

Chalice News

A Message from the Pastor
Spring season



How the Physical season can reflect a spiritual season. There are those seasons of Spring when everything seems to be new and blooming! Spiritually, this may be when we first come to know Christ as our Savior!

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

Reading God's Word, fellowshiping with other believers, praying & spending time with God every day is new and fresh! We feel new and fresh...and we are! Jesus has not only come into our lives and changed us; He has exchanged His life for ours!

Seasons come more than once, though, and so during our spiritual life we get to enjoy several Springs along the way as God brings new growth as we dwell in His garden.

Spring is certainly a time of beauty and new growth! However, showers still come in nature as well as life. God uses them to help us grow in Him, and although He does not promise us a trial or rain-free life, He does promise to be with us in the storms!

I pray that spring this year will be a season of spiritual growth for us all. Whether it brings sunny days or stormy days, the Lord is always with us every step of the way.

Pastor Mark

Christian Women's Fellowship

As we came into the meeting, we signed several all-occasion cards for future use and enjoyed delicious refreshments furnished by Brenda H.

We opened with prayer. We shared prayers, praises, and concerns. Rosolyn gave the devotion, "100 Days of Less Hustle." Jesus gives us all the time we need. We need to follow His guidance. A thank-you card was read.

Our first fundraiser was held on Sunday, March 23rd. It was a ham dinner. Thanks to all the ladies in CWF who helped in any way. Also, thanks to all who supported the ham dinner.

We also fed the residents at the Onslow County Homeless Shelter on March 29th. Our menu, consisting of fried chicken, baked beans, mac and cheese, rolls, etc., was enjoyed by all. Also, thanks to the ones who prepared the food for this and served it.

On April 25th, at 6:30 pm, we have scheduled a dance, "Sock Hop." We will serve hot dogs, chips, desserts, sodas, and bottled water. The cost is \$10 per person. Tickets are available. Please see one of the CWF members and Debbie, our Office Manager, has tickets.

For our service project, we gave a love offering to a family that has serious health problems. CWF also purchased a stove for the fellowship hall. It has been installed and is getting good use.

The local outreach ministry, CHEW, needs Pop Tarts. RCOM, also a local ministry we support, needs small bottles of mustard, ketchup, and small cans of meat, such as chicken, Spam, Treat, etc. Thanks to each and everyone who donates to these worthy ministries.

CWF has been asked to help with passing out Sunrise bags. We have 2 volunteers from 8:30 service and 2 from 11:00 service.

The treasury report was given. Also, an update on the Christmas box was shared.

On April 8th, Rosolyn will be our hostess. ALL church Ladies are invited to join us. Our meeting is usually on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Pray about it.

We closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Metts, Secretary

Christian Men's Fellowship

The CMF enjoyed a successful month of March with three events! On Monday, March 3rd, the group met for its regular monthly meeting in the fellowship hall. Dennis Jones provided a program based on the Scripture from Genesis 2: 8-15, in which God gave mankind the responsibility to take care of his Creation. Dennis then shared some local history of how our early Onslow residents, as well as, those throughout the southeastern United States, had destroyed the vast region of long-leaf pine, reducing its colonial coverage by 98% due to the need for naval stores from 1720-1870. It became one of America's most vast environmental disasters, through human need, greed and mismanagement. God still needs all humans to be wiser in the management of his creation.

Final plans were made for the last Soup & Sandwich fundraiser for the school year, which was held on Sunday, March 16th. Many thanks to all who supported this event, whether providing food, buying a meal, making a donation or helping with set up or cleanup for the event. The contributions help to support not only the scholarship fund, but other projects of the men's group.

Revisions to the application for the John Byrd or David Whaley Memorial Scholarships were completed. All recipient high school seniors must be active members of First Christian Church in Richlands and/or actively participate in the FCC youth program, and make plans to continue their formal education within a year after graduating from high school. At this time, the Scholarship Form is available to our only known senior, Andrew Eller, for 2025. The application should be returned to the CMF or the church office before May 1st.

On Saturday, March 15th, eleven men gathered at Angie's restaurant in Jacksonville for our monthly Birthday Breakfast. Our March birthday "boys" were Dennis Jones, Chris Sparks and Bill Wilson. Furthermore, the men welcomed new comer, Brandon Williams, to the fellowship breakfast. Remember, if your birthday falls within the given month, your breakfast is free. All men are welcome to attend our next Birthday Breakfast on SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH, at Angie's at 7:45 a.m.

All men are further strongly encouraged to attend the regular monthly fellowship gathering on MONDAY, APRIL 7TH in the Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. Remember as we seek to grow in our faith in 2025, taking the time to fellowship with other Christian brothers can be beneficial to all. We hope and pray for greater attendance at our men's gatherings!

Men's Birthday Breakfast

Every 3rd Saturday of the month.

7:45 AM at Angie's in
Jacksonville

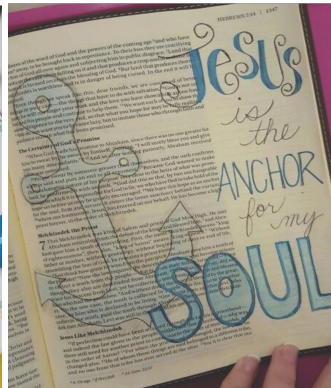
If it is your Birthday month you eat free

Dennis E. Jones, CMF Reporter

EVENTS



A History of Places of Worship in Onslow County. The exhibit represents the changing communities of faith in Onslow County from the colonial to the present. Churches from across the county geographically and include a wide variety of denominations, reflecting the changing cultural traditions with the ever growing county population. The exhibit will be open until early June.



