



WELCOME TO OUR Chalice News



Pastor Mark Reid

So, what is summer all about? One of the things summer is about is relaxation and rejuvenation. For most of us, we look forward to some kind of change in our “regular” schedule. We might also call it vacation. This is the time of year to look at doing more things outside. It’s time to plan our summer schedules, including trips away from home. The enjoyment of getting away can be in both the planning, traveling, and experiences we have. It is a time for us to get away from our usual surroundings so that we can encounter something different.

Well, I want all of us to consider taking our spirits on vacation too. That doesn’t mean I’m suggesting that you take a vacation from our worshiping communities. On the contrary, being with our family of faith during the summer may provide the stability that we need when the rest of our schedule can be very fluid. But, maybe we have kind of been in the same spiritual place for years. Maybe we haven’t been challenged to stretch our spirituality, or we just haven’t taken the opportunity to do so.

I would invite everyone to take some time this summer to talk with God. Take some time to increase the amount of time you spend in conversation with the Creator. In other words, spend more time in prayer! We all need to know that there is NOTHING in our lives that we cannot take to God. God understands, cares, accepts, and loves all of us! No matter how difficult, hurtful, or ugly something is; we can always take it to the Creator.

Enjoy your summer with family, but let’s enjoy extra time with God.

Pastor Mark

CMF

Christian Men's Fellowship

The CMF was very active during the month of June. We began the month with our regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 2nd. Following discussion on our brief business issues, Bob James gave another inspiring devotion, "The Christian Memorial Day," which not only reminded us of the significance of our annual American Memorial Day's purpose, but expanded the significance of remembering Jesus Christ each day of a Christian's life. Many present-day individuals have lost the meaning, not only of America's Memorial Day, but also the great significance of why Jesus Christ died on the cross for every human being. Bob shared 17 Bible verses for Memorial Day Christians, reminding us that all Christians celebrate "Memorial Day," when we gather around the Communion table to remember the infinite grace of Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and gave us the opportunity for eternal life.

The CMF gave two scholarships to graduating seniors this year. The John Byrd Memorial Scholarship went to Riley Davis, granddaughter of Janet Bryan. The David Whaley Memorial Scholarship went to Aaliyah Duganne, the foster child of Ben and Beverly Black. Both of the girls will be extending their education at their respective universities this fall.

On Friday, June 14th, fifteen individuals accepted the CMF's invitation to attend the Kinston Wood Ducks baseball game. A fun evening was highlighted by the team's come-from-behind action in the bottom of the ninth ending for a victory against the Charleston team.

On Saturday, June 15th, thirteen men gathered for the monthly Birthday Breakfast

at Angie's Restaurant in Jacksonville. The men of the church celebrating June birthdays were Robert McGowan, Jeff Britt, Alan Mills and Vic Carter.

As part of the church's annual Vacation Bible School, the CMF agreed to prepare the evening meal on Thursday, June 27th. Hamburgers and watermelon were enjoyed by all participants. Many thanks to Roy Metts for providing his large cooker!

The hot summer month of July promises a continuation of CMF activities. We will begin the month with our regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 1st. All men of the church are encouraged to bring your sons, and other male friends, to the 6 p.m. CMF Picnic. We will gather under the picnic shelter, where we will enjoy the hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks, as well as, some cool ice cream. Dennis Jones will provide a brief devotion, highlighting the Christian's Independence Day. Fellowship and games will be provided for all attendees to enjoy!

Once again, the CMF invites all men to attend the July Birthday Breakfast on Saturday, July 20th at 7:45 a.m. at Angie's in Jacksonville. July is a very big month for FCC birthday men. Free meals will be provided for our Birthday Boys: John Tripp, Mark Luncford, Jed Heintzelman, Ken Brown, Allen Barbee, Taylor Bostic, Richard Quirk and Charles Whitaker. So, plan now to come and join the fun and fellowship as Men of God!

Dennis E. Jones, CMF Reporter

EVENTS



MOVIE DAY
July 14th
2:30 PM

All are welcome
Sponsored by CWF



Men's Birthday
Breakfast
July 20th at 7:45am
Angie's Jacksonville
If it is your Birthday Month
you eat free.



STARS
LUNCH
July 29th
Following
11:00 Service



July Birthday's

2 John Tripp, Maddie Reid
7 Mark Lunceford, Libby Mobley
9 Cathy Cabrera
14 Valerie Padgett, Jackie Wilkins,
Samantha Loeb
15 Angela Bostic
16 Ken Brown
18 Allen Barbee
20 Reba Farrior, Thomas Nelson
21 Taylor Bostic, Ann Ridge
23 Chris Navarro
24 Violet Taylor, Rachel Howard
27 Richard Quirk, Christian
Navarro
28 Carolyn McGowan
29 Charles Whitaker

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

MEETINGS

July 1 CMF Picnic 6PM

July 8 Elder Meeting 6 PM

Board Meeting 7PM

July 9 CWF Meeting 7PM

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