



WELCOME TO OUR

Chalice News



Pastor Mark Reid

A thought by Pastor Mark

More in 2024. This is the vision we have for this year. One aspect of that vision is in regards to more in mission. Not necessarily more mission work but rather the Great Commission. How can we reach more for the Kingdom? How can we share the Gospel message to more people through the missions that we do? Jesus said this to his disciples. "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37. Jesus in one translation said pray to the Lord of the harvest. Notice that when we talk about more in 2024, you see in this verse the word few. The workers are few while the harvest is plentiful. One of the ways we can do more is pray for more workers. We may have opportunity to physically do more and if so, we should. We may have opportunity to give more time or money and if so, we should. But one thing we can all do is pray more. Jesus told his disciples what they should do in regards to the mission. He gave them clear direction on the few and what they could do more. Pray! May we be a church that prays and not only prays for each other but pray for the harvest. The Apostle Paul would share at the end of his letters to the churches many times to pray that doors would be opened for him to share the message of the Gospel. Let that be our prayers as a church. May we pray that doors would be opened for more workers and more opportunities for the Gospel in Richlands. We can't sit and wait and hope people will come to us, we need to go them. Pray opportunities for more in the harvest will come.

CHRISTIAN WOMENS FELLOWSHIP (CWF)

At the first meeting of this year, Jan. 11th, the attendance was good. Prayer praises and concerns were shared. Brenda H. showed a short Samaritan Shoebox video about some kids who had received boxes and talked about why we participate in this ministry. This was in lieu of the devotion. She also gave the opening prayer. All-occasion cards were signed to be used as needed.

The first item of new business was scheduling the hostesses for this year 2024. Our February 13th hostess is Ann Pascarelli. March 12th hostess is Shirley.

The next item was planning some of this year's events and fundraisers. CWF will be showing a movie on Feb. 11th at 2:30 in the fellowship hall. The movie is for everyone in the church. We will have the following for refreshments: candy, popcorn, bottled water and sodas. On March 17th, we are scheduling a ham lunch after 11 o'clock service. We will plan all the menu at our February 13th meeting. Then on March 30th, we plan to feed the residents at the Onslow County Homeless Shelter.

April and May events will be discussed at our next meeting. For general info, we are planning an annual ladies night' out for all the ladies. We plan to go to Logans on June 4th at 6. Mark your calendars now. This is a fun night for fellowship and good food. We will advise of future events when the time is nearer.

For our monthly service project, we gave a member a monetary gift. For our local outreach ministry, CHEW program is in need of pop tarts, instant oatmeal and also instant grits. RCOM needs canned chicken, Vienna Sausage, spaghetti sauce and noodles. Thanks to all who donated to these two ministries in 2023 and prior.

The treasurer's report was given for the CWF. We also started giving to the Christmas box for this year.

The hostess for Feb. 13th is Ann Pascarelli. Thanks to Kristy for delicious refreshments tonight. Also, thanks to Anne Nelson for taking such good notes for our meeting in my absence.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Metts, Secretary

Christian Men's Fellowship

The CMF began the New Year in support of the FCC goal, "More in 2024". We are sincerely looking at ways to increase the participation of our younger church men in CMF activities. On Monday evening, January 1st, several men of the church gathered in the fellowship hall for our regular monthly gathering. In the absence of President Tom Barbee, due to sickness, Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Jones led the meeting. Initial plans were made for our upcoming SOUP AND SANDWICH fundraiser on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH. If you can assist in any way with this endeavor, your help would be greatly appreciated!

As a potential way to increase attendance at the monthly BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST gatherings on the third Saturday of each month, the men agreed to change the time to meet at Angie's Restaurant in Jacksonville from 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m., starting with FEBRUARY 17TH. So, mark your calendars now, with the new later time, and make plans to attend, when we celebrate the birthdays of Ted Stamey (1st), Billy Jones (4th), and Matt Patterson (21st), and possibly others.

During our January meeting, Dennis Jones provided a devotion on Philippians 3:12-14, titled "Don't Look Back! Press On!" by Tom Donnelly. Since it was New Year's Day, Dennis shared the historical fact of how the month of January was determined. The month received its name from Janus, the Roman god of beginnings and endings, who had two faces: one looking back and other looking forward. While it is important to remember aspects of our historical past, Paul reminds us not to dwell on our past sins, which, if we confess them to God, they will be forgiven and forgotten. Don't hang on to and be burdened by your past sinful life, but as Christians, forget what is behind and strain toward what is ahead. As Paul stated, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

On Saturday, January 20th, twelve of our men gathered at Angie's Restaurant to celebrate the birthdays of several of our church men: Joe Stroud (4th), Lynn Maxwell (5th), Donald Morton (6th), Hal Metts (9th), Stanley Bryan (15th), Bob James (25th), John Anderson (29th), and Steve Marshburn (31st). Don't forget our February Birthday Breakfast gathering on February 17th at 7:45 a.m.!!

Our regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 5th at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Tom Barbee will provide a devotion. So, make plans to attend!

2024 Samaritan ShoeBox Ministry

In 2024 we will be collecting items all year long. Because we try to pack at least 400 shoeboxes each year it is necessary to collect items all year long. The best time to purchase some items, such as holiday related items is after the holiday when the stores are putting these items on clearance.

