

Chalice News



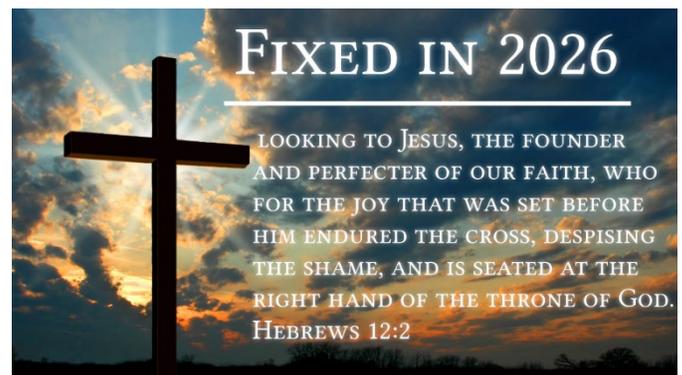
A thought from the Pastor:

John 4:6

“Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon”

This has become my ministry cry verse. Jesus, tired as he was from the journey. Have you ever just been tired? The truth is we all have and will continue to be. Life is busy. Things never seem to stop. And yet, as followers of Jesus in our busy world we are called to spread the good news to a lost and dying world. We are called to the Great Commission in Matthew 28. Jesus gives us a great example of pressing on. Jesus even as tired as he was from the journey ministers to the woman and the well and from that a great many come to trust in Jesus in Samaria. Jesus could have simply let that woman get her water and say I am just too tired to minister today. I need a break. I don’t have time for this right now. My feet hurt. I am exhausted from this long journey. But he didn’t do that. Jesus even while he was tired carried on with the mission. People mattered to Jesus. People should matter to us as well. The truth is ministry is not about the next event and making sure it gets done. Ministry is about people and helping them hear to good news and have an opportunity to know and follow Jesus. Maybe you’re discouraged or tired today even as you read this article. Be encouraged Jesus was too. But know that just as he had the strength to carry on, we too with the help of Jesus will have the strength to carry on as well. You never know what kind of revival will spread in the hearts of people when we take the time to minister to just one person.

Pastor Mark



Christian Men's Fellowship

The CMF had four great events that occurred in March. On Monday, March 2nd, fifteen men gathered in the fellowship hall for our regular monthly meeting. Rev. Philip Nelson Jones, a retired minister from Cary who grew up in Richlands FCC, was our guest speaker. He presented a devotion based on the parables of Jesus, and how He took common every-day circumstances and brought out often unusually spiritual meanings with each parable.

The group made final plans for our last school year Soup & Sandwich fundraiser held on Sunday, March 15th. Many thanks to the providers who generously gave a wide variety of soups, sandwiches and desserts. Funds were raised to strengthen our CMF Scholarship Fund, as well as, to provide funding for other CMF projects.

On Friday, March 20th, over thirty men, with several having their teenage sons, gathered at the church picnic shelter for an inaugural "Fathers, Fire & Faith Evening." Pastor Mark Reid led the group, sharing a personal testimony regarding his acceptance of God's calling him to become a minister. Afterwards, several other men shared their personal testimonies as to how their lives had changed upon accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Refreshments and great Christian fellowship were enjoyed by many young and older men. It is our sincere hope that this event is just the first of a regular monthly gathering for men of all ages to share in Christian fellowship. Many thanks to Pastor Mark for starting this event!

Our fourth event for March was the monthly gathering on Saturday, March 21st at Angie's Restaurant in Jacksonville, for our "Birthday Breakfast." Fourteen hunger men gathered to enjoy a breakfast, while celebrating the March birthdays of Dennis Jones, Bill Wilson and Chris Sparks.

All men of the church are invited to attend our April events. On Monday, April 6th, we will meet in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. for our regular monthly meeting. Tom Barbee will provide our devotion that evening. Plans will be further developed for our upcoming Chili Cookoff and Car Show, scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well as, preparations for Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10th.

On next scheduled "Fathers, Fire & Faith" event is Friday, April 17th, led by Pastor Mark and other men. The following morning, Saturday, April 18th at 7:30 a.m., the men will once again gather at Angie's Restaurant for our April "Birthday Breakfast. If your birthday occurs that month, then your breakfast is free. So, Men of God, rise up and make plans to join us for these three Christian Men's Fellowship events!!

Dennis E. Jones, CMF Reporter

Men's Birthday Breakfast

Every 3rd Saturday of the month.

7:30 AM at Angie's in Jacksonville

If it is your Birthday month for you
eat free

Christian Women's Fellowship

CWF ARTICLE FROM 3-10-26 MEETING FOR APRIL, 2026 NEWSLETTER

It was great to have 14 ladies in attendance at our March 10th meeting. All-occasion cards were signed at the start of the meeting.

Prayer praises and concerns were shared. The devotion, "Surrender to Sleep" was given by Rosolyn. The scripture came from Phil. 4:7. Opening prayer was given.

The ham dinner fundraiser was held on Sunday, March 22nd, after the 11 o' clock service. This was the first fundraiser of the year by CWF. Thanks to all who supported the ham dinner.

We gave monetary gifts to two families who are dealing with serious health issues for our monthly service project. At present, CHEW is in need of Pop Tarts. RCOM can use small cans of Vienna Sausage and Knorr Pastas (no rice). These pastas come in bags. Thanks to all of our congregation who support these two ministries.

Dalice Castro spoke to us about "Hope First." This is an organization that supports unwed mothers, etc. CWF is planning to give a baby shower to support this probably in July. More information will be forthcoming nearer to the date of the shower.

CWF has purchased a 6 ft. table to