



Chalice News

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A Few Words From Gary:

Dear Friends,

Every time the grandchildren come to Nana and Papa's and we sit down to eat a meal, we ask which blessing are we going to say. About 98% of the time we sing, "O' the Lord has been good to me, and so I thank the Lord for giving me the things I need, the sun, the rain and the apple seed. The Lord's been good to me."

Maybe you remember this singing prayer from your childhood. The point is the Lord been good to us at First Christian, Richlands, NC. Maybe we ought to sing the prayer at our church meals.

The Lord has been good to us. Every year at the Planning Retreat I ask those attending to name the blessings of the previous year. **Overwhelmingly, it was the celebration of the new people.** We had 12 baptisms in 2011. The Christmas Cantata got the most votes for the best worship service of the year. When asked, "What are your goals for 2012 and beyond?" it was again overwhelmingly "grow the church". And in financial giving we gave \$1,966.00 more in 2011 than in 2010. The Lord has been good to us!

So we march on from the Holy Place to the Market Place until the Market Place becomes a Holy Place!

Here is a news flash for 2012: **We will be going to Swan Quarter, NC for this year's mission trip.** That is right we will be staying in NC and helping rebuild the homes damaged by Hurricane Irene. We will be partnering with the Methodist Church leaders to accomplish this hope for the people of NC. The date for the Mission Trip will be August 5-11. Plan now to attend; it is a life changing event.

O' the Lord been good to us and so I thank the Lord!

God loves you and me, PTL!

Gary

CMF News



The Christian Men's Fellowship met recently for its monthly meeting with 12 members present. After receiving prayer requests, President Billy Howard opened our meeting with prayer. This was followed by a hearty welcome to all in attendance.

Recently, the CMF sponsored a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon after the 11:00 am worship service. Everyone seemed to enjoy the various soups, chili, and clam chowder, along with all the fixings. The meal was followed by several great desserts. We express our thanks to all who were able to attend and support this event. All monies received will help fund CMF ministries.

The CMF expresses its heartfelt condolences to CMF member Horace Mazingo, and his family for the recent

passing of Mrs. Christine Mazingo. We are making plans to honor her memory in the near future.

Birthday celebrations were held recently at Arnold's Restaurant in Richlands. Those with birthdays in January were Alton Futral (Jan. 4), Jeff Huffman (Jan. 5), and Lynn Maxwell (Jan. 6). These fellowship breakfasts honor our brothers in Christ, and enhance our care and concern for one another. This bond amongst Christian brothers is made possible because of our love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

All men of the church are invited to come and experience Christian Men's Fellowship. Our next meeting will be on Feb. 6, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Program will be provided by Tom Barbee. Of course, we always have some delicious dessert. Hope to see you there! God Bless



CWF News

The CWF is in the New Year with our CWF projects and fundraisers. February 11th is our Valentine Dinner and Dance. Tickets are on sale now. Please see any CWF Leader, or our President Carol Tripp. Music will be provided by our DJ - Jeremy Holley. The Menu is Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Desserts and Tea. Tickets are \$15 Single and \$25 Couple. The Youth will serve the meal to us at the table. Please join us for this fundraiser.

Also, the CWF is having a Talent Show on March 3, 2012, at 7:00 pm. Please sign up for this event. Sign-up Sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall Bldg. on the Bulletin Board. Talents, such as Dancing, Singing, Telling Jokes or Stories, or groups doing a talent, are wanted. Just come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship we are planning. Tickets will be \$5 for Adults and \$3 for children. Please support the First Christian Church CWF Functions.

This year we are making Father's Day Books. Last year, we did Mother's Day Books. If you would like to put in a poem, story, or any memory item in the book, please do so. Turn them in to a CWF member or the church office. Jaleena Hudson is putting this together again for us, and the deadline for items is June 3rd. Books will be \$5.

Additional CWF projects we are planning this year are: Fellowship Dinners after church, the Annual Ladies Tea, Women's Day Services, and many other things.

If you are not a CWF Member, and would like to be one, we would love for you to join us in our meetings of fellowship, worship, and doing work for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. See Carol Tripp, or any of the CWF Members for more information on this Church Ministry.

February Duties for each Circle are as follows.

