



WELCOME TO OUR
Chalice News

A Message from the Pastor



Pastor Mark Reid

There is an old saying that says April showers bring May flowers. When we think of spring showers, we think of a nourishing rain that brings forth life and new creation to all that has been dormant during winter. That nourishing rain brings forth new buds on our trees and flowers. It brings back the most vibrant colors of green on our grass. As the water rushes from the sky, and the sun warms things up; we can watch a sleepy, dreary winter season turn into a vibrant, colorful spring. The sky is brighter, the clouds are whiter, and the birds and creatures all seem busy and happy with the new season approaching. There is much work to do in spring for all of God's creation. We get back out in our yards to clean out all the old leaves from last fall. We plant new flowers and tend to the new buds from flowers planted, many times, years ago. Our yards become a new sanctuary where we will spend many hours talking with God, making memories with our families, and remembering days passed with family that may no longer be here. Spring brings many fun and exciting changes and opens the door to the long, hot days of summer.

Like the earth, we at First Christian church are going through changes of our own this spring. We have the nourishing rain falling because we have new life all around us. There are new families joining us, and the vibrancy and life is returning to the building. Exciting things are happening in our church. Like in nature there is still much work to be done. We can look outside and see the birds building nests. The bees are busy collecting pollen and nectar to carry back to their hives. All the plants and animals have a job, a job they were created for. We also have a job. A divine purpose that we have been put here to accomplish. To meet the task, I believe God has already been preparing us. Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." I pray we would just be willing to be used by God this spring and summer to do all that God has for us.

Pastor Mark

CMF

Christian Men's Fellowship

The CMF met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 4th with eleven men present. After some future preparations for the Children's Easter Party and Mother's Day were discussed, the group heard a very inspirational message from Mike Beasley, the Navy Chaplain for New River Air Station. His message was based on an unusual, yet most inspirational, scripture taken from Colossians 4:7-18, in which the Apostle Paul shared his thanks for the many men who had supported his Christian ministry. The Chaplain noted that Christian ministers of today are drastically leaving their positions, mostly because of a lack of support and encouragement by fellow laymen within their congregation. He urgently requested that each man think of various ways that he can support his minister, physically, mentally and spiritually. God needs each of us to be stronger in our support of our Christian leaders in the challenging world in which we now live!

On Saturday, March 16th, nine men gathered at Angie's Restaurant in Jacksonville to enjoy Christian fellowship over a breakfast meal and to celebrate the March birthdays of Dennis Jones and Bill Wilson. Remember, we now gather on the third Saturday of each month at 7:45 a.m. to celebrate birthdays and to enjoy Christian men fellowship while eating a good breakfast. Our next gathering will be on Saturday, April 20th at 7:45 a.m. Edward Williams promises to have a good program for us.

All men of the church are needed to make our CMF more successful. So, please plan to join us on Monday evening, April 1st, at 7 p.m. [No APRIL FOOLING!]

Dennis E. Jones, CMF
Reporter

CWF Christian Womens Fellowship



Meeting

May 14 at 7:00 PM

All Women are invited to attend.

Devotion, Snack,
Fellowship, and Business

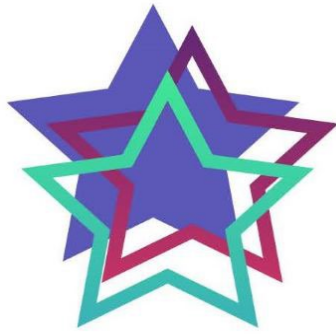
At our April 9th meeting, 13 ladies were present. Prayer praises and concerns were given. Rosolyn gave the devotion, "God is Good." The scripture came from John 15:10. There is joy in Jesus. We need to keep our faith in God. The devotion was followed by our opening prayer.

We signed several all-occasion cards to have on hand to use as needed. We planned the upcoming dance for May 17th. We will serve hot dogs, chips, rolls, canned sodas, bottled water, and finger desserts. Our DJ will be Brandon Beasley. It will be from 6:30 until. The cost is \$10 per person. The dance is for ages 13 and up. Teenagers must be accompanied by an adult. The dance theme is "Dance the Night Away." We have tickets to sell. See any CWF member for tickets.

We gave a monetary gift for this month's service project. It was for a child who is in the hospital awaiting a transplant. For our local ministry, CHEW needs Pop Tarts, Instant Oatmeal, and Instant Grits. RCOM is in need of grape jelly, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix and pancake syrup. The Heritage, Richlands local rest home, can use shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Polident and regular-size boxes of Kleenex. Thanks to all who have contributed to any of these in the past and also who continue to contribute.

