



WELCOME TO OUR

Chalice News



Pastor Mark Reid

Pastor's Note

Wow! What an amazing month September has been. It is always wonderful and a little bit amazing at how quickly things seem to move in church life. Yet we know that God is in charge of it all. October is shaping up to be another wonderful ministry-filled month and we hope that whether it is in fall carnivals, craft shows, homecomings, youth group, children's ministry, Sunday school, and of course Sunday worship that you will be a part of it all.

There is a seasonal aspect to life that closely mirrors the seasons of the year. We are in the middle of a wonderful season of busyness here at the church, but just because we are busy we do not need to be burdened. Jesus says many wonderful things, and one of my favorite Jesus sayings is: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30 NRSV). Jesus is telling us in this moment that if we ground the work we do, whether for the church, or our families, and even our community, in God we will find not a life of ease but a life of joyful work.

We are not called to live easy lives; we are called to faithful living. Faithful living includes giving thanks to God at the end of a busy day for the places where you saw his grace shining through. Jesus reminds us in this passage from Matthew that there will be work to do but you need not be overwhelmed by it because Jesus is with us every step of the way and as much as we desire to lead lives of faith for Jesus, Jesus will always be faithful to us.

Christian Men's Fellowship

CMF

The CMF met on Tuesday, September 5th for its regular monthly meeting. Bob James gave another inspiring devotion on a Christian's perspective of Labor Day. The holiday was established to celebrate laborers and their contribution to America. Oregon was the first state to celebrate the holiday in 1887, with the federal government establishing the national holiday in 1894. Since work matters to God, He calls all humans to work towards helping the least, the lost and the last. We all are given talents from God, and He expects us to use each talent to its maximum potential. Several scriptural references were shared from the Old and New Testaments regarding work.

Several upcoming CMF and church projects were discussed. The group decided to donate \$200 to the FCC Capital Campaign for updating our church computers. Furthermore, an additional \$200 was donated to the church's Samaritan Christmas Box fund, to help defray the increased cost of mailing postage since last year.

As the church approaches its annual HOMECOMING DAY celebration on Sunday, October 22nd, the CMF is making preparations to install the memorial plaque acknowledging the historical establishment of the church in 1882, as well as, the construction of the existing structure in 2005. A dedication ceremony will be part of the union worship service on that day.

Also, the CMF is making preparations for two upcoming meals. First, on Sunday, November 12th, the group will host our first SOUP & SANDWICH fundraiser of the new school year. Donations will help increase the Scholarship Fund for our future graduating high school seniors. Second, the CMF will be finalizing plans for the meal at our annual Christmas Social, scheduled for Monday, December 4th. More specific details will be shared in the coming weeks.

On Saturday, September 16th, eleven church men gathered for our monthly Birthday Breakfast at Angie's in Jacksonville. Roy Metts was present to receive his free birthday breakfast, but the group acknowledged the September birthdays of our other church men, who were unable to attend: Bert Hall, Jesse Nelson and Jonathan Simpson. Our October Birthday Breakfast will be held Saturday, October 21st at 7:15 a.m. at the same locale.

The next regularly scheduled CMF meeting will be held on Monday, October 2nd at 7 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. All men of the church are encouraged to attend! Tom Barbee will provide the evening devotion. Men of God, please take time to attend this fellowship gathering!

Dennis E. Jones, CMF Reporter

SAMARITAN SHOEBOX MINISTRY

We are quickly approaching packing party time. Our SSB packing party will be held on Saturday, November 11th in the CLC Building at 9:00 am. We will begin laying out all the SSB items to pack in the shoeboxes on Friday, November 10th at 9:00 am.

It normally takes us about 4 hours to get all the items laid out and ready for the packing party. If you can help on Friday or Saturday, or both days, just meet us in the CLC Building. Any help, whether you can come for 1 hour or 4 hours, will be greatly appreciated.

There are no other supplies needed at this time for the boxes. To help with the cost of postage, which is \$10.00 per box, just designate your check as SSB Postage and place in the regular offering box.

Thank you for your continued support.

Brenda Huffman



FCC supplies breakfast during the school year.

We need these items:

Pop-tarts, Oatmeal pks, and Grit pks.

