



CHALICE NEWS

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Monday—Thursday

9 a.m.—2 p.m.

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Service Times

8:30 AM Traditional

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Contemporary/
Nursery/Preschool/
Kids Church

Bible Study

Wed. Adult

9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Youth 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grades 5-12

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Pastor Thoughts:

Charles Finney, who was known to be a part of a great revival, said, “The experience of revival is nothing more than a new beginning of obedience to God.”

Any genuine revival that has ever happened in human history has brought about repentance in the lives of the people, a change in the community, and evangelism en masse.

We need a real revival today—not just an emotional experience and not just a tingle down the backbone. We need to see God work, because our nation needs it as never before. We don’t need some new thing. We don’t even need a “fresh word from the Lord.” Rather, we need to get back to the old things, to the very standards that God gave us, and we need to practice those.

I like what Jeremiah said: “Thus says the Lord: ‘Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls’” (Jeremiah 6:16 NKJV)

Revival is about turning our hearts back to the Lord again. Revival is about Kingdom living again. Revival is about fulfilling the great commission again. Revival is not some radical change, but rather about Godly commitment again by his people. I pray we continue to pray for revival everyday until it comes, but also that we examine our own lives and allow the things of the Lord to be our number one thing again. The basic things of kingdom living is where true revival happens. The people of God reading, praying, worshipping, serving, and surrendering again. Let revival fall!

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

Pastor Mark

From Pastor Samuel To You:

As parents of a newborn, my wife and I find ourselves in constant amazement at what our daughter Piper does. It seems like every day she's learning something new. Every day she looks different than she did the day before because she's growing. And every day she's able to do new things that she wasn't able to do yesterday. Just this week she began being able to hold her head up high all on her own for extended periods of time. It's a little shaky, and sometimes she looks a bit like a bobble head, but she's getting there, and every day she grows a little bit stronger.

But while she's been holding her head up, she's also become much more aware of her surroundings. She loves to stare around the room and take in everything that's going on around her. And so every time either my wife Cortney or myself are walking around the room cleaning, pacing, cooking, or whatever we may be doing, we find Piper's eyes are glued to us. We see her head move back and forth, and every which direction in order to keep her eyes on us no matter where we go. She knows who Mommy and Daddy are, and she always wants to know what they're doing, and always wants to make sure that they're close by.

It's incredible how much kids can teach us about God. Seeing their dependence on us simply reflects how dependent we ought to be on our Heavenly Father. Seeing all her needs met points us back to our Lord who meets our every need. And seeing her lean on us, and follow us is a beautiful picture and reminder of our need to lean on the Father, trust in Him, and follow Him.

And so as we watch her eyes bounce back and forth around the room, making sure she doesn't lose sight of Mommy or Daddy as they roam about the house, it simply reminded me of our same need. As followers of Jesus, we need to keep our own eyes on Him. It's when we lose sight of Him that we begin panic and fear, in the same way that Piper begins to fuss and cry when she loses sight of us. It's when we take our eyes off of Christ that we begin to trust in ourselves and rely on our own strength. And it's when we stop depending on Him that we begin to stumble, and sin, and worry, and fall.

Hebrews 12:2 says "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." What exactly does it mean to "fix our eyes on Jesus"? Almost in the same way that Piper follows us around the room with her eyes, we ought to follow Christ in all we do. We ought to look to Him, acknowledge Him, communicate with Him, know Him, and trust Him in all things. We need to be a people who refuse to look away, who refuse to take our eyes off of our Savior. A people who are so dependent and reliant on Him that they refuse to move forward with anything at all, unless their eyes are fixed on Christ, and following Him.

And so as infants, as children before the Lord, let us look to Him, and let us follow Him around the room with our eyes. If He goes left, we go left. If He turns right, we go right. He is the "author and perfecter of our faith." Without leaning on Him, without an utter dependence on Christ alone, we can't actually walk out our faith. He is the one who authors our faith, He sustains our faith, He continues our faith, and He perfects our faith. Not us, Him. Lean on Him today, look to Him today, and refuse to take your eyes off of Christ.

