



WELCOME TO OUR

Chalice News



Pastor Mark Reid

“Cultivating a Heart for Hospitality”

A thought by Pastor Mark

The world around us seems to be getting crazier and crazier. We have no idea what others around us are going through. In the business of our lives may we remember the early church broke bread together. They cared for one another. They made it a point to be the church together. One of the gifts of the spirit, is the spirit of hospitality. While we may not all have this particular gift, it should still be something we all make time to strive for. The heart of hospitality is about creating space for someone to feel seen and heard and loved. True hospitality has more to do with our hearts than it will ever have to do with our homes. Our hospitality is a love letter to our Father, and when we gather around the table, it is a sacred and holy moment. He is our daily bread, the true source of all our warmth and nourishment. All He asks of us in return is that when we break bread together, we do it “with glad and sincere hearts” (Acts 4:26) Remember, hospitality is a heart issue, not a time issue. We are called to create, and cultivate, hospitality with glad and sincere hearts—no more, no less. Hospitality isn’t filling our homes to the brim each night with people; it’s filling our hearts and homes so full of God’s love that when He is ready for us to open our doors, all that love pours out and envelops each person who enters. Each time we welcome someone into our homes, we are given another opportunity to practice loving like Jesus. True hospitality takes work, but let it be a labor of love and not obligation—those gathered around your table will know the difference. Let’s challenge ourselves to truly see, hear, and love on our people so beautifully that our tables are not only safe places but sacred enough for God to join us. Remember, the early church in the book of Acts practiced a simple message (the cross) with a simple tool (the home).

CHRISTIAN WOMENS FELLOWSHIP (CWF)

NEWS AND NOTES

At our August 8th, we had 15 in attendance. We shared prayer praises and concerns. Our devotion was "The Overwhelming Life," given by Rosolyn. She read Psalm 61: 2 & 3 as our scripture. We need to focus on God. He is our refuge. In Him, we can find a clear path. Prayer followed.

Three thank-you cards were shared. The CWF t-shirts were given out to the purchasers on Aug. 13th. Kristy will be taking orders for CWF t-shirts as requested.

Our next time to feed the Onslow County Homeless Shelter is Sat. Sept. 30th. We will plan the menu at the Sept. 12th meeting.

The movie, "Because of Winn Dixie," was shown on Sunday, Aug. 13th at 2:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. Refreshments were popcorn, candy, sodas and water. The attendance was good.

On Sunday, Sept. 17th, we will be sponsoring a fundraiser. It will be spaghetti, salad, bread, desserts, tea and water. This will be after the 11 o'clock service and in the fellowship hall. The price for adults will be \$8 and children, 10 and under, will be \$4. We will have eat-in or carry-out plates.

CWF purchased 8 box window fans (20 in.) for the elderly and anyone in need. These were taken to the Onslow County Senior Center on Hwy. 258 for their disbursement. For the monthly project, we gave a monetary gift to two families. For our local outreach ministry (RCOM) they are in need of Pop Tarts, instant oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup and small bottles of mustard (20 oz. or smaller). For your information, CHEW will be needing Pop Tarts, instant grits and instant oatmeal in Sept. as school will be back in session. There are containers provided in the church buildings to collect these. Always thank you to any and all who support these ministries.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We will be selecting a date in Sept. to show our appreciation.

The treasury report was given. Also, an update was reported on our Christmas box.

All ladies, you are invited to our meetings. Our next one is Sept. 12th at 7 pm. Rosolyn will be the hostess. Many thanks to Anne Nelson and Ann Pascarelli for yummy refreshments tonight.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Metts, Secretary

Christian Men's Fellowship

CMF

Seven members of the CMF attended our regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 7th in the fellowship hall. President Tom Barbee updated the group regarding the upcoming dedication of the special memorial marker to be placed outside the front of the sanctuary. On Sunday, October 22nd, during our combined Homecoming Day worship service, a special memorial dedication will be made regarding the plaque. Once again, the CMF would like to offer a very special "Thanks" to all the participants who helped to make that unique campaign so successful in a very timely manner.

