

# Chalice News



## A thought from the Pastor

Every year at this time we start looking at vision for the next year. What does God hold for us as a congregation? How is God going to work and move in my life, your life, and the life of the church? The simple truth is the journey awaits us. However, the Bible says that without vision the people perish. Vision is what drives us. Vision is what gives us the motivation to pray and move in the direction the Lord is leading us. Vision keeps us grounded and keeps us focused. This year in 2025 we are going to look at this as vision. “Come Alive in 2025”, What that means entirely we are yet to see. But I believe that the Lord is wanting us to come alive. Last year was all about the more. This year is about taking the more and making it come alive in our lives. Ezekiel 37 the prophet Ezekiel was ask if he thought a multitude of bones, he saw all spread in a valley could live. He responded with only you know Lord. Those bones did come to life. With the breath of the Holy Spirit, they had sprung to life and became a vast army. I concur that is what we will see in 2025. As we allow the Holy Spirit to speak to us, we too will come alive in ways we never imagined we could. So, I say come Holy Spirit come. Bring life to our dry bones. May this be a year where we “Come Alive in 2025”.



# Christian Women's Fellowship

## Our CWF year review of 2024

Our CWF has been busy this year. We are thankful to share God's blessings. Every month we met for a wonderful time of Christian fellowship, devotion, and a time to reflect on how we can serve others. We truly enjoy being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

The year has been busy year for the CWF. We have been blessed to help many individuals or families in need with approximately \$ 3900 in love offerings. We have helped financially with various church activities such as VBS, Graduation Sunday, Father's Day, Pastor Appreciation, Thanksgiving give away, CMF/CWF/Sunday school Heritage goodie bags and the Church Christmas Party.

The CWF sponsored a paint party, two Sunday afternoon movies and a lady's night out where the congregation was invited.

The CWF made and delivered fruit baskets to the shut ins. We have served at the homeless shelter every 5th Saturday. We provided a meal and any essentials that the shelter needed. We also contributed fans for the elderly, helped two families in need for Christmas, and we bought 4 tables for the fellowship hall. At each meeting we bought food for the CHEW, Heritage home or the RCOM. Many CWF ladies would meet prior to our monthly meeting and assist Brenda Huffman with the shoebox ministry.

We hosted 4 fundraisers this year--CWF Lasagna & salad lunch, a ham lunch, a dance, and our annual craft bazaar. None of these projects would be possible without our church support. Thanks for all your support. We love you all!

Lastly, I would like to give a shout to my CWF family. Thank you so much for all you do for me and the CWF. Without you all we could not do what we do for others. I love you all and ask God's blessings on you and your families.

Kristy Cottle

## Condolence Committe of 2024

The Condolence Committee of 2024 want to than each one that we called on in 2024 to help us prepare a meal for the families that lost a love one. Some was called on more than one time, some every time but was not refused. We served 8 families in 2024.

Those that helped fill the shoes when the committee ran shor of help, we appreciated your help more than we can say.

This committee was so blessed for the Church and the support of our members.

Shirley Woodard, Chmn.



Condolence Committee  
Kristy Cottle  
Carolyn McGowan  
Doug Maxwell  
Hallie Wright  
Jay Wright  
Bob Woodard

# Christian Men's Fellowship

With the start of a new year, the CMF has already planned for future events. Beyond our regular monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month - Monday, January 6th, 2025 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall - and our monthly Birthday Breakfasts at Angie's Restaurant in Jacksonville on the third Saturday - Saturday, January 18th at 7:45 a.m., the men's group has scheduled two Soup & Sandwich Lunches for Sundays, January 12th and March 16th. So, mark your 2025 calendars now!! All men of the church are strongly encouraged to start the new year by participating in the monthly fellowship gatherings. Christian men are strengthened in their faith by associating with fellow brothers in Christ.

You may ask, "Exactly what does the CMF do, beyond gathering for Christian fellowship?" Hopefully by taking a moment to review the activities of the group for 2024, you will see that we support and promote numerous church activities throughout the year. In 2024, primarily as a result of our two fundraisers with the Soup & Sandwich Meals, funds were acquired to provide two \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors within the church congregational family. Furthermore, love offerings and gifts were provided to various individuals and groups within the church, including our support of Mother's Day gifts, Children's Easter Party, ministerial appreciation gifts, providing a VBS meal, supporting the Thanksgiving Meals project, and providing a speaker for the annual Christmas party. The group also took the opportunity to have some fun by attending a Kinston Wood Ducks baseball game in June and hosting a July 4th hot dog party for fathers and sons, and helped Santa Claus take Christmas bags to the residents of Heritage Rest Home in December. So, men of God, rise up in 2025 and become more active in CMF activities.

Hope to see you on Monday, January 6th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, when Steve Rogers will provide a devotion and plans will be finalized for the Soup & Sandwich Meal on January 12th, following the 11 a.m. worship service.

Dennis E. Jones, CMF Reporter



**Jan. 12 following  
11:00 service  
Soup & Sandwich**

***Men's Birthday Breakfast***  
**Every 3rd Saturday  
of the month.  
7:45 AM at Angie's  
in Jacksonville**  
If it is your Birthday  
month you eat free



**Men's Scholarship fundraiser  
\$8.00 per person  
\$4.00 Children under 12yrs.,  
\$20.00 per household family**

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## Service Times

*Sunday Service*

*8:30 AM Traditional with Choir*

*11:00 AM Contemporary with Praise Team*

*Kid's Church*

*Nursery*

*Jesus Cafe following 8:30 service. Stop by for coffee and a treat. Stay for Adult Sunday School at 10:00 AM.*

## Meetings & Events

Jan. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Youth 5:30-7:00PM

Jan. 6th Christian Men's Fellowship Mtg. 7:00 PM

8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th Choir 6:30PM

Jan. 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Jan. 12th Soup & Sandwich (Men's Scholarship Fundraiser)

Jan. 13th Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Jan. 14th Christian Women's Fellowship Mtg. 7:00 PM

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

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