



WELCOME TO OUR

Chalice News



Pastor Mark Reid

Pastor's Moment

The Bible says that the Word is alive and active. It is at our disposal each and every day. Just a little thought for this month below. Be encouraged.

The New Testament consist of 27 books and out of those; two thirds of them are written by the Apostle Paul. The thing is, they are not just books. They are letters written by Paul to the churches that were established by him during his three missionary journeys. We are journeying thru these letters in Bible study every week. They are words of encouragement and words of challenge for these churches to keep the faith and grow in knowledge of the Lord. Paul cared deeply about the body of Christ and even while chained in prison, he took the time to tell them. I like to be encouraged. I bet you do too. There is nothing better than someone writing you a note or calling you on the phone and showing they care. I am sure we all, at times, just wish someone would take the time to lift us up. The truth is, there is no better letter that can be written to us than the Word of God. The same words that were written from Paul's pen were inspired by the Holy Spirit and written to you. God knows what words of life you need to hear today. His Word has the power to speak hope, joy, peace, strength, and life. If someone were to send you a letter today, would you open it or sit in on the counter and forget about it? If you need a letter of encouragement today, open your Bible and see what the Lord has to say about you and to you. I bet we will find that just what we need to hear has already been written. It's just waiting for us to open it and read.

2024 Samaritan ShoeBox Ministry

Here is a list of the items we normally put in all shoeboxes. Any items purchased can be dropped off in the red plastic container marked "Samaritan Shoebox" in the vestibule.

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)	

The items we will be collecting in March:

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. Below is a statement from a shoebox recipient.

Izabella McMillon

Speakers Bureau Manager, Operation Christmas Child

Emphasis: Firsthand account of the influence of a shoebox gift

"A simple shoebox gift made a profound impact in my own life as a 13-year-old girl growing up in communist Romania. The brand new items in my shoebox were like a splash of color in my black and white world—and a direct answer to a specific prayer. This experience showed me God saw me and heard my prayers. A gift given with no strings attached can make a tangible and eternal impact—even opening the door of a child's heart to accept the love of God in a personal way."

Thank you for your love and support with this ministry.

Brenda Huffman

CHRISTIAN WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

(CWF)

We met on Feb. 13th with 13 in attendance. Prayer praises and concerns were shared. The devotion, "Make a Choice," was given by Rosolyn. It was about wisdom and/or folly. To make wise choices, we need to walk with God. He will guide us. Our scriptures came from Prov. 9: 1-6 and 13-18. The opening prayer was given.

Kristy shared 3 thank-you cards from ones we had helped previously. We also signed several all-occasion cards to be used as needed. Thanks to the ladies who prepared meals for a church family. CWF shirts can be ordered as requested. Thanks to Brenda H. for providing the movie on Sunday, February 11th.

Our first fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, March 17th, after the 11 o' clock service. It will be ham, string beans, potato salad, apple rings, rolls, desserts and tea. The cost per adult is \$9. Children, age 10 and under, the price is \$5. You may eat in or take out. We will be preparing the potato salad on Sat., March 16th, in the CLC kitchen.

We are scheduled to feed the residents at the Onslow County Homeless Shelter on Saturday, March 30th around 6 pm. The menu for this will be planned at our March 12th meeting.

Please mark your calendar. We are scheduling a dance (Spring Fling) on Friday Night, May 17th in the CLC. Brandon Beasley will be the DJ. We will be serving food. We will announce more details in the near future.

We gave a monetary gift to a family with many medical appointments as our service project. RCOM is in dire need of spaghetti sauce. It can also use small bottles of mustard, ketchup, small cans of chicken, Ramen noodles, pancake mix, and pancake syrup. CHEW can use pop tarts, instant oatmeal and instant grits.

Thanks to all of our congregation who help with any of these items for RCOM and CHEW.

Our treasurer's report was given. Also, a report was given on our Christmas Box.

Ann P. provided delicious refreshments. Next month our meeting is March 12th and Shirley is our hostess. We welcome any and all ladies to join us.

We closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Metts, Secretary

Christian Men's Fellowship

The CMF met on Monday, February 5th in the fellowship hall for our regular monthly gathering. Tom Barbee presented a devotion titled "Open the Eyes of My Heart," based on Ephesians 1:12-23. In 2001 a premature baby named Christopher Duffley was born to an unwed mother; the child was blind and on the autism spectrum. Doctors were surprised that he survived infancy, but he was adopted from foster care by the mother's aunt. At the age of four the child's teacher realized he had the gift of perfect musical pitch. At the age of six Christopher performed on the church stage the song, "Open the Eyes of My Heart." A video of his performance reached millions online. In 2020, Christopher shared his goals of serving as a disability advocate. He continues to prove that possibilities are limitless when the eyes of his heart are open to God's plan for him. As we ask God to reveal Himself to us, we can know Him more and can declare His name powerfully to others. We were reminded to ask ourselves, "How has God helped me to overcome obstacles or limitations within my life, as well as, others?" We should pray that God will open the eyes of our heart to better understand his mission for each of us!