Here is a list of the items we normally put in all shoeboxes. I will have a few designated items for you to purchase and bring in each month. Should you see any of these items on sale anytime during the year, that would be a good time to pick them up. I will have a red & green plastic container marked "Samaritan Shoebox" in the vestibule for the collection of these items.

Youth T-Shirts (4T sizes to Youth Large)	1 Subject Spiral Notebook
Youth Flip Flops (no adult sizes on shirts or flip flops)	Small Lined Notebooks
Travel Size Tissues	Pencils
Dental Floss	Pens
Hairbows	Pencil Sharpener
Ponytail Holders	Colored Pencils
Hairbands	Crayons
Draw String Backpacks	Small Games
Small Puzzles	Stuffed Animals (approximately 5" to 7")
Pencil Pouches	Small Toys
Pencil Pouches	Small Balls
Sheets of Stickers	Jacks, Paddle Ball, YoYos, etc.

Here is a list of items we use to make items for the shoeboxes

Colored Plastic Spoons	Beads (for making necklaces)
Zip Lock Storage Bags (All Sizes)	Plastic Craft Lace (for making necklaces)
Plastic Soda Bottle Caps (water bottle caps too small)	New or Used CD's
3/8" Colored Duct Tape	Foam Cut Outs (use as game pieces for Tic-Tac-Toe)
Foam sheets to make Tic-Tac-Toe Boards	
Felt (all colors)	

In February we will be collecting Christmas cards (new or recycled). The past several years we have used the picture portion of the recycled Christmas cards in the shoeboxes. Volunteers will write scripture and a personal note from FCC on the back side of the picture portion of the recycled Christmas cards. Please do not discard your Christmas cards. Please be sure to remove the personal message portion of the card before dropping them off at the church. If you can, you could write the personal message and scripture on the backside before dropping them off.

The items we will be collecting in February:

New or recycled Christmas Cards

Sheets of Stickers (Christmas & Valentine stickers will be on sale)

Small Stuffed Animals (Christmas & Valentine ones will be on sale at this time)

Any shoebox size games, cards, toys, etc. that may be on sale after the holiday seasons.

Please remember we cannot pack used or damaged items, war-related items (toy guns, knives or military figures), chocolate or food, candy, liquids or lotions, medications, vitamins, breakable items (glass, aerosol cans, etc.).

Also, remember after each holiday (Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, etc.) the stores will have the holiday items on sale. This is always a good time to pick up stuffed animals, stickers, etc. with these holiday themes.

The second Tuesday of every month until November, we meet in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 to 7:00 to prepare items to put into the shoeboxes. All are welcome to join us as we work towards our 400 shoebox goal.

Thank you for your love and support with this ministry.

Brenda Huffman



STARS Ministry

Seniors That Are Really Special

55 Years Old & Wiser

First Christian Church Richlands

“Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.” Isaiah 46:4

Our STARS Ministry is alive and active. We now have a bulletin board in the Christian Education complex. Take a few minutes and check it out. Stay tuned for upcoming activities and events that are being discussed for 2024.

A lunch was held Sunday, January 14th and a delicious meal of comfort foods and desserts were enjoyed by everyone in attendance. We missed those who weren't there. Make plans to attend our breakfast which is scheduled for Saturday, February 10th at 8:00a.m.

Birthday wishes are extended to our Stars that have a birthday in February. We hope you have a great one.

Special Night of Worship

Gospel Music Showcase 2024

Saturday February 3rd 6:00pm

First Christian Church
124 Trott Road
Richlands, NC

Tommy Snowdon
Free Admission

His Redeemed
Doors Open at 5pm

King's Grace
More Info: 910-358-0952

Steps To Glory

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
ATSC - Daniel Thomas, Founder
Feeding and saving children

Seniors That Are Really Special

S.T.A.R.S.
(55 and Older)

breakfast

FEB. 10 AT 8:00 AM

MOVIE DAY

February 11

@ 2:30pm

Fellowship Hall



Soup and Sandwich

February 18th following 11:00 service
CMF fundraiser
\$8.00 per person, \$4.00 Children under 12yrs., \$20.00 per household family



FEBRUARY 18TH
4:30-6:00 PM
CHILDREN UP TO
5TH GRADE



1 Ted Stamey
3 Debbie Rogers, Jose Cabrera
4 Billy Jones,
6 Doug Nikkel
11 Isabelle Navarro
13 Gwen Morton
16 Linda Whaley, Mary Murphy
17 Sarah Rhodes
23 Suzanne Braman

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Feb. 6th Cabinet Meeting for all Committee

Chairs 7:00 PM

Feb. 10th STARS Breakfast 8:00 AM (55 and older)

Feb. 11th Movie Day 2:30 Movie & Refreshments open for all

Feb. 12th Elders Meeting 6:00PM

Feb 12th Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Feb 13th Christian Women's Fellowship Mtg 7:00

Feb 17th Men's Breakfast Time Changed to 7:45 AM at Angie's in Jacksonville

Feb. 18th Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser for scholarship

Feb. 18th Kids Night 4:30-6:00 PM up to 5th Grade

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

Adult SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 in the Fellowship Hall

Throughout The Week

BIBLE STUDY

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

YOUTH Feb. 7 6:30-8:00 PM 6th -12 Grade
Future date and times: TBA

Choir practice on 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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