Bunch.



Come join a lively group on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm for fellowship and play cards. The group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ noon for lunch. We will teach you to play or come share a new game with the group.



**Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00 – 7:00 PM**

Bring your family to our Family Fun Night and invite your neighbors. We will have our Haunted House and lots of games for the children to play. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks, and popcorn. There will be a cakewalk for all ages. This will be lots of fun and fellowship! Wear your Halloween costumes.



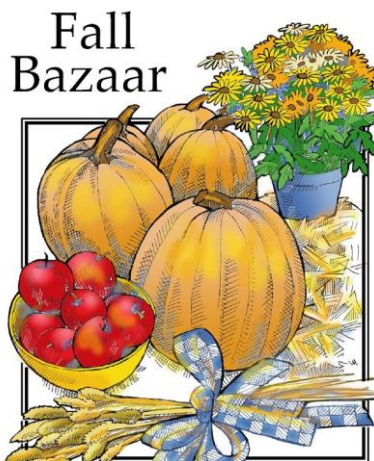
**Trunk or Treat**  
**Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 – 8:00pm**

**Bring your children for our Trunk or Treat following our Family Fun Night. We will need people to decorate their cars!**



Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>  
Come join us for a time of fellowship  
and snacks. Bring a friend!

On behalf of the Board of Christian Education thank you to everyone who came to support our First Responders of the City of Suffolk. We had lots of good food and great fellowship.



Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Board of Christian Education will be sponsoring our annual Fall Bazaar. If you have any items you can donate to 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 Board of Christian Education office. Please invite your friends to come out for some good food, fun, and fellowship. This is a great time to start your Christmas shopping.





1. Philippians 4:6

2. Romans 8:26

3. Luke 18:1

4. Matthew 7:11

5. Matthew 6:9-13

6. Proverbs 15:29

7. Psalm 145:18

8. Psalm 4:1

9. James 5:13

10. Job 22:27

11. Jeremiah 29:12

12. Ephesians 6:18

13. 2 Chronicles 7:14

14. 2 Chronicles 6:21

15. 1 John 5:15

16. 1 John 5:14

17. Romans 12:12

18. Psalm 141:2

19. Psalm 102:17

20. Psalm 17:6

21. Proverbs 15:8

22. Matthew 26:41

23. Matthew 5:44

24. Mark 11:24

25. James 4:3

26. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

27. Hebrews 4:16

28. Matthew 6:6

29. James 1:6

30. Luke 6:27-28

31. Colossians 4:2

## October 2022

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