- Helen Barbee - Communion Pick-up
- Lyde Mohn - Décor
- Sarah Farrow - Feed Families or Worship & Wonder

In Christian Love,
Acting Secretary
Brenda Pike

♥ Valentine ♥ Candlelight Dinner & Dance



February 11
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread,
Dessert & Tea

Tickets \$15 per person or \$25 per couple

Tickets on sale through February 5th.
See any CWF Member for tickets.





Prayer Concerns

Tracy Avery (Lee C. request)
 Gelynda Barbee
 Matthew Barrow (Reba F. request)
 Bethany (Mara A. request)
 Emily Bliziotos (Cathy C. request)
 Kim Block (Lee C. request)
 Collette Boyd (Eadie S. friend)
 Charles Brown
 Billy Bryant
 Kirby Byrd
 Raymond Carmack
 Deborah Charlton
 Sandra Chavers (Lee C. request)
 Prudence Clark (Lee C. request)
 Joan Currie
 Floyd Dillman
 Robert Dixon
 Verna Edd
 Rita Faircloth
 Tony Falagerio (Louise G. friend)
 *Billy & Reba Farris

*Alton & Mary Futral
 Carol Futrelle (Mary Ann M. sister)
 Grace Goodrode
 Debra Griffin
 Joyce Hagwood
 *Sylvia Hall
 Rose Ann Hardy (Bev B. sister)
 *Delaina Harkey (Iris W. daughter)
 Karen Harsberg
 Sue Heath
 Tarren Hill (Ruth D. granddaughter)
 *Ken & Katie Holland
 Mia Holland (Betty M. request)
 Maxwell Huey (Lee C. request)
 Mallory King
 Margaret King
 Steve Knowles
 Bronzie & Mary Lawson (Jane H. request)
 Sara Malone
 *Horace Mazingo
 Rita McCabe

*Harold McGowan
 *Hal Metts
 *MacKenzie Metts
 *Roy Metts
 *Betty Miller
 Melony Mills (Terry J. request)
 Jerry Mitchell (Sandy B. request)
 Fred Mohn
 Loyce Maready Norris
 Kenny Perez (Lee C. request)
 Dolores Perfetto (Louise G. friend)
 Billy Philyaw
 Belinda Griffin Pike (Terry J. request)
 Aaron Rayburn (Cathy C. request)
 Joyce Rodrigue
 Pat Rolland (Mary Ann M. friend)
 Steve & Jean Schrier (Cathy C. request)
 Don Smith
 *Martha Taylor
 Joyce Thigpen (Brenda W. sister)
 *Horace Thompson

Karen Vincent (Janet B. request)
 Donna Wharam (Connie F. sister)
 All Shut Ins / Nursing Home Residents
 Our Church
 Unspoken Concerns
 Our Deployed Military:
 Jonathan Adkins Jonathan Jarman
 Waco Ashlock Zachery Knapp
 John Auer Phillip Mazingo
 Don Harlow Josh McGowan
 Mike Harroll Terry Mohler
 Ben Jacob Dan Thibault
 Russell Scott

*FCC Members

O' That You would bless First Christian Church indeed, and enlarge our territory, that Your hand would be upon us, and that You would keep us from evil, that we may not cause pain. NKJV



In Christian Sympathy to the families of:

Gary Bower, Herman Croom, Janice Jones, Ted Mercer, Bernard Sandlin, Ross White, Tracey Wilson, Jerry Woodard.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- ♥ Sean Cadby joined by Transfer January 8, 2012
- ♥ Kay Cadby joined by Transfer January 8, 2012
- ♥ Maya Cadby joined by Transfer January 8, 2012
- ♥ Ross Cadby joined by Transfer January 8, 2012
- ♥ Paul Lasky joined by Transfer January 22, 2012
- ♥ Jonna Lasky joined by Transfer January 22, 2012
- ♥ Betty Apodaca joined by Transfer January 22, 2012

CHURCH NEWS

If you have any Calendar info or other events that you would like in the Newsletter, please email to:
office@fccrichlands.org

Newsletter Articles are due **February 20.**

CWF Talent Show

A Fun Night of Entertainment

March 3 ~ 7:00 pm
First Christian Church
CLC Building

Admission:
\$5 Adults ~ \$3 Children

CWF is Looking for Talented Musical Groups, Comedians, Drama Skits, etc.
 A Sign-up Sheet is located on the Bulletin Board across from the Church Office, if you are interested in participating. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Tripp at 324-4360

Thank You

The Worship Committee would like to thank those that served in the nursery, at the Lord's table, in preparation of the communion, baptism, or any other duty that was asked of them. Everyone was most dedicated, and it helped everything to run smoothly this past year. We wish for everyone to have a blessed new year.



