

The Towers Newsletter

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Pastor's Column

It is hard to believe that summer is over and that our children are back in school! 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.

Sermon Series

In September, we will turn our attention to Being Church in a Polarized World. This is a timely topic in the middle of this contentious election season, so plan to join us to see how we can model a different way!

On Wednesday, 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 Sunday, September 15th from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Tickets are \$16.00. You may get your tickets from Priscilla or in the church office.

The Fellowship for Women will host their first fall meeting on September 23rd at 5:30pm. Sign up on the bulletin board.

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

This month marks two years since the Pastor Search team began their work. Although they have reviewed resumes and interviewed potential candidates, the person that God has been preparing has still not been revealed to us. The team continues 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 team as they work on our behalf.

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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Deacon's
Corner

The Board of Deacons Reports....from the August 14, 2024 Meeting

*The Deacons have approved a called conference for Sunday, September 8th. The Board of Trustees will provide information related to the city's request for easement access to the portion of the church property located behind the fence-line.

*All Saints Presbyterian Church has found a new home and will cease to use SCC spaces effective September 1st.

*For those that would like an updated copy of the Church Directory, please contact the church office.

Upcoming yellow envelopes:

September – Neighbors in Need

October – Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center

November – Beacon of Hope

December – CrossOver Global Ministries (Worrell Family Mission)

Special called Church Conference

The City of Suffolk is proposing to acquire a 20' permanent public utility easement from our Church. The Board of Trustees has reviewed this acquisition and has reached a settlement agreement pending the approval of the congregation. State law requires this approval and our Constitution states action must be taken at a conference meeting of the church members. The Board of Deacons has approved the calling of a church conference on September 8, 2024, immediately following the 11:00 AM Worship Service for the purpose of presenting the details of the acquisition and a congregational vote. Any questions beforehand can be addressed by any member of the Board of Trustees.

Stewardship Report

"We are Walking by Faith through Commitment"

January-July 2024 income - \$151,941.92

(includes \$20,000.00 from investments)

January-July 2024 expenses - \$152,144.05

Dollars for Supply & Multiply - \$1,854.48

(includes special monthly mission)

Join us for
**Journey Sunday
School Class**



Journey Sunday School Class (formerly Son Worshipers/Crusaders), has a new classroom on the 2nd floor, room #225 off the commons area (3rd & 4th grade classroom). Come join us for a lively discussion on the book of John.



Reporting on Missions....

September's **Yellow** Envelope Mission: Neighbors in Need

The Board of Deacons voted to implement a local mission for September which was named **"Neighbors in Need."** This will be ministering to our community by handing out gift cards for food to those we encounter who are asking for help. It 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. 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 effort to share God's love with those who need a helping hand.

Wednesday, September 11th Cookout

For the First Responders



We will be having a cookout for the First Responders of our city on Wednesday, September 11th, from 12:00noon – 2:00 pm. We need people to help set up, cook, provide items and help during the day. We need to be at the church no later than 9:30am to set up for the cookout. All church members are welcome. If you come, please bring a covered dish to share. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Priscilla Bunch.



The Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society is sponsoring a return of the Holiday Tour in downtown Suffolk on Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th from 1:00-5:00 pm. The Historical Society has invited Suffolk Christian Church to participate in the tour by opening our sanctuary to the tour guests. The Board of Deacons has approved our participation. We need volunteers to help prepare for the tour as well as volunteers to help on the two days of the tour. Please let Beverly McGahee or Joyce Trump know if you are willing to participate in this special event.

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

Charlie Rice	09/02
Joshua Allen	09/04
Annie Copeland	09/05
Mary Lou Bradshaw	09/08
Wendy Forbes-Dunaway	09/08
Pat Mann	09/09
Alex Banton	09/10
Kitty Martin	09/13
Calvin Jones	09/14
Lynne Garner	09/14
Michael Reid	09/14
Michelle Phillips	09/15
Joyce Trump	09/15
Vicki Winslow	09/15
Chip Setnicky	09/15
Olivia Fleming	09/15
Carol Edwards	09/18
Adam Briggs	09/20
Nancy Pichel	09/21
Mike Brinkley	09/21
Bill Shumate	09/22
David Darden Jr	09/22
Art Blausey Jr.	09/24
Nathan Wilson	09/24
David Parker	09/25
Mark Johnson	09/25
Katherine Wilson	09/25
Elowynn Matthews	09/25
Jenifer Griffin	09/26
Kenny Griffin	09/27
Jonathan Martin	09/27
Claire Skillen	09/28
Marion Murphy	09/30



You are invited to come on Tuesdays to play cards in the Saints Alive room on the 1st floor. They always welcome new members to share in all the fun and fellowship. They meet every Tuesday @ 1:00 pm. The 3rd Tuesday of each month they meet @ noon for lunch...bring your own.



Mark your Calendars!
September 13th and 27th
Come join in the fellowship!

National Acolyte Festival Saturday, October 12th

The Washington National Cathedral will be hosting again this year the National Acolyte Festival on Saturday, October 12th. We will need to leave the church around 5:00am and will return most likely around 10:00 – 11:00pm. If you are interested in attending the festival, please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Sean Bilby.



CARE AND CONCERN MEETING

The Care and Concern Committee will meet on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at church. There are several items to discuss and we hope everyone will be able to attend. This Committee continues to serve meals to our shut-ins as well as send cards to our church family. This is a team effort and we encourage everyone who can to attend this meeting. Your help is always needed. Thank you and look forward to seeing you on September 16th.

