



WELCOME TO OUR

Chalice News



Pastor Mark Reid

A Note from the Pastor:

Hebrews 12:1-2

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

What an incredible verse! Hebrews 11 is the faith chapter. All of Hebrews 11 focuses on the men and women of faith in the Old Testament that had their eyes fixed on the promise of Jesus. Then the writer continues into Hebrews 12 by saying therefore, because of these great people of faith, let us also fix our eyes on the Lord. What do we fix our eyes on? The problem or the problem solver? The promise? What we fix ourselves on will determine our life direction. Jesus is not only our promise, but he is also the pioneer and perfecter of our promise. He is the one who set the example of faith. What joy can come from our problems? What hope can come from our stress and anxiety? Jesus endured the cross for us with joy because he saw the finish line. He saw the plan of the Father. If we could take a moment and remember that what we fix our eyes on really does determine the path that we will take. A path of discouragement and worry and fear or a path of hope and faith knowing that He who began a good work in us will finish it to completion. He has and always will fulfill the promise. Take hope today church and fix your eyes on Jesus!

CHRISTIAN WOMENS FELLOWSHIP (CWF)
NEWS AND NOTES FROM
FOR AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

Our July 11th meeting was well attended. We had one new member and two guests. Our devotion, "Disappointments," was shared. The scripture was from Ecclesiastes 7:14. We all face disappointment/s at times, but we have hope. God is our hope. He is in control. Our devotion was followed with prayer.

We signed several all-occasion cards for future use as needed. Three Thank You messages were shared.

We fed the residents at the homeless shelter on Saturday, July 29th, at 6 pm. Our menu is fried chicken, mac and cheese, baked beans, deviled eggs, rolls, tea, lemonade, and brownies.

Our service project for the month of July, was giving a monetary gift to a single woman. CHEW is not needed at this time. However, RCOM (Richlands Community Outreach Committee) needs Pop Tarts, instant oatmeal, and bottles of mustard (20 oz. or less). Thanks to all who donate to this worthwhile ministry.

We had no regular meeting in June. After May's meeting, we continued our giving. We gave monetary gifts to several families. We also purchased and provided food for Vacation Bible School one night. Our CWF treasurer gave an up-to-date report on all our giving which also included tonight's offering and monthly project giving. An up-to-date report was also given on our Christmas box.

Kudos to our hostess, Kay Heath, for delicious refreshments. All First Christian ladies, we invite you to join us at our monthly meeting. Our next meeting is August 8th at 7 pm. Anne Nelson is our hostess.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Metts, Secretary

Christian Men's Fellowship

CMF

The CMF met on Monday, July 3rd in the fellowship hall. The group was informed that the memorial plaque for the outside of the sanctuary building has been ordered and should be delivered within the next two months. Once again, the CMF would like to thank all the participants who contributed to this special project. We were able to order the plaque without using any separate funding by the CMF or the church funds. A special dedication of the plaque is tentatively scheduled for our 2023 FCC Homecoming Day celebration in October. More details will be shared in the near future.

At our monthly meeting, Tom Barbee provided an inspirational devotion, "An Old Clay Pot," based on II Corinthians 4:7-12, written by David Roper, a 90-year-old Christian writer and minister. Just as an old clay pot is stained, with cracks, chipped parts, and pressured under heat, our Christian bodies have been entrusted by God to store the valuable message of salvation in Jesus Christ to those desiring it. God counts on frail and fallible human beings to remember that message. Though we are weak, God uses us to spread his Good News.

On Saturday, July 15th, ten men gathered at Angie's Restaurant for the monthly Birthday Breakfast. We celebrated the birthdays of several of our FCC men for July: John Tripp, Mark Lunceford, Jed Heintzelman, Ken Brown, Allen Barbee, Taylor Bostic, Richard Quirk and Charles Whitaker. Our next Birthday Breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 19th at 7:15 a.m. at Angie's Restaurant in Jacksonville. All men are welcomed to attend the fellowship breakfast.

The CMF would like to extend a special "Thanks" to Sam and Cortney Wente for their two years of Christian service to FCC. We wish them the best as they continue to serve God wherever He may send them.

Our August CMF monthly meeting will be held on Monday, August 7th at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All men of the church are invited to attend. We really need your help! Edward Williams will be providing our devotion for the evening.

Dennis E. Jones, CMF Reporter

Condolence Committee

The Condolence Committee would like to thank each of you that said “yes” and “sure” or volunteered to do a dish over the last couple of months, when you received a telephone call or a text to comfort families that had lost loved ones. Whatever you provided, it was very much appreciated. We have had four families to loose love ones in a short period of time. We are praying we will not have to call on you for some time.

Shirley Woodard,

Chairman



Samaritan Shoebox

At this time of year with school starting the only thing Samaritan Shoebox is asking for is

1 Subject Spiral Notebooks.

Thank you.



Dear friends at FCC,

Thank you so much for the special donation sent to our kids at Kids Place. The value in Reais was R\$10.350,00

We have bought 60 pairs of shoes-(4.085,00), 60 sandals (640,00), and the New uniforms with the donation. (5.668,80)

Please find attached the pictures, invoices of the shoes and sandals purchases, and the ordering of the uniforms, which will be ready in about 45 days.

This donation was very special, as many of our children have never received a new pair of shoes before, just second hand ones. It meant so much to them!

Please let the children who participated in the campaign know How important they were for our children!

Thank you for caring and supporting this ministry with your prayers and help.

May God retribute one hundred fold more in the ministry of FCC.

In Christ,
Núbia Mesquita





2 Wendy Carter
3 Hanna Nelson
4 Leo Dumphy
12 Orion Poll
18 Shirley Woodard
19 Tammy Gurganus
22 Randall Jones
24 Lauren Simpson
29 Edward Williams

EVEVENTSS

1st Youth and Children Meeting 7:00
7th CMF Meeting 7:00 PM
8th CWF Meeting 7:00 PM
13th Movie 2:30 PM All are invited
14th Board Meeting 7:00 PM
19th Men's Birthday Breakfast 7:15 AM
Angie's Jacksonville

SERVICES

Every Sunday

8:30 AM & 11:00AM

Kid's Church 11:00 3yrs-5th Grade

Nursery is Available 11:00 Service

Jesus Cafe 9:45 Coffee & Pastry

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 in the Fellowship Hall

Throughout The Week

B I B L E S T U D Y

Every Thursday Adult 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM

YOUTH Every Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Choir practice Wednesday's at 6:30 pm

Praise Team Practice on Thursdays

Volunteers

We are needing volunteers for the sound room on Sunday's. See Tim Adkins or call the church office if you are interested.

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