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Summer is a season of Joy

Summer is so bright and cheerful. It invites us to stay outside a bit later as the sunshine stretches the day longer. We sometimes like to complain, "It's sure hot outside," but we still enjoy the feelings of freedom and relaxation that summer gives.

Summer is one of my favorite seasons. Trees are in full leaves, flowers and vegetable gardens are in full bloom, and shorts and a t-shirt rule the day. Daylight is plentiful and it appears that there is more time for everything. As a kid, I remember playing outside until well past dark. Summer brings fun opportunities for laughter and happiness – the picnics, the vacations, and the get-togethers. Author Barbara Johnson says, "Human beings thrive on laughter. Since most of us can't afford vacations in Hawaii, we have to learn to make our own fun! The best way to do that is to keep your state of mind green and golden: find, recycle, or produce joy wherever and however you can."

Scripture is abundant with reminders about the place that joy should have in our lives:

"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'" *Psalms 126:2*

"Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them." *—Psalms 111:2*

Summer is a great time for us to experience the joy that living in Christ brings us, allowing us to enjoy all that God provides. As we experience God's joy through the beauty of nature, the sound of children's laughter, or recounting a funny story with friends and family, be sure to share it. Our joy is multiplied when we do.

Pastor Mark

"LORD, we ask that You would give us Your vision for our lives, in Jesus' name

Pastor Mark

From Pastor Samuel To You:

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” - Romans 12:21

Everyone responds differently to tragedy, hardship, and evil. But the most different, peculiar reaction to it should be that of the Christian. One who follows Jesus, and is indwelt with His Spirit should respond to evil and heartbreaking tragedy completely differently than the world does. As we continue to mourn with and pray for the community of Uvalde, Texas, and all the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives in the school shooting, we need to consider this; How should we as Christians respond to this? It takes just a few minutes watching the news or scrolling through social media to quickly realize that the world has spent the entire last week or so pointing fingers. People are very quick to blame either Republicans or Democrats and try to make it a political issue. Others are up in arms and blaming the response and action of the officers on the scene. Many speak of wanting vengeance in the desire for justice, and label others with differing opinions as “the problem”. That’s how the world reacts to evil. It solves nothing, it heals nothing, it helps no one and it can not and does not bring about true justice.

So how are we to react? What should we as Christ loving people do in response to these kinds of tragic evils we see in the world? First and foremost, we need to pray. The church is powerless if it does not pray. And what testimony is to the world to hear the church claim their God can do all things, and yet does not submit itself to prayer, and casting their cares upon him? In 1 Timothy 2:1-2 Paul writes, “I urge, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” Our first response to evil should be to pray and make intercession for all those who were affected, the fellow students, teachers, and families. We should be lifting up the leaders of that school and town, and the officers, and all those who hold positions of authority who have the influence and ability to make a difference. We should be making intercession on all of their behalf, that the Lord would comfort and heal them, bring them peace, and guide the difficult decisions of those who are in authority, that they would make way for long lasting peace and safety for all whom they serve.

We also should intentionally take the time to mourn. To mourn alongside all the people affected, mourn for their town, for our country, over this grievous tragedy. We see this exemplified for us by Jesus. Even when he knew mere moments later that he would raise Lazarus back to life, he still mourned over His passing first. He mourned with his brothers and sisters, and he empathized with them. Even Jesus reacted to the heaviness of loss, and as He did, so should we also mourn, and empathize with our hurting brothers and sisters. All while not losing hope. Romans 8 tells us that “For those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” That’s a promise. This ought to give us hope. To know that even in the most desperate, evil, tragic, heartbreaking, horrific moments, our God is so great, so mighty, so sovereign that he can bring about good through these circumstances for those who love Him, and He promises to do so. Where all we see is hurt, God sees goodness, he sees His plan, His grace, His ability, and the benefit of His people. We need to trust this.

Finally we ought to understand that this is not the result of politics, or policy. Officers, commanders, politicians are not to blame for this, sin is. Shootings and massacres don’t happen because people fail to vote the right way. They happen because men love evil more than good. It happens because everything is affected by sin, our whole world and everything in it. We see societal decay because evil is glorified and worshipped, and people refuse to deal with sin and repent. And if the cause of all of this is not politics, but rather sin. Then the cure for this is not simply policy, but the GOSPEL! Where God, and His good news of salvation and forgiveness is promoted and glorified, sin is repented of, and diminished. In a culture where holiness and righteousness are held in high esteem, sin and ungodliness will be confronted, lives will be changed, evildoers will repent and turn from their ways as they cling to the Gospel. So if there’s any response we should have to this kind of evil, and if there’s anything that we can do, we ought to go and preach the Gospel. To friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, classmates, strangers. We ought to step out from behind our comfortability, and share Christ with all, that they would be led to turn from their sin and evil and go on to make even more disciples. This is how you change the culture and the world. You tell the Gospel-over and over. It is literally a matter of life and death.

Christian Women's Fellowship

At our May 10th meeting, we had good attendance. We shared prayer praises and concerns. Brenda P. gave a devotion, "A Moment of Peace," and a poem, "All You Are to Me" about mothers and how important they are. It was followed by prayer. We signed all-occasion cards for future use. Kristy read a couple thank-you cards.

On Sunday, May 15th, we showed the movie, "Love, Kennedy" about a young woman who had a disease. It was based on a true story. Her faith carried her.

On Sunday, June 5th, we will recognize our four seniors, Dylan Appleyard Austin Lambert, Jodi Paul, and Mia Reid with a monetary gift.

Our annual ladies' night out is Tuesday, June 7th, at 6 pm at Logan's, Jacksonville, NC. ALL LADIES, are invited to this. This will be a great time for good food and fellowship. If needed, we can carpool.

We will get together to prepare Father's Day gifts on Thursday, June 16th at 6:30 pm to be presented on Sunday, June 19th.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Monday, June 20th through Friday, June 24th. Food will be provided each night. The CWF agreed to fix ham and cheese sandwiches, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, along with chips and cookies.

CHEW is well-stocked for this month; however, RCOM is needing small bottles of mustard and ketchup, no larger than 20 ounces. We welcome any donations of these from our church family. There is a container in the fellowship hall to collect these. Your help is always appreciated.

We gave a monetary gift to an individual who has major health problems. Also, we are allotting money for VBS to go towards food on Monday, June 20th. We also gave monetary gifts to our four seniors. These are our service projects for May.

Shirley gave the CWF Treasury Report. After last month's meeting, we had given monetary gifts to two families. Our Christmas Box report was also given.

We had delicious provided by Brenda H. Our next meeting in the church fellowship hall will be July 12th with Rosolyn as hostess.

Ladies of First Christian, we would appreciate your input at our meetings. We invite you to join us. We ended with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Metts, Secretary

Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF) News

During the months of May and June the CMF has had several events scheduled. The CMF met on Monday, May 2nd for its regular monthly meeting. Dennis Jones presented a devotion based on Romans 8:26-27: *"The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans ... The Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."* We are reminded that we are not left to our own resources to cope with our problems. Even when we don't know the right words to pray, the Holy Spirit prays with and for us, and God answers. We simply need to believe in Jesus' promise and to ask the Holy Spirit to intercede for us!

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th, during our morning worship services the CMF presented potted plants and flowers to each of our attending mothers in recognition of their Christian love and devotion. Dennis Jones read a Mother's Day poem, written by the late J. Garland Metts.

Our Kinston Wood Ducks baseball game scheduled for Friday, May 13th, was postponed due to potentially bad weather conditions. The group will consider a future date for the event during our next regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 6th. All individuals are invited to attend.

On Saturday, May 21st, thirteen men gathered at Angie's Restaurant in Jacksonville, to celebrate the birthdays of Terry Jarman and Donald Markl. Our next scheduled Birthday Breakfast event will be held on Saturday, June 18th, at 7:15 a.m. All men, young and old, are invited to attend and to enjoy the Christian fellowship as we celebrate the birthdays of our June men within the church. Make plans now to attend!

On Sunday, June 5th the CMF will be presenting \$500 scholarships to our four graduating high school seniors: Dylan Applegate, Austin Lambert, Jodi Paul and Mia Reid. The scholarships are given in memory of two of our former FCC youth: David Whaley (1981-1997) and John Byrd (1981-1996). We wish each of our graduates the very best in the future, as they continue their education in the fall. God Bless You!!

On Wednesday, June 22nd the CMF will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs, as well as, other possibilities for the evening meal to all participants in our Vacation Bible School (VBS). Any man within the church who would be willing to assist with this endeavor would be greatly appreciated. Just contact CMF President Tom Barbee or Dennis Jones, if you can assist that evening.

As our summer months approach there are various CMF activities being planned. So all men of the church are urged to participate! Rise up all men of God!!

Dennis E. Jones, CMF Reporter

COME SHOP

WE JUST COMPLETED A
CLOTHING DRIVE
FOR ALL GENDRS AND AGES
First Chrstian Church Richlands
124 Trott Rd

FREE



JUNE 4TH 9-3



Please
JOIN US FOR A
BABY

Shower

Honoring
CORTNEY & SAM WENTE
Saturday June 25, 2022
6 o'clock in the evening
Secret Garden in the Fellowship Hall
124 Trott Rd.
Richlands, NC

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday June 20th-Friday June 24th
124 Trott Rd, Richlands
Dinner: 5:30-5:55 PM
VBS: 5:55-8:00 PM
Newborn - Grade 5, Adult Class Also Offered



Children

REGISTER AT:

[VBSMATE.COM/EVENTS/FCCRICHLANDS/24602](https://vbsmate.com/events/fccrichlands/24602)

Outdoor Gospel Concert

Featuring

Bring A Friend!



At His Throne



Potters Clay



Steps to Glory

Free Admission!

June 4th 6:30PM

First Christian Church
124 Trott Road Richlands



Colevanelli's will be on
site for Great tasting
and cool refreshments

Come out and enjoy an evening of Good Ol' Gospel Music



We will be celebrating
Our 2022 Graduates
June 12th at 11:00 Service

Mia Reid

Jodi Paul

Austin Lambert

Dylan Appleyard

S.T.A.R.S.

Lunch

June 26

Following 11:00 service

SOCIAL

Social Committee hosted Firepit Fellowship on May 7th with hotdogs, smores, outdoor games with the Youth Lock-in. We had more than 30 people sharing in the festivities.

Softball Game was held on May 22nd with 2 Teams in a friendly competition. We had Spectators to cheer them on and sharing in peanuts, sunflower seeds, Ice Cream and Popcorn. A fun time was had by all.

For June, we will help provide food items for the Baby Shower for Sam & Cortney Wente and continue to keep the kitchen supplied with paper products.

C.H.E.W.S.

Would like to thank everyone who has donated over the last school year. They will start collecting again in August.

What is this new square? It is called a QR code. QR stands for "Quick Response." What does it do you ask? Using your camera on your cell phone (Iphone or Android) locate the box and focus on it. Do not take a picture it will not work. Another box should appear and tap on it. This will take you to the site the QR code is for. Example this one is for your Tithing on F1GO. Try it out.



Choir Notes

During the month of June, we enter into the Pentecost season of the Christian year.

The choir will be leading worship with songs relating to the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome in This Place, Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul, and Holy, Holy, Holy, are some of the hymns we will be sharing with the congregation.

The choir will take a break during the month of July. I will need singers, and instrumentalists who would like to share special music for the 8:30 service.

I want to thank the Handbell Choir for their contribution to worship in May. I am very proud of that group of young and young at heart ringers. We will resume rehearsals for handbells in the Fall. Continue to pray for all of the programs of the church and that more people can be inspired and desire to become worship leaders.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the Lord. (Psalm 104)



2 Robert McGowan, Paige Byrne

8 Hallie Wright

**11 Jeff Britt, Janet Bryan,
Austin Lambert**

22 Leny Silva

23 Allan Mills

26 Donna Muller

28 Craig Bennetch

30 Vic Carter

Events JUNE

5th 8:30AM Goodie Bags, 10:30AM Preservice Social

6th Christian Men's Fellowship Meeting 7PM

7th Ladies Night Out to Logans meeting there at 6PM

12th Senior Sunday 11:00 Service

13th Board Meeting 7PM

14th Christian Women's Fellowship Meetomg 7PM

18th Men's Birthday Breakfast at Angie's Restaurant in Jacksonville, 7:15 AM. Men, if it is your birthday month you eat for free.

19th Father's Day

20-24th VBS Children and Adult

25th Baby Shower for Cortney and Sam Wente 6PM

26th S.T.A.R.S. (55 and older) Lunch following 11:00 service