Bible Doodle Group
April 11th
Friday Night
7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
Bring a snack to share

S.T.A.R.S. Lunch
(55 and Older)
April 13
Following 11:00
Service



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
SOCK HOP
APRIL 25
6:30 PM
\$10.00 PER PERSON



INCLUDES

ADMISSION
DJ

MEAL - HOTDOG, CHIPS,
DESSERT, AND DRINK

Holy Week



Palm Sunday/Baptism Service
11:00 AM April 13 1Service
Only



April 17, 6:30 PM
Muandy Thursday Service

Sunrise Service

April 20 6:30 AM
Join us for breakfast
after in the Fellowship Hall
Doughnuts, biscuits, juice, and coffee

Easter Service

11:00 AM

Information Page

Meetings & Events

April 7 Christian Mens' Fellowship 7PM
April 8 Christian Women's Fellowship 7PM
April 11 Bible Doodle 7PM
April 13 Palm Sunday/Baptism Service 11 AM
Children & Youth Easter Party 4:30-6:30
April 14 Board Meeting 7PM
April 17 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30PM
April 18-19 24 Hr. Prayer Vigil
April 20 Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM, No
Sunday School, Easter Service 11:00 AM, No
Youth
April 25 Sock Hop 6:30 PM

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.*



April Birthday's

4 Carter Jones, Sandi Jackson

6 Ann Jones

8 Kay Heath

14 Leah Hall

18 Beverly Black

21 Ben Black

23 Anola Swinson

30 Aiden Reid

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

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
124 TROTT RD RICHARDS,
NC 28574
(910)324-4690

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April 6, 8:30

Serving at the Table

Deaconess/Deacon Robert
McGowan-Communion Server
Donald Morton- Communion Server
Helper
Donna Muller- Communion Set-up
Donna Muller-Communion Server
Edward Williams-Communion Server

Elders

Bob Woodard
Tom Barbee

Production

Billy Jones
Tim Adkins

Check-In

Mara Adkins
Melissa Mogollon

April 6, 11:00

Serving at the Table

Deacon /Deaconess

Brandon Beasley Communion Server
Matt Loeb-Communion Server
Madison Beasley Communion Server
Helper
Samantha Loeb-Communion Set up
Cindy Lunceford-Communion Clean up

Elders

Jesse Nelson
Johnathan Simpson

Production

Cindy Lunceford Soundboard
Tim Adkins Multimedia

Welcome

Debbie Rogers
Lauren Simpson-Children
Mara Adkins
Melissa Mogollon

Nursery

Carol Eller Teacher

Kids Church K-2

Maddie Reid Teacher
Bailey Brown-Asst. Teacher

Kid's Church 3-5

Lauren Simpson-Asst. Teacher
Mekella Reid Teacher

**April 13, 11:00 Palm Sunday/ Baptism
Serving at the Table**

Deaconess /Deacon

Danny Briese Communion Server
Kim Briese Communion Server
Jennifer Sparks- Communion Set-up
Bob James-Communion Server
Rose James-Communion Server
Angela Bostic Communion Clean up

Elders

Billy Jones
Shirley Woodard

Production

Tim Adkins
Billy Jones

Kids Church K-2

Angela Bostic Teacher

Kids Church 3-5grades

Dalice Castro Teacher
Melissa Kepes Assistant Teacher

Nursery

Beverly Black
Vickie Whaley Teacher

Check-In

Mara Adkins-Sunrise Bags
Anne Nelson Sunrise bags
Jesse Nelson Palms
Kristy Cottle Sunrise Bags
Melissa Kepes Children Check in
Tony Pascarelli Palms

**Sunrise Service April 20
6:30 AM**

Terry Jarman Welcome
Hank Barbee-Special Music
Mia Reid-Special Music
Dennis Jones-Reader
Johnny Broughton-Opening Prayer
Mark Reid-Message
Janet Bryan-Music

Production

Tim Adkins
Chris Sparks

Easter Sunday April 20 11:00

Serving at the Table

Andy Kepes Communion Server
Mekella Reid Communion Setup/Clean-Up
Melissa Kepes Communion Server
Tom Barbee Communion Server
Susan Barbee communion Server

Elders

Jay Wright
Steve Rogers

Production

Cindy Lunceford Soundboard
Tim Adkins Multimedia

Welcome

Mara Adkins FCC Check in
Melissa Kepes

Nursery

Vicki Paul
Vickie Whaley

Kids Church K-2

Suzanne Braman Teacher
McKenzie Craft Asst. Teacher
Makayla Loeb's Asst. Teacher

Kid's Church 3-5 Grades

Brandon Williams Asst. Teacher
Terry Jarman Teacher

Nursery

Jennifer Sparks
Shannon Jones Teacher

**April 27, 8:30
Serving at the Table**

Deaconate

Kristy Cottle Communion Server

Ann Pascarelli Communion Server
Leah Hall Communion Server
Tony Pascarelli Communion Server

Elders

Shirley Woodard

Production

Tom Barbee

Welcome

Mary Ann Metts

April 27 11:00

Serving at the Table

Deaconate

Taylor Bostic Communion Server

Randall Jones Communion Server
Anne Nelson Communion Setup/Clean up
Xavier Rodriguez Communion Server

Elders

Angela Bostic
Cindy Lunceford

Production

Tim Adkins Multimedia
Ken Brown Soundboard

Welcome

Ann Pascarelli Children Check In
Debbie Rogers FCC Check-In

Nursery

Carolina Lourt
Christa Bostic

Kids Church K-2

Ann Pascarelli Asst. Teacher
Samantha Loeb's Teacher
Braelyn Loeb's Asst. Teacher

Kids Church 3-5 Grades

Kellie Williams Teacher
Madison Beasley Asst. Teacher