The treasury report was given. Also, a report was given on the Christmas Box. Thanks to Gayle Hall for delicious refreshments. She also closed our meeting with prayer. Kay Heath is the hostess for our May 14th meeting. The invitation To join us is always open, Ladies.

Respectfully
Submitted,
Mary Ann Metts, Secretary



STARS Ministry

Seniors That Are Really Special

55 Years Old & Wiser

First Christian Church Richlands

“Even to your old age, I am He, and even to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you.” – Isaiah 46:4

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

A “Fun Time with our Stars” was held on Saturday, April 20th. Those in attendance enjoyed a time of fellowship and a delicious meal of chicken salad, cold cuts, chips, ice cream, dessert and beverages. We were small in number, however; that did not keep us from having a fun time of playing games. We missed those who didn’t join us.

Mark your calendar for our next activity. A picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd after the 11:00 worship service. We hope you will make plans to join your fellow “Stars” for a time of good food and fellowship.

“How old would you be if you didn’t know how old you are?” – Satchel Paige

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

“There’s only one thing more precious than our time, and that’s who we spend it on.” –

Leo Christopher

OUTREACH

The first quarter of 2024 has been busy for the outreach. We assisted 6 families. 3 with monetary needs. Thank you for supporting this committee.



*Register QR Code or
website under VBS*



VBS 2024

Breaker Rock Beach Registration

Dates:

Saturday, June 22 9:00-11:00 AM

Opening Day

*Please come out and meet your teacher. We will be making a craft
and having some snacks.*

June 23-27 VBS begins (this includes dinner each night).

June 28 Closing Night dinner, program, and water games.

Times:

Dinner 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall

VBS 6:05 pm Sanctuary

Location: First Christian Church of Richlands

124 Trott Rd.

Please pick up your child/children between 8:15-8:30 PM

www.fccrichlands.org

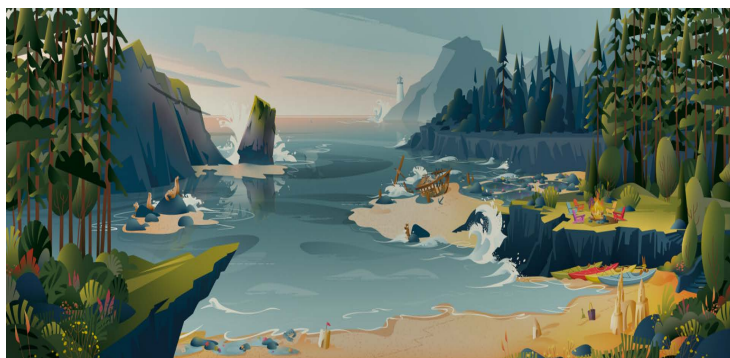
ADULT VBS

June 23-27

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Dinner: 5:30-6:00

VBS 6:05-8:15



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Under VBS look for adult***



EVENTS

First Christian Church

Presents

Outside Concerts

Free Admission

Potters Clay



Tarlanding Quartet



Steps To Glory



May 4th 6:00 P.M.

First Christian Church

124 Trott Road Richlands, N.C.

Refreshments By:



"Dance The Night Away"

May 17, 2024

\$10.00 ea.

DJ , Hotdog, chips, drink, and dessert

Tickets on Sale



Men's Birthday Breakfast

May 18 at 7:45

Angie's Jacksonville

If it is your Birthday Month
you eat free.



STARS LUNCH

May 19
Following 11:00
Service

First Christian Church

Presents

Fifth Friday Concerts

Good Ol' Gospel Music

Free Admission

The Silence Family



May 31st - 7:00 PM
Doors Open 6:30 PM
First Christian Church
124 Trott Road Richlands



Bring A Friend!

Billy & The Kids



Love Offering
Will Be Received

For More Info: Billy Jones 910-389-7497



May Birthday's

*2 Joe Futrell
4 Aaliyah Duganne
7 Shelia Nikkel
12 Donald Markl
18 Ann Navarro
19 Terry Jarman
20 Kelsey Metts
23 Laura Markl*

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

Every Wednesday Night 6:30-8:00 PM

Choir

Practice on Wednesday's at 6:30 pm.

Praise Team Practice on Thursdays

MEETINGS

May 6 Christian Men's Fellowship 7:00 PM

May 7 Cabinet 7:00 PM

May 13 Elder's 6:00 PM

Board 7:00 PM

May 14 Samaritan Shoebox 5:30 PM

Christian Womens' Fellowship 7:00 PM

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