SAMARITAN SHOEBOX MINISTRY



On Friday, November 4th at 9:00 am we will meet in the CLC Building to begin laying out the items collected for SSB Ministry. Our Shoebox Packing Party will be Saturday, November 5th in the CLC Building from 9:00 until we have packed all 400 shoeboxes. All are welcome to help either day, or both days as we prepare to pack & send out the shoeboxes into the world to find that special child each box was meant for. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

We recently received a letter from one of our shoebox recipients from 2021. The recipient's name is Abella, and she is from Rwanda, Africa. Here is her letter and contact information should you wish to write her back.

To First Christian Church,

Hello, first of all I wish you blessings from our God and peace from his beloved son Jesus Christ. My name is Abella and I am 4 years old. I'm so glad to write to you and I'm really thankful for your gifts through Samaritan's purse. My birth country is Rwanda with capital city of Kigali and I live in the east of the country in a small rural village called Nasho center. I live with both parents and my 6 siblings, 2 boys and 4 girls (Albert-boy, Albertine, Abel-boy, Alida, Edith, Ida-6years old and me the last born.

I always wished to talk to you and send you an email but there was no way to do that though. It's been too difficult and took me a long time to get opportunity to write to you. But through the promise from my brother Abel, it took him to work hard from last year and last month he bought a telephone and he is the one who helped me to write this letter. Glory be to God for making my wishes possible.

I'm writing to you, to thank you for the gifts you sent us through Samaritan's purse. You did all without knowing each other. That clearly explains how God's love is powerful. This makes me full of His love and I'm highly thankful from the bottom of my heart. I'm so excited of your love, only heaven knows your compensation.

Me and my sister Ida liked to enjoy your gifts because we always be together. We are highly thankful. We love to play together, sing together and we always go to church together simply we are like twins. Down the letter is the contact details of my brother Abel who is with us taking care of us. I hope with them we can keep in touch and know more about everyone.

Tuyishime Abel, Phone-+250783989679, email: tuyishimeabel31@gmail.com

I always be praying for you, and your kind love may spread all over the world.

Thank you for everything may God blessings be over you wherever and whenever.

This one shoebox touched at least 3 lives, Abella, her sister Ida, and her brother Abel. This is the reason we pack and send off the shoeboxes every year. If Christ was already a part of their lives, it just reinforced what God can do in lives without us knowing who will receive the boxes we pack. Is this important? Yes, I believe it is. We are called to sew the seeds, and I believe we are doing just that with each shoebox we pack.

If you have never been a part of this ministry, I challenge you to help this year to find out what joy, and blessings we receive by participant in this ministry.

Thank you for your love and support of this ministry.
Brenda Huffman



CWF

Twelve ladies attended the Oct. 11th meeting. Prayer praises and prayer concerns were shared. Opening prayer was offered. After the prayer, Rosolyn gave the devotion, "Coming Home," which suggested we stay in touch with Jesus.

We need to turn our absence into God's Presence. The following scriptures were read: II Cor. 4:7, Isaiah 30:15 and Jeremiah 24:7.

On October 9th, gift cards were given to Pastor Mark, Mekella, Assoc. Sam and Cortney. These were presented at the 8:30 service in recognition for the Week of The Ministry.

The first item of new business was planning the menu for the residents at the homeless shelter for Oct. 29th. The menu was fried chicken, baked beans, mac and cheese, deviled eggs, rolls, desserts, tea, and lemonade. All food needs to be in the fellowship kitchen by 5 pm. We planned the menu for 30 to 35 residents to be served at 6 pm.

Thanks to all who helped in any way to make our fall craft show a huge success. Our Lord blessed us with a beautiful day.

Jamie Bright, our caterer will be providing the following for our Dec. 5th Church Christmas Party: fried chicken, pork tenderloin, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls and banana pudding. Tickets are \$10 per person. For tickets, please see any CMF and/or CWF member.

