

The Towers Newsletter

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It is hard to believe that summer is over! It will be good to have folks back in worship regularly as they return from much needed time away this summer, and we look forward to welcoming the choir back to lead us in worship! Here are some things that are happening in the life of SCC this month. Please join me in praying for these people and events and supporting them with your presence.

On Sunday, September 10th, we will have Sunday School promotion and the blessing of the backpacks. Students, bring your backpacks for a special time designed just for you! Please join in praying for our educators and students as they return to school. We will continue to look for ways that we can support our local schools in the year ahead.

On Monday, September 11, we will host our annual First Responder's luncheon. This is a great way to honor our first responders, and it is an important community outreach for SCC. Please sign up on the bulletin board to bring food and to help out the day of the event.

If you have not bought your tickets yet, there is still time to support the CAPS BBQ fundraiser on September 17th. You may get your tickets from Priscilla or in the church office.

The fall book study also begins this month, please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to purchase a book and attend the study.

This month marks one year since the Pastor Search committee began their work. They continue to seek the candidate that God has been preparing to come lead SCC into our next chapter of life and ministry. Please continue to pray for the search committee as they work on our behalf.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has taken time to review the draft of the Constitution and send your comments to our deacons. We will vote on the revised draft at our October business meeting.

As we enter this busy fall season, I remain grateful to everyone who works so joyfully and tirelessly to help SCC be a beacon on Main Street. Thank you to each of you and all of you for your service to Christ and the church.

It's an honor to be on the journey with you, Tracy



You may now watch our service LIVE Sunday mornings!

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Suffolk Christian Live Worship / Subscribe

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The Board of Deacons Reports.....from the August 9, 2023 Meeting

*An update was given on the Food Pantry. Bread, eggs, and fruit have been added to our weekly food distribution. The committee is planning to add hygiene items in the near future.

*The Yellow Envelope Mission for August is the Genieve Shelter and September is our Neighbors in Need. Shoes and school supplies will be purchased for a local family to assist in getting their children back to school.

*The revisions for our Constitution are now in the "Laying on the Table" phase. Copies are in the church office and have been distributed via email to all members. Our congregation is asked to review the document and make any suggestions or comments to the Board. We will vote on the revised document at the Fall Conference, October 25th.

*Our website developer will be contacted to provide training for staff members.

* If anyone is interested in volunteering as an usher, please sign up on the bulletin board or let a Deacon know.

*Plans are being made to offer a Pastor's Class for candidates eligible for baptism in the Spring.

*The Deacons were advised the Finance Board is preparing to hire a firm to conduct an Applied and Agreed Upon Procedures Review.

In keeping with our recent policy, the Board of Deacons invites anyone from the congregation with questions or concerns to attend the first 30 minutes of our meeting on September 13, 2023, from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the West Memorial Bible class.

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



Reporting on Missions....



September's **Yellow** Envelope Mission: **NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

The Board of Deacons voted last year to implement a new local mission for September which was named **"Neighbors in Need."** This idea was introduced at one of our Town Hall meetings and was very successful. Ministering to our community by handing out gift cards for food to those we encounter who are asking for help, is a great way to be the hands and feet of Jesus! We will take the money donated to this mission and buy gift cards in small denominations (perhaps \$10-\$20) to grocery stores and fast-food restaurants. Anyone from the congregation can volunteer to become a part of this mission by carrying a few of these cards with you and when you are out if you see someone who appears to need help or someone approaches you asking for help, you can share a gift card with them. Please let any deacon know if you would like to participate. We hope you will support this new effort to share God's love with those who need a helping hand.



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 - \$765.00
July 2023 - Crisis Pregnancy Center - \$904.00
August 2023 - Genieve Shelter - \$741.00



In Memory of

A donation to the Building Fund in memory of Glenn Ellis has been given by Calvin and Evelyn Jones

Donations to the Memorial Fund in memory of Glenn Ellis have been given by Michael and Carmen Halley, Ralph and Carol Tinkham, Magnolia Ruritan Club, Don and Kay Goldberg, Susan D. Stone, Charlie and Diane Mathias, W. C. and Dianne Boone

In Honor of

A donation to Western Tidewater Free Clinic (a special monthly mission) in honor of Edie Matthews and June Hood has been given by Emily King

Stewardship Report

"We are Walking by Faith through Commitment"

January - July 2023 income - \$145,191.22

January - June 2023 expenses - \$147,097.91

Dollars for Supply & Multiply - \$2,161.48

Monday, September 11th Cookout

For the First Responders



The Board of Christian Education will be sponsoring a churchwide picnic on Monday, September 11th, from 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm to honor all the First Responders of the City of Suffolk. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. We need help to set up the morning of the picnic and to clean up afterward. If you have a pop-up tent we can borrow that day, please bring it to the church. If you can help with set up or clean up, please contact Priscilla Bunch @ pbunch121@gmail.com.

Searching for a **New** **Pastor**



The Pastor Search Committee has been hard at work for a little over a year-a year of learning the process, coming together as a committee, hopeful anticipation, and at times, disappointment. We have received approximately 10 applications and have conducted 6 interviews. Two candidates were very promising, and we had a second conversation with each. Unfortunately, they both chose to end the conversation with our team. Pastor Tracy is our cheerleader, always reassuring us when we are discouraged that God is preparing both our church and our next pastor. Tracy and the Center for Healthy Churches are continuing to recruit potential candidates on our behalf. We ask for your patience and prayers. "You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised." Hebrews 10:36



Thank you!

We extend a special thanks to Mary Lou Bradshaw for the gift of a sofa for the parlor on the second floor. The sofa originally belonged to Mary Lou's aunt, Maxine Bunch.

