



WELCOME TO OUR
Chalice News



Pastor Mark Reid

The Grace of God

I love that through the example of David we see how he understood God's Grace. Psalm 32 and 51 are wonderful examples of David repenting of his sins and turning his heart back to God. David never expected Grace and understood responsibility for sin. May we learn that a man after the heart of God doesn't expect grace but rather is thankful and in awe of that Grace.

"There's always one sense in which grace must be amazing to me, not amazing in the sense that God is never gracious, but that he is not always gracious and I cannot presume upon it. We magnify God, we bless God and extol Him for the incredible measure of grace that he has given to us. Who of us could ever measure the amount of grace that we have received? It has been so abundant and bountiful. But somehow for us as fallen creatures, we're never satisfied with the grace of God. We can always conceive of ways and places and circumstances where he could have been more gracious and given us a little more. Let's not make that mistake. David didn't and recognized the graciousness of grace.

Pastor Mark

CMF

Christian Men's Fellowship

The CMF began its July activities with a special picnic at its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 1st. Seventeen, including three fathers with their sons, gathered at the picnic shelter for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. Hamburgers, watermelon and ice cream were enjoyed by all, as well as, the opportunity to play some outdoor games. Dennis Jones presented a short Christian devotion centered on our 248th Independence Day celebration. Thanks to all men, young and old who participated!

Our regular monthly meeting for August will be held on Monday, August 5th at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All men are invited to attend, and bring a friend, as we gather in Christian fellowship. Tom Barbee will provide our devotion. Some plans will be shared for upcoming Fall activities.

On Saturday, July 20th, ten men gathered for our monthly Birthday Breakfast. Due to Angie's being closed that day, we gathered at Baker's Restaurant instead. Three of our July birthday "boys" were in attendance, including Mark Lunceford, Ken Brown and Charles Whitaker. Further birthday greetings were extended to John Tripp, Allen Barbee, Taylor Bostic and Richard Quirk. Our August Birthday Breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 17th, 7:45 a.m., hopefully at Angie's, with Baker's being our alternate site

As the CMF approaches the closing of summer and the coming of a new school year for kids, we really need all of our Christian men to help with various upcoming activities. Remember that God calls each of us be his servants, sharing the variety of talents that have been given to us by the grace of God. So, we hope to see you in August!

Dennis

E. Jones, CMF Reporter



August 17, at 7:45 AM
Men's Birthday Breakfast
Angie's Restaurant Jacksonville

All men are invited. If it is your
Birthday month you eat free.

Christian Women's Fellowship

Several ladies met on July 11th at 7 pm for our monthly meeting. After prayer praises and concerns were shared, Rosolyn gave our devotion, 'Vessel for Love.' We need to let go of anything that keeps us from loving one another. Our scriptures came from Romans 12:9 and I John 4:7.

After the devotion, we had the opening prayer. We also signed several all-occasion cards to be used as needed. The movie, 'Blind' was shown on Sunday, July 14th at 2:30 PM. Refreshments were popcorn, candy, sodas and bottled water.

There is a "Paint Party" scheduled for Friday, August 9th, at 6:30 pm. Jennifer Huffman will be our teacher. All supplies are furnished. The cost is \$30 per person. CWF is supplementing \$10 per person for all attendants. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin boards – the one in the fellowship hall and the one in the church foyer.

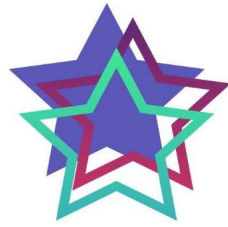
For our local outreach ministry, RCOM is in need of grape jelly, small bottles of mustard and ketchup, small cans of chicken, Vienna Sausage, pancake mix, pancake syrup and spaghetti sauce. As always, all donations are greatly appreciated.

The treasurer's report was given. Since there was no meeting in June, money was deposited from our May dance fundraiser. We gave monetary gifts to our 2 high school graduates, we furnished sandwiches, chips, and cookies for VBS and we bought chicken for the residents at the Onslow County Homeless Shelter. The Christmas Box report was given also.

