



WELCOME TO OUR

Chalice News



Pastor Mark Reid

“Taking time to give thanks”

A thought by Pastor Mark

The importance of gratitude. Read Philippians 4:4-9, Colossians 2:6-7, Psalm 50:23, and Psalm 100.

The Bible puts an incredible emphasis on thanksgiving (not the holiday but the posture of our heart which expresses thanks to God). The Bible presents thanksgiving as an essential character quality that ought to dwell in the hearts of all believers. Yet for us we often let thoughts of unbelief and discontent to fester in our hearts. We often don't trust the Lord; we doubt His goodness. And it's a vicious cycle...when we don't take time to thank God, we become dull to His goodness. As we become dull to His goodness, we trust Him less. Over time, we forget what He has done so we become less thankful and less likely to follow Him. Gratitude is fuel for following God; remove the fuel and there will be little fire in your heart for God. This is why we are commanded to spend time thanking God. Take time to consider your heart: how grateful are you? How often do you thank God? Where do you see unbelief and discontent creeping into your life? Take time to pray to God confessing your ingratitude and asking Him to remind you of His goodness and the reasons you have to be thankful. My prayer is we all grow in a heart of gratitude over the next month as we are regularly reminded of Thanksgiving.

Pastor Mark

CHRISTIAN WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

(CWF)

NEWS AND NOTES

Our October 10th meeting started off with good attendance. We shared prayer praises and concerns.

The devotion, "Protective and Worry Free," was given by Rosolyn. Don't worry due to fear. Love casts out fear and God is love. Several scriptures were shared. The opening prayer was offered.

Several all-occasion cards were signed for future use. CWF t-shirts (long or short sleeve) will be ordered upon request.

Next, we discussed the craft show. We will be selling hot dogs, chips, sodas, bottled water, and finger desserts. Both the fellowship hall kitchen and CLC kitchen will be staffed by our CWF ladies. Thanks to Hwy. 55 for donating the red hot dogs and chili for this event. There will be raffles also. One of the raffles is for a beautiful lap quilt donated by one of our crafters. We will be raffling a \$50 gift card and a basket full of gifts from other crafters. Tickets were \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5 and 12 tickets for \$10.

We discussed fruit baskets. We agreed to give a basket to an elderly person and or shut-in. We will be preparing these on Saturday, November 18th at 10 o' clock in the church fellowship hall.

We gave a gas card to one of our members who has serious health issues. RCOM, one of our local ministries is in need of Vienna sausage, canned meat, (such as chicken), pancake mix, pancake syrup, Ramen noodles, beef or chicken flavored), 20 oz bottles (or smaller) of ketchup and mustard. CHEW, another one of our local ministries, is in dire need of Pop Tarts, instant oatmeal and instant grits. Thanks to any and all who donate to these two ministries.

The treasury report was given. Also, an update was given on the Christmas Box.

Thanks to Gayle for yummy refreshments. Our hostess for Nov. 14th is Leny.
ALL ladies are invited to join us.

We closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Metts, Secretary

Christian Men's Fellowship

CMF

The CMF met on Monday, October 2nd with President Tom Barbee opening the meeting. Tom presented the evening devotion, "The Sweet Aroma of Christ," based on 2 Corinthians 2:14-17, where Paul said we as Christian men are used by God to spread the aroma of the knowledge of Christ. It was published by David Roper, former Our Daily Bread writer.

Preparations were made regarding upcoming events. We acknowledged through a love gift our appreciation for our minister, Mark Reid, and his wife, Mekella, on Sunday, October 15th. On Homecoming Day, October 22nd the CMF presented the newly installed memorial historic plaque to the congregation during the unity worship service at 11 a.m. A special thanks is extended to Mark Lunceford for his assistance with the installation of the plaque outside the front of our sanctuary. Furthermore, plans are being made in preparation for our first SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH of the new school year on Sunday, November 12th. Also, plans are being finalized for the meal to be provided by the CMF at our annual Christmas Social on Monday, December 4th. Tickets will be available before the Thanksgiving holiday.

All men of the church are encouraged to attend our regular monthly fellowship gatherings. On Monday, November 6th at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall, we gather for our regular monthly fellowship. Edward Williams will provide the devotion. Furthermore, our group will meet on Saturday, November 18th at Angie's Restaurant in Jacksonville at 7:15 a.m. for the monthly Birthday Breakfast meal. Several of our church men have November birthdays: Bob Woodard (8th), Doug Maxwell (12th), Michael Hernandez (14th), Billy Howard (15th), Michael Bennetch (20th), Jay Wright (21st) and Ray Randall (25th). All men – young and old – are invited to both gatherings.

Men of God, now is the time to strengthen your relationship with God by participating in our Christian Men's Fellowship. Take time to join the group!!

Dennis E. Jones, CMF Reporter



Samaritan Shoe Set up for packing boxes on
November 10 at 9:00 AM.
Packing Samaritan Shoeboxes
November 11 at 9:00 AM

SAMARITAN SHOEBOX MINISTRY

On Friday, November 10th at 9:00 am we will meet in the CLC Building to begin laying out the items we have collected for SSB Ministry. Our Shoebox Packing Party will be Saturday, November 11th 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.