COALITION AGAINST POVERTY IN SUFFOLK

CAPS continues to help many families in Suffolk, however, unfortunately, they are not able to help everyone. They will be having their annual fundraiser on Sunday, September 17th. There is a copy of the flyer in the newsletter which provides all the details. There will be tickets (\$13.00 each) available in the church office or contact Priscilla Bunch.

ALL PROFITS WILL BENEFIT THE
COALITION AGAINST POVERTY IN
SUFFOLK

Sunday, September 17

11am - 2pm

BBQ
Fundraiser

with
Captain Bob's

\$13

BBQ - FRIED CHICKEN - SLAW
HUSH PUPPIES - GREEN BEANS

WESTMINSTER REFORMED

PRESBYTERIAN

3488 Godwin Blvd

Suffolk, VA 23434

DRIVE THRU ONLY



Children's
fall festival 5:00-7:00 pm
and
Trunk or Treat 7:00-8:00 pm
Saturday, October 28th

Come join us and bring your friends.
We will have hot dogs, chips, popcorn and beverages.
We will have games, cake walk, and a haunted house.

216 N. Main St.
Suffolk, VA 23434

   Suffolk Christian Church



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!



Saturday, November 4th

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. 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.



Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who donated school supplies to the family in need that we are helping to prepare for school!



You are invited to come to Saints Alive in the Saints Alive room on the 1st floor. They play card games and always welcome others to come to share in the fun and fellowship. Saints Alive meets every Tuesday @ 1:00pm. On the 3rd Tuesday, they meet @ noon for lunch. Come and join us!!



Charlie Rice	9/02
Joshua Allen	9/04
Annie Copeland	9/05
Wendy Forbes-Dunaway	9/08
Mary Lou Bradshaw	9/08
Pat Mann	9/09
Doris Cones	9/10
Alex Banton	9/10
Kitty Martin	9/13
Michael Reid	9/14
Lynne Garner	9/14
Calvin Jones	9/14
Vicki Winslow	9/15
Joyce Trump	9/15
Chip Setnicky	9/15
Olivia Fleming	9/15
Adam Briggs	9/20
Nancy Pichel	9/21
Mike Brinkley	9/21
Bill Shumate	9/22
David Darden Jr.	9/22
Art Blausey Jr.	9/24
Nathan Wilson	9/24
Katherine Wilson	9/25
Mark Johnson	9/25
David Parker	9/25
Eloynn Matthews	9/25
Jenifer Griffin	9/26
Jonathan Martin	9/27
Kenny Griffin	9/27
Claire Skillen	9/28
Marion Murphy	9/30

NEWS FROM THE



Nursery

We need volunteers for our nursery. If you can help in the nursery, please contact Priscilla Bunch.



Game Night

GET-TOGETHER

September 8th & 22nd

6:45pm



Blessing of the Backpacks

We will be having our annual Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, September 10th, at 9:45 am in the church sanctuary. Please have your children bring their backpacks for this ceremony. If you are a teacher or administrator for any schools, please bring your backpacks as well.



“The God of His Word” Study

By: Kathie Lee Gifford & Rabbi Jason Sobel

Tuesday, September 12th or Wednesday, September 13th

We will start a new book study in September called “The God of His Word”. This study is based on the book called “The God of the Way” book which we studied earlier in the year. If you purchased the book for the other study, you would only need to purchase the study guide for this series. You can come either Tuesday evenings @ 7:00 pm or Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 am. The study will be held in the Conference Room. This six-session Bible study *The God of His Word* tells the story of the Creation and how the Word-Jesus-was there with the Father from the beginning. Viewers will learn about Jesus (the "Word") entering into the world, teaching the people through parables about the kingdom of heaven, calling of the disciples, treating his female followers with love and respect, and revealing to us today that all things are possible with God. (Cast for the oratorios include Danny Gokey, The Shindellas, the Gateway Church Choir, and the Nashville Gospel Choir.)

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you wish to do this study, please indicate if you would like a book and study guide. The cost of the book will be roughly \$20.00 and the study guide \$15.00. I will try to find the best price available when ordering. If you should have any questions, please contact Priscilla.



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.



September

Daily Scripture Reading Plan

Day #1:	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18	Day #16:	Luke 6:27-28
Day #2:	1 Timothy 2:8	Day #17:	Ezra 8:20-23
Day #3:	Hebrews 4:14	Day #18:	Jeremiah 33:3
Day #4:	James 4:1-3	Day #19:	Romans 12:12
Day #5:	James 5:12-16	Day #20:	Romans 8:26
Day #6:	Philippians 4:6-7	Day #21:	1 Peter 4:7
Day #7:	Jeremiah 29:12	Day #22:	11 Chronicles 7:12-14
Day #8:	Psalms 5:1-3	Day #23:	Job 42:10
Day #9:	Psalms 19:10-14	Day #24:	Proverbs 15:29
Day #10:	Psalms 18:1-6	Day #25:	1 Chronicles 16:11
Day #11:	1 John 5:14-15	Day #26:	Ephesians 1:18
Day #12:	Mark 11:20-24	Day #27:	Ephesians 6:18
Day #13:	Matthew 26:41-42	Day #28:	Matthew 6:9-13
Day #14:	Matthew 18:20	Day #29:	Psalms 145:18
Day #15:	Colossians 4:1-3	Day #30:	Psalms 141:2

Commit to reading your bible 10 minutes daily. Write down the scripture and how you can apply it to your life.



2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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<p>3</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 4:00pm All Saints Pres. Church</p>	<p>4</p> <p>LABOR DAY</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00pm Saints Alive</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm Board of Christian Ed.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00am Thursday Crafters 7:00pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>GET-TOGETHER 6:45p Game night</p>	<p>9</p>
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