The men's group made final plans for our last Soup and Sandwich fundraiser for this school year. On Sunday, February 18th, many individuals of the church gathered to enjoy the eleven varieties of soup, as well as, sandwiches and of course furnished desserts. "Thanks!" to all who helped to make the occasion a success!!

On Saturday, February 17th, thirteen men of the church gathered at 7:45 a.m. at Angie's Restaurant in Jacksonville, to enjoy Christian fellowship, as well as, to acknowledge the birthdays of our church's men, and also to enjoy an excellent breakfast. Our February birthday men are: Ted Stamey, Billy Jones, Jose Cabrera, Jeremy Holley and Matt Patterson. Men, we will gather once again on Saturday, March 16th, at 7:45 a.m. Remember that we changed the time from 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. in hopes that more of our men would be able to attend the gathering.

Our next regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be on MONDAY, MARCH 4TH AT 7 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Steve Rogers will have a devotional program. We really need more younger men of the church to participate in the CMF activities. So, Men of God, ask how you can become more involved in the men's program of the church! God needs you!!

Dennis E. Jones, CMF Reporter



STARS Ministry

Seniors That Are Really Special

55 Years Old & Wiser

First Christian Church Richlands

“The youth can walk faster but the elder knows the road.” – African Proverb

“Age is not how old you are, but how many years of fun you’ve had.” – Matt Maldre

A breakfast was held Saturday morning, February 10th. A delicious meal of eggs, grits, bacon, sausage, casserole, fruit salad, biscuits, desserts and beverages were enjoyed by everyone in attendance. As always, we missed those who didn’t attend.

A “Sloppy Sunday” lunch is scheduled for March 10th following the 11:00 worship service. Make plans to join your fellow “STARS” for a time of fellowship and a delicious “sloppy” meal.

Birthday wishes are extended to everyone who have a March birthday. We hope you have a blessed one.

Daylight saving time begins soon. Time changes on March 10th at 2:00AM so do not forget to move your clocks forward.

“Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding?” Job 12:12 NIV



March 9
5-7 PM
For All ages
Finger Food
and
Refreshments

CWF Ham Lunch

March 17
following 11:00 service



HAM, STRING BEANS,
POTATO SALAD, APPLE
RINGS, ROLLS, DESSERTS
AND TEA

Cost per adult is \$9,
children 10 and under \$5
Dine-In or Take Out

Fundraiser

MEN'S BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST

March 16th at 7:45 AM
At Angie's in Jacksonville
All Men And Son's Are Invited.
If it is your Birthday month you eat free

First Christian Church

Good ol' Gospel Music

Presents

Fifth Friday Concerts

Bring A Friend!!

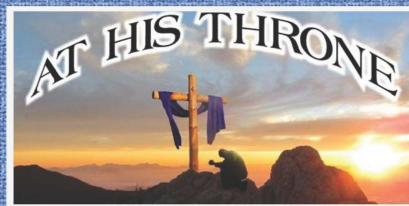
Kemp & Haydon
Howard

At His Throne

Frances Murphy
& Tiffany Peck



Jesse Houston Mike Bonneville



March 29th at 7:00pm

Free Admission

First Christian Church
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Love Offering





1 Felicity Markl
5 Jane Anderson
6 Brenda Whitaker
10 Ann Nelson
13 Dennis Jones
17 Irene Futrell
18 Jason Eller
20 Suzie Bennetch, Shannon Jones
23 Judy Maxwell
25 Bill Wilson
26 Vickie Whaley
28 Grayson Loeb
30 Braelyn Loeb

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March 4th Christian Men's Fellowship Meeting 7:00 PM. Guest speaker Chaplin LCRD Mike Beasley, MCAS New River Base Chaplin.

March 9th Music Bingo for All ages. 5-7PM Finger foods and refreshments

March 10th STARS (55 and older) "Sloppy Sunday" Lunch 12:15

March 11th 6:00 Elders Meeting and 7: 00 Board Meeting

March 12th Women's Fellowship Meeting 7:00 PM

March 16th Men's Birthday Breakfast Angie's Jacksonville 7:45 AM

March 16th Children's Easter Celebration sign-up sheet and information in the Vestibule.

March 17th Ham Lunch following 11:00 service CWF Fundraiser

March 23 Church Work Day time TBA

March 28 Maundy Service 7:00 PM

March 29th 24 Hr Prayer Vigil

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

No Adult Bible Study Thursday, March 27th

YOUTH Wednesday's At 6:30-8:00
6th -12 Grade

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

Praise Team Practice on Thursdays

Easter Service 11:00 (1 service this day) No Sunday School or Kid's Church

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