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 dhfnc.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!**

Christian Women's Fellowship

CWF

We had great attendance at our Sept 12th meeting. We shared prayer praises and concerns. The devotion "Just Slow Down" was given by Rosolyn. We all need to slow down and listen to God. Scriptures were from Eccles.3:1, Jeremiah 2:25 and Psalms 46:10.

Several all-occasion cards were signed to be used as needed. We shared one thank-you card and a couple other thank-yous were expressed. Orders for long-sleeve and short-sleeve CWF t-shirts will be taken upon request.

Our spaghetti fundraiser on Sept. 17th was well supported. We also planned our menu for the homeless shelter. The menu was fried chicken, green beans, mac and cheese, devilled eggs, desserts, rolls, tea and lemonade. We prepared for 40. We served at 6:15. The shelter is in need of individual packets of fruit drinks, lemonade and Kool-Aid. This was on Saturday, Sept. 30th.

We will be recognizing our minister, Mark, and wife, Mekella, on Sunday October 8th at the 8:30 am service. This is for Pastor Appreciation Sunday.

The annual, church homecoming is Sunday, October 22nd after the ONE service at 11 o' clock. CWF will be furnishing sodas. We will also be preparing tea and lemonade for this. This is a pot-luck meal. We are asked to bring a dish or dessert for this.

On October 28th, we will be sponsoring our annual Craft Show. We are having great response for this. We will be finalizing all necessary items, such as volunteers for the CLC kitchen and fellowship hall kitchen. This is for selling hot dogs, chips, etc. We will be having items to raffle that day. These will be finalized at our October 10th meeting.

We gave 2 individuals monetary gifts for our monthly service project. For one of our local ministries, CHEW we are asking for Pop Tarts, instant oatmeal and instant grits. For the other one, RCOM, we are asking for donations of Vienna Sausage, 20 oz. (or smaller) bottles of mustard, pancake mix, pancake syrup and Ramen noodles (Chicken or beef flavored). Any of these items are greatly appreciated.

The treasury report was given. Also, an update on the Christmas box was given. Thanks to Rosolyn for the delicious refreshments. Oct. 10th, Gayle Hall will be our hostess. Ladies, join us. We have much going on.

We closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Ann Metts, Secretary



Christian Women's Fellowship

First Christian Church

Richlands

**Free
Admission**

**CRAFT
BAZAAR**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:00-2:30

**Handmade
Items**

Concessions

Vendors

2 Buildings

124 Trott Rd

Richlands, NC 28574

**Contact: Mary Ann Metts
(910)330-0398**

**Free
Admission**



The Songfest celebration for 2023 happened on September 30 in Richlands, NC. Sixteen gospel music artists were singing both individually and as a choir. To call it an incredible evening would be an understatement.

The event was also a fundraiser to benefit One Place, an agency that provides assistance to children with needs.

As usual, Songfest was an inspirational event. Thanks are extended to all those that participated, to those who planned and organized the evening, and to First Christian Church who provided the facility.

We wanted to provide you with video of the complete event, but that would be a video of almost three hours. Instead of that, we have given you several videos of more manageable lengths. Watch them all and you will have seen all the music from Songfest. The videos are available on the Gos-pel Notes [video page](#).
(www.gospelnotes.com/video)

Happy Birthday October

2 Edwin Jackson
4 Mary Poll
5 Vicki Paul
11 Cindy Lunceford
14 Tom Barbee, Steve Rogers,
17 Margie Hintze, Anne Pascarelli,
Carrie Bedillion
18 Janice Jedrey
19 Adalyn Bennetch
22 Billy Murphy
24 Mark Reid
27 Tim Adkins
30 Tracey Whaley, Georgie Willson
31 Tony Bostic, Vittoria Young

EVENTS

Oct. 2 Christian Men's Fellowship mtg 7:00pm
Oct.7 DHF Gathering at Amity Church
Oct. 9 Board Meeting 7:00pm
Oct. 10 Christian Woman's Fellowship mtg
7:00 PM
Oct. 14 Fall Family Carnival 4-7pm
Oct.22 **Unity Service** 11:00 Homecoming/pot-
luck lunch to follow.
Oct. 28 Craft Bazaar 9:00-2:30

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 Sunday 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Choir practice Wednesday's at 6:30 pm

Praise Team Practice on Thursdays

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MONDAY-THURSDAY
9:00AM-2:00 PM

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