The CMF is making plans for various upcoming events, including our first Soup & Sandwich fundraiser for the 2023-24 school year on Sunday, November 12th. So, mark your calendars and save the date! Furthermore, the CMF is making tentative plans for the annual Christmas Social, scheduled for Monday, December 4th. The CMF will plan the meal and the CWF ladies will provide the program. Also, the CMF is looking at various ways to assist our elderly on an as-needed basis. If you are aware of any areas of need for our elderly, please inform a man of the church (a CMF member).

During our August monthly meeting Edward Williams gave a very inspirational devotion on the incredible life of John Newton, the author of the hymn,

"Amazing Grace." Although an initial atheist and the captain of a slave ship, Newton converted to Christianity and became an Anglican priest, who was a strong proponent for the abolition of slavery in England. Furthermore, he wrote numerous other hymns, yet none as famous as "Amazing Grace." Our CMF members ended the program by singing the hymn.

On Saturday, August 19th, twelve of our church men gathered at Angie's Restaurant in Jacksonville, for a celebration of Christian fellowship, while remembering our August "Birthday Boys," including Leo Dumphy, Randall Jones and Edward Williams.

Our upcoming gatherings for September will begin on Tuesday, September 5th at 7 p.m. [note the change due to Labor Day on the 4th]. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m., with Bob James providing the devotion. On Saturday, September 16th, at 7:15 a.m., all men of the church are invited to attend our Birthday Breakfast at Angie's Restaurant in Jacksonville. We will be celebrating the September birthdays of Jesse Nelson, Bert Hall, Roy Metts, and Jonathan Simpson. Hope each Man of God will be able to join us for these two events in September!!

Dennis E. Jones

CMF Reporter

S.T.A.R.S.

Senior That Are Really Special
(55 and older)
Lunch Sept. 24
Following 11:00 Service

SONGFEST  Proceeds to benefit **ONE PLACE** CREATING HOPE FOR FAMILIES

Saturday
September 30, 2023
6:00pm

With Special Guests:
Featuring "The Homecoming Choir"

The Four In Christ Qt. * Second Edition * His Redeemed * Gabriel's Call
King's Grace * Kaitlyn Riggs * The Powell Family * Ethan Bennett
The Horrell Family * Witness In Harmony * Steps To Glory * Willing Heart
The Director's Trio * Tommy Snowdon * Frances & Tiffany * Tar Landing Qt.
And Many More...

First Christian Church
124 Trott Rd. Richlands, NC
Free Admission Doors Open at 5pm

GOSPEL NOTES
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FCC supplies breakfast during the school year.

We need these items:

Pop-tarts, Oatmeal pks, and Grit pks.



Samaritan Shoe

Needs 1 subject binders


Guest Speaker
Rick Grace
DHF Church Liason

October 7th
9:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
@ Amity Christian Church
(Lunch to follow)
7022 Neuse Road
Grantsboro, NC 28529

GATHERING 2023
Register online by October 1st
at dhfofnc.com



SATURDAY

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OCTOBER

4:00-7:00 PM



**First
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**RICHLANDS
124 TROTT RD**



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

FEATURING

GAMES
PRIZES
DUNK TANK
BOUNCE HOUSE
TODDLER CORNER
FOOD AND MORE!



**FREE
ADMISSION!**

Happy Birthday September

1 Faye Marsh
2 Brenda Huffman
3 Linda Barbee, Jesse Nelson
4 Gayle Hall
6 Riley Davis
7 Kristy Cottle
9 Bert Hall
11 Bailey Brown, Mary Ann Metts
15 Joshua Adkins
18 Carol Tripp
20 Mia Reid
21 Jeff Britt
22 Susan Barbee, Roy Metts
24 Krystal Metts
26 Jonathan Simpson
28 Kim McGowan
29 Karen Metts, Kay Payne

EVENTS

Sept.4 Labor Day-Office Closed
Sept. 5 Christian Men's Fellowship 7:00pm
Sept. 10 9:30 Breakfast Bash-All are invited
hosted by Social Committee
Sept. 11 Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Sept.12 Christian Women's Fellowship
Meeting 7:00 PM
Sept. 16 Men's Birthday Breakfast
Sept. 17 Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser
Sept. 24 12:00 STARS lunch
Sept. 30 Song Fest

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

BIBLE STUDY

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

YOUTH Every Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 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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OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY-THURSDAY
9:00AM-2:00 PM

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