For general information, Brenda H. reported that Samaritan Shoebox can use youth flip-flips in small, medium and large.

Thanks to Melissa M. for providing delicious refreshments for our meeting. The hostess for our August 13th meeting is Melissa K. ALL ladies are invited to join us for our time of planning events and ministries to glorify Jesus. We closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Ann Metts, Secretary



STARS Ministry

Seniors That Are Really Special

55 Years Old & Wiser

First Christian Church Richlands

"Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding?" – Job 12:12

"Happy Birthday to you"....We extend birthday wishes to those that have August birthdays. We hope you have a blessed one.

We had a STARS lunch Sunday, July 28th. Those in attendance enjoyed a time of fellowship and a delicious meal of spaghetti, salad, fruit, dessert and beverages. Those not in attendance were missed. We encourage everyone 55 years and older to join us for our lunches and other activities. You never know, you might be glad you do.

Mark your calendar for our next activity. "Take me out to the ballgame" is scheduled for August 24th. We are planning to attend a Down East Wood Ducks baseball game at 5:00p.m. Game tickets are \$12.00 each. We will be leaving the church at 2:30 and stopping at Kings Restaurant for a late lunch/early supper. If you do not want to attend the ballgame you are welcome to join us at Kings Restaurant. There will be a signup sheet posted on the STARS bulletin board for anyone that plans to attend. This is needed so we can give the restaurant a head count and preorder the game tickets. See Terry Jarman if you have any questions.

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." -- C.S. Lewis

"The glory of the elderly is their insight, their knowledge, and their wisdom." -- Lailah Gifty Akita

Samaritan Shoebox

There are a few items that we are still in need of to be prepared for our Shoebox packing party in November. These items are listed below.

Boys Flip Flops, Youth Sizes-Small, Medium & Large
Girls Flip Flops, Youth Sizes-Small, Medium & Large
Travel size tissues
Writing Pens
Mini Notebooks
Single Subject notebooks
Crayons
Colored Pencils
Small Balls

Thank You for your continued support of this Ministry
Brenda Huffman



Last day to sign up Aug. 4th



Fellowship

**Tasty Meal and Refreshments
DJ**

Wiffle Ball Water slide

Kick Ball Bubbles Corn Hole

**Horse Shoes Hulahoop
Frisbees**

And Much Much More



Christmas Cantata

*Practice will begin at the end of
August*

*We would love to have you join us!
If you have any questions contact
Beth Brown or a Choir member*



Choir Practice will
begin
August 21 at 6:30pm



August Birthdays

2 Wendy Carter
3 Hanna Nelson
18 Shirley Woodard
19 Tammy Gurganus
20 Reed Marshburn
22 Randall Jones
24 Lauren Simpson
29 Edward Williams,
Betty Newbold

SERVICES

Every Sunday 8:30 AM & 11:00AM

Kid's Church 11:00 3yrs-5th Grade

Nursery is Available 11:00 Service

Jesus Cafe 9:30 Coffee & Pastry

Adult Sunday School starts between

9:45 & 10:00

Fellowship Hall

Throughout The Week

YOUTH

Every Wednesday Night 6:30-8:00 PM

BIBLE STUDY

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

MEETINGS

Aug. 5 Christian Men's Fellowship 7:00 PM

Aug. 6 Cabinet Meeting 7:00 PM

Committee Chairs

Aug 12 Elder Meeting 6:00 PM

Aug 12 Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Aug 13 Christian Womens' Fellowship

Meeting 7:00PM



GATHERING 2024 

September 28th - 9:30-11:30 a.m.
@ Unity Christian Church

7022 Neuse Road, Grantsboro, NC 28529 – lunch to follow

Guest Speaker
Drew McClellan
DHF Board President

Register online by September 22nd at dhfnc.com

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OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY-THURSDAY
9:00AM-2:00 PM

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