Each shoebox touches not only the child who receives the shoebox, but also their friends and family members. The reason we pack and send out the shoeboxes every year is to introduce Christ into the lives of those around the world who may have never heard about Jesus before. If Christ is already a part of their lives, it just reinforces to them that God loves them, and cares for them. We never know what God can do in their lives when we are packing these shoeboxes. 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 participating in this ministry.

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



FCC supplies breakfast during the
school year.
We need of Pop-tarts, Oat Meal,
and Gritts



We are almost there!

Hey everybody, we have almost reached our goal of \$10,000.00 to replace the 4 computers in the church.

Our current total is \$7220.00, which means we only have \$2780.00 to go!!!

The Capital Campaign only runs until December 31st and the rest of the year is a busy time for all.

So how do we make our goal? If everyone in our church donates just \$5 each week into the capital campaign box, we will make it! Or you can donate online through our church app or web site. Of course, if you can only donate \$2.00 or even .50 cent each week it is ok because every cent towards the goal is a true blessing.

Thank you for all you have already given.

Help us help the church continue to spread the word of Christ through these much-needed avenues.

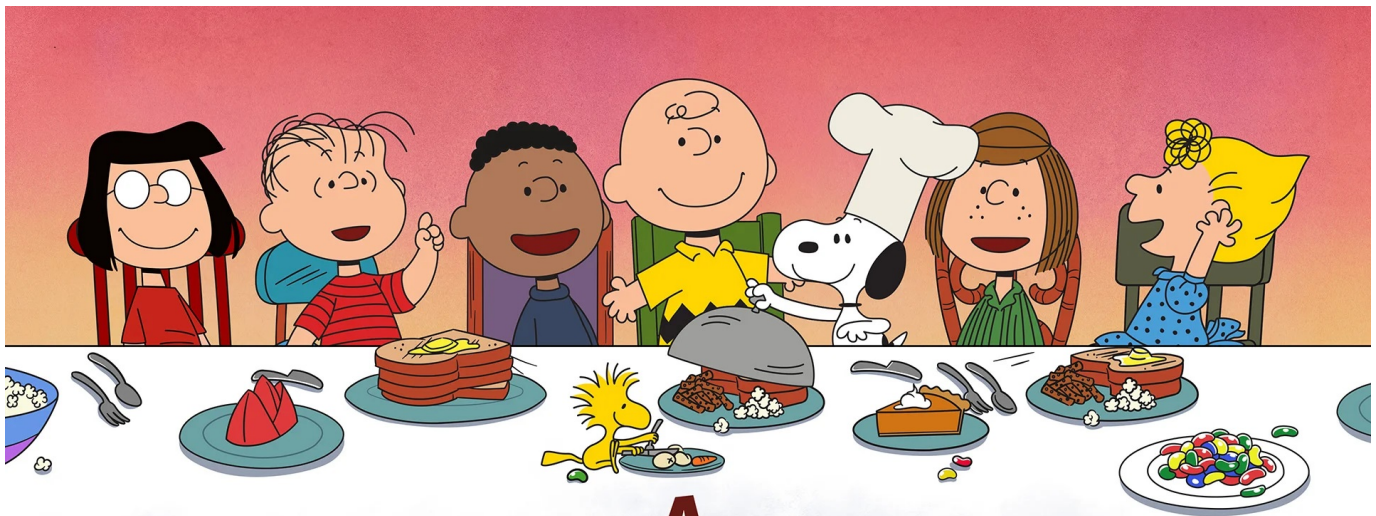
May the Lord bless each one,

Tim Adkins

IT Chair



Soup & Sandwich
November 12th Following 11:00 service
Open to all
\$8.00 per person
\$4.00 12 and under
\$20.00 per family unit



A Charlie Brown THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 12TH 4:30-6:00
CHILDREN UP TO 5TH GRADE & YOUTH
WILL BE JOINING TOGETHER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

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 15, 2023. 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 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. 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 Jello 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) Please check the date of the rolls, make sure they expire after November 24th

1 aluminum turkey pan (dollar tree has them for \$1.25)



Register through QR code

EVENTS

Nov. 5th Daylight Saving Time ends turn your clock back 1 hr before bed on Sat.
Nov. 6th CMF Christian Men's Fellowship mtg. 7:00 pm
Nov. 10&11 Samaritan Shoe setting up and packing 9:00 am both days.
Nov. 12 Soup & Sandwich sponsored by CMF 12:00.
Nov. 12 4:30-6:00 Youth & Children's Carlie Brown Thanksgiving
Nov. 13 Board Mtg. 7:00 pm.
Nov. 14 CWF Christian Women's Fellowship mtg 7:00 pm.
Nov. 18 7:15 am CMF Birthday Breakfast at Angie's in Jacksonville
Nov. 19 Community Thanksgiving giveaway.
Nov. 23&24 Office Closed. Happy Thanksgiving

Happy Birthday November

4 Kim Metts, Carolyn Britt
8 Bob Woodard
9 Dianne Randall, Kurt Jones
11 Doug Maxwell
14 Rose James
15 Billy Howard
18 Mara Adkins
20 Mike Bennetch
21 Jay Wright
25 Ray Randall
30 Brenda Pike

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

Choir practice on Wednesday's at 6:30 pm.

Praise Team Practice on Thursdays

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9:00AM-2:00 PM

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