Gospel Concert February 26th at 6PM

Hank Barbee and his traditional acoustic gospel group, BelleVici, will be bringing the gospel in concert at 6 pm the evening of Feb 26, in the FCC Sanctuary.

Everyone is Welcome!



February Monthly Duties

Greeters - 8:30

5th Valerie Padgett
12th Terry Jarman
19th Kurt Jones
26th Mitch Gabe

Greeters - 11:00

5th Bob & Shirley Woodard
12th Anita Brown
Madge Huffman
19th Donald and Pat Morton
26th Kristy Cottle/Terry Jarman

Acolytes

5th Courtney Rogers
12th Kaylyn Taylor
19th Lilly Morales
26th Lexi Shoulders

Nursery - 11:00 am

5th Kelsey Bostic / Kathryn Davis
12th Jese Brown / Hayley Morton
19th Jennifer John / Hannah John
26th Kristy Cottle / Krystal Metts

Serving At The Lord's Table

Elders

5th Ben Black
Dennis Jones
12th Sue Miller
Brett Miller
19th Cindy Lunceford
Mark Lunceford
26th Ben Black
Dennis Jones

Deacons/Deaconesses

Jeremy Holley, Terry Jarman,
Karen Metts, Taylor Bostic
Alan John, Steve Rogers,
Hannah John, Chase Brown
Greg Jeppson, Duwayne Divens
Kristy Cottle, Daisy Herrera
Allen Barbee, Swindell Taylor III
Donald Morton, Casey Lunceford

Communion Set Up

8:30 am: Brenda Pike
11:00 am: Angela Bostic

8:30 - Communion Pick Up

Brenda Pike

11:00 - Communion Pick Up

5th Madge Huffman
12th Cindy Hayes
19th Anita Brown
26th Eadie Smither

Piano Early Service

5th Kay Payne
12th Kim McGowan
19th Kay Payne
26th Kim McGowan

Please Note

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please make arrangements to switch with someone.
Thank you.

Sound and Multi-Media Schedule

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

5th Jeremy Holley / Will Holley
12th Tom Barbee
19th Ben Black
26th Jacky Edens

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Ken Brown / Cindy Lunceford
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women^{OF}faith

All Ladies,

I want to invite all the ladies, young and old, to join us in attending the Women Of Faith Conference in 2012. The speakers for the Charlotte Conference will be Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meburg, Tim Hawkins, Brenda Warner, Sandy Patti, Christine Caine, Mandisa and Amy Grant. There may be more but this is the lineup thus far. Ladies, this is an awesome lineup. With this lineup, this conference is sure to be filled with God's Holy Spirit, His Love, and the Love of thousands of women seeking to learn how better to serve the Lord each and every day of their lives. Each year we come away from the conference with a renewed spirit, and we wonder how it could be any better the next year, but it always is. This is also a great break from your normal routine, a way to spice up your spiritual life, and to learn more about the ladies of FCC. We have such great women and we have a fabulous time traveling and spending time together. Please come join the fun and fellowship.

The Conference will be **October 19 & 20, 2012**. The sessions will be Friday night and all day Saturday. We will leave the church on Friday morning, spend the night in Charlotte, and return home on Saturday after the last session ends between 4:00 and 5:00. The tickets are \$89.00 this year. Women of Faith has set up a payment system online. You can pay a little each month, or week, so as not to overburden you all at once. Follow these instructions: Go to www.womenoffaith.com, click on **Groups**, go to **Group Planning System (GPS)**, click on **Enter GPS**, click on **Find a Group**. Next, type in our group name and address: First Christian Church, Richlands, NC 28574, Event State is NC, then click on **Search**. You will then click on the FCC group, click **Join Group**, then fill in your personal information. This will email me, and I will accept you as a member of FCC group. After I have accepted you, an email will be sent to you that will allow you to then make your payment online. Should you have any problem with this please call me at (910)324-3998, or email me at brownigirl@rocketmail.com.

The deadline for signing up is April 1st for FCC, friends and family. After April 1st I will open it up for anyone outside FCC. I have reserved 25 tickets for our group that I will need to guarantee the sale of before June 3rd. Please signup ASAP if you plan to attend.

In Christian Love,
Brenda Huffman



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