This month's service project was giving a monetary gift to a member. We contributed a monetary gift to assist in feeding the football teams. We also gave another member a monetary gift who has been experiencing health problems.

For our local outreach ministry, we are requesting donations of instant oatmeal, instant grits and/or pop tarts. This is for the CHEW program. In addition to donating to CHEW, we are requesting small cans of spam, chicken, and tuna for RCOM. Any donation to either of these ministries is always appreciated.

A financial report was given by the CWF Treasurer. Also, we were given an update report on the Christmas box.

We are thankful for the yummy refreshments furnished by Pati. Our Nov. 15th hostess is Leny.

We closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Metts

Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF) News

The men of the church held their monthly meeting on Monday, October 3rd in the fellowship hall with eight men in attendance. The group made some final plans for the SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL on Sunday, November 6th, following the 11 a.m. service in the fellowship hall. This event will help support the Scholarship Fund and other CMF projects. The cost for the all-you-can-eat meal will be \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 12 and under, and a maximum of \$20 for a household family. Furthermore, the men made additional plans to provide the program for the annual Christmas Party, scheduled for Monday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be available to all in November, so mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

Furthermore, the CMF assisted with other special church projects in October. The group financially supported the preparation of meals for the Richlands High School football teams, as well as, honored our two pastors and their spouses with a financial gift in recognition of Ministerial Appreciation Month. Some of our men assisted the church women in preparation of the CWF Fall Festival/Bazaar. In addition, the CMF made a donation to support the annual Thanksgiving Meal project sponsored by the church.

On Saturday, October 15th, twelve men gathered at Angie's Restaurant in Jacksonville at 7:15 a.m. to celebrate the monthly birthdays of our church men. Three men were in attendance to receive their free breakfasts: Tom Barbee, Steve Rogers and Pastor Mark Reid. Other church men with October birthdays were Sam Wente, Billy Murphy, Tim Atkins Frank Manning, Tony Bostic and Tracey Whaley. The month of November will also be another big birthday month for several men of the church. So, make your plans to attend the November Birthday Breakfast on Saturday, November 19th at 7:15 a.m. at Angie's.

During our October 3rd monthly meeting Dennis Jones presented a devotion written by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, titled "Make Every Day a Good Day." The article was based on Genesis 1, Psalms 118 and Isaiah 26:3, in which we are reminded to give thanks each morning to the LORD, for "this is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" We are reminded to shift our daily thoughts from apprehension to anticipation for yet another opportunity to share God's message with others we may meet each day.

Our next regular monthly gathering will be on Monday, November 7th at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Edward Williams will provide our devotion. Final plans for our Christmas party and our Christmas project will be discussed. All men at invited to attend!

Dennis E. Jones, CMF Reporter



CMF Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser

Nov. 6 Following 11:00 service

**\$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 12 and under,
and a maximum of \$20 for a household family.**



Men's Birthday Breakfast

7:15 AM Nov. 19th

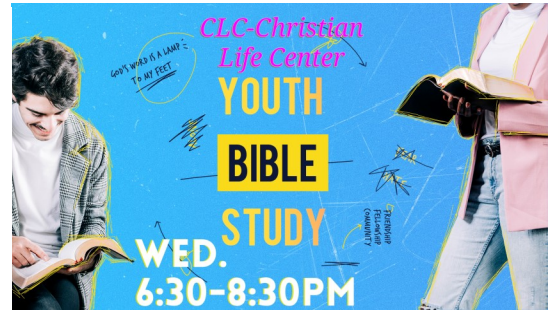
Angie's In Jacksonville. If it is your birthday you eat free. All men and son's are welcome.