Elaine Abernathy and Claudia Salmon - Co-Facilitators

BBQ
FUNDRAISER
 TO SUPPORT "CAPS"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
11:00 AM - 2 PM \$16 PER PLATE
 with Captain Bob's
BBQ - FRIED CHICKEN - SLAW
HUSH PUPPIES - GREEN BEANS
*pick up at Westminster Reformed
 Presbyterian Church*



Chicken & Barbecue

**Tickets are available in the church office.*

Join us for
TRUNK or TREAT

Saturday, October 26th
7:00 - 8:00 PM



Food Pantry Needs

Our Food Pantry is running low on items. We need canned meats, beefaroni, canned spaghetti, macaroni & cheese, boxed pasta salads, canned vegetables, fruit cups, snack items, individual packets of oatmeal, individual packets of grits, pop-tarts, and granola bars. Thank you in advance for supporting our Food Pantry.



January 2024 - SCC Suffolk Schools Partnership - \$1,465.11
February 2024 - Coats for Community - \$870.00
March 2024 - Western Tidewater Free Clinic - \$916.00
April 2024 - SCC Scholarship Fund - \$775.00
May 2024 - Crisis Pregnancy Center-\$510.00
June 2024 - Meals on Wheels - \$825.00
July 2024 - SCC Family Assistance - \$975.00
August 2024 - Genieve Shelter - \$560.00



In Memory of

**A donation to the Music Fund in memory of
Mary Bunch Gardner has been given by The Chancel Choir
of Suffolk Christian Church**

**A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Jeff Campbell has
been given by Brad and Robin Williams**

**A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Ann White Felton
has been given by Audrey Johnson**



FALL BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday Evening Bible Study **Starts: September 17th @ 7:00 pm**

The Tuesday evening bible study will be based on the book: *Angels: Who they Are and How They Help...What the Bible Reveals* by Dr. David Jeremiah.

The cost of the softback book is \$10.00 and the study guide is \$10.00. If you would like to participate in this study, please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office prior to Friday, September 6th.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study **Starts: September 18th @ 10:00 am**

The Wednesday morning Bible Study will be exploring Margaret Feinberg's new study on the book of James. The title is *James...What you Do Matters*. It will likely run for 6 weeks. Margaret Feinberg is a particularly enthusiastic presenter of Biblical principles...her DVDs are always interesting and meaningful. There is also a workbook to accompany the study.

The cost of the workbook is \$15.00. Please sign up on the church bulletin board if you are interested in participating. All are welcome.



Children's Fall Festival



Saturday, October 26th

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Fall Festival

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Trunk or Treat

Come join us and bring a friend.

We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, popcorn and beverages. There will be games, cake walk and a haunted house.





It's time to kick off a new year of FFW and we are super excited to do so. The first meeting will take place on Monday, Sept. 23 at 5:30 in the church fellowship hall. You'll be delighted to know that once again our dinner will be prepared by some of the men of the church. ☺ Our theme is "Back to School"...remember the excitement of starting a new school year? And if you're of a certain age...that perfect plaid dress to wear on the first day? Bring that same anticipation and joy to a new year of Fellowship for Women, as we draw closer to each other and closer to God. Please sign up on the bulletin board and bring a friend, if you would like.



The Board of Christian Education will be sponsoring our annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 2nd, from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. If you have any items you could donate for the Country store, please contact Priscilla Bunch. If you know anyone who would like to be a vendor, please have them contact Priscilla as well. Priscilla's contact information by email is pbunch1@aol.com or she can be contacted at her 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*

*The family of Mary Gardner would like to express our sincere thanks for all the phone calls, texts, food and cards during her illness and after her passing. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated by all of her family.
Priscilla Bunch and Family*



Saturday, November 2nd
9:00AM - 2:00PM

for FOOD,
crAfts, and
so MuCh more!

at
Suffolk Christian Church
216 N. Main Street
Suffolk, VA 23434



NURSERY
Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for our nursery. If you can help, please contact Priscilla Bunch.













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.

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service</p> <p>2:00pm-8:00pm All Saints Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Labor Day</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>*Church office closed</p> <p>1:00p Saints Alive</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2:00p Budget Committee meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00p Board of Christian Ed</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am Thursday Crafters</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> 
<p>8</p> <p>9:15am Handbell Choir 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00pm Executive Board meeting</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>1:00p Saints Alive 3:00p Food Pantry</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12:00p-2:00p First Responders cookout</p> <p>6:30p Board of Deacons</p> <p>7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00am Thursday Crafters</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>7:00pm Game Night</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:15am Handbell Choir 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>7:00p Care & Concern meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:00p Saints Alive Potluck 3:00p Food Pantry</p> <p>7:00p Bible Study-Angels</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00a Bible Study-James</p> <p>6:30p Board of Finance \$\$</p> <p>7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00am Thursday Crafters</p> <p>2:00p Prayer Team</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>*Newsletter articles for October due</p>	<p>21</p> 
<p>22</p> <p>9:15am Handbell Choir 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>5:30p Fellowship for Women (fellowship hall)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1:00p Saints Alive 3:00p Food Pantry</p> <p>7:00p Bible Study-Angels</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00a Bible Study-James</p> <p>7:00p Board of Bldg & Grounds 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00am Thursday Crafters</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>7:00pm Game Night</p>	<p>28</p> 
<p>29</p> <p>9:15am Handbell Choir 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service</p>	<p>30</p> <p>"I will sing to the LORD for he has triumphed gloriously"</p>  <p>EXODUS 15:1</p>				