Fall Family Night
 CHILDREN OF ALL AGES & THEIR FAMILIES
 NOV 5TH 5-9PM CLC
 Family Dinner, Pumpkin Painting,
 Marshmallows & S'mores &
 A Movie
 Register at fccrichlands.org



**NURSERY
 BIRTH-2YRS**
 Available 11:00
 Service



CLC-Christian
 Life Center
**YOUTH
 BIBLE
 STUDY**
 WED.
 6:30-8:30PM



KID'S CHURCH
 Sunday's 11:00 Service
 5YRS-5TH GRADE



**Military Order of the Lancers 2022
 AMERICAN HEROES
 BANQUET**
Celebrating those local heroes who served our nation.

Choice of
 Smothered Cambridge Steak in Onion and Mushroom Gravy
 or Southern Slow Cooked Smothered Chicken

Sides of
 Italian Green Beans, Garlic Roasted Potatoes, and yeast roll

Dessert of
 Apple Pie, Cherry Pie, Sweet Potato Pie, Pumpkin Pie

Date is November 12th, 2022
 Doors open at 5:30pm. Dinner serves at 6pm

Location is
 First Christian Church Richlands
 Fellowship Hall
 124 Trott Rd, Richlands, NC
 (The Fellowship Hall and Parking are directly behind the church.)

Tickets include live music and meal.
 Price is \$20 per individual or \$30 per couple
 Order your tickets today by emailing
 Dianne Randall
 at
ramblingrandalls2@hotmail.com

Lancers Banquet to honor
 WC Jarman.
 Nov. 12, 2022
 Please see Dianne Randall for
 tickets.



Save The Date
 RETIREMENT RECEPTION
KAY PAYNE
 DECEMBER 18, 2022
 9:30 AM
 FELLOWSHIP HALL
First Christian Church

Community Thanksgiving Meal

Register to donate a meal. List of ingredients are found on the QR code. Just place your camera over the box.



Date to be handing out

Nov. 20th at 6:00 PM. until we run out.

Community Thanksgiving Meal List

Please purchase the following items, put them all in one sturdy bag or box, and have them at the Church by Wednesday, November 16, 2022. You will just need to deliver them to the church office and Debbie will put them where they need to go. Piggly Wiggly is partnering with us again this year. They will be providing \$50 gift certificates to go to some of the families to purchase their turkey. The rest of the families will need a turkey provided by one of us. Our goal is to do 125 meals. If you can purchase a turkey in addition to the following items, please sign up that you will be bringing a turkey and a meal bag. If you are only able to bring a meal bag, please sign up for only a meal bag. Please do not include anything that is not on the list so that all the families get the same items.

- 2 cans green beans
- 2 cans corn
- 2 cans peas
- 1 large can of yams
- 1 bag mini marshmallows
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 container of crunchy fried onions
- 1 box stuffing mix
- 2 box macaroni and cheese
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 2 packets or jar of gravy (turkey please if possible)
- 1 premade pie crust (not refrigerated or frozen)
- 1 box of Jell-o pudding (Please know this is to fill a pie.
Flavors like lemon, chocolate, butterscotch, or cookies and cream)
- 1 packet of drink mix
- 1 packet of lemonade
- 1 pack of dinner rolls (not refrigerated or frozen)
- 1 aluminum turkey pan (dollar tree has them for \$1.25)



Firepit and Fellowship

Nov. 12th at 6:00 PM

Chili, Frito Pies, and S'mores

Bring a friend and bring your chairs

To gather around the firepit and fellowship. Open to all.

Lunch

S.T.A.R.S.

Seniors That Are Really Special

Sunday, November 13th, 12 - 3 pm

NOVEMBER Birthday's

- 4 Kim Metts, Carolyn Britt
- 8 Bob Woodard, Pati May
- 9 Dianne Randall, Kurt Jones
- 11 Doug Maxwell
- 14 Rose James, Michael Hernandez, Reagan Davis
- 15 Billy Howard
- 18 Mara Adkins
- 20 Mike Bennetch
- 21 Jay Wright
- 25 Ray Randall
- 29 Barbara Dumphy
- 30 Brenda Pike

Hanging Of The Greens Service

Sunday, November 27th, 5 pm

Followed by Soup/Beans/Cornbread meal

Other Happenings:

CMF Meeting Nov. 7

CWF Meeting Nov. 15

Choir Practice every Wednesday Night 7:30

Praise Team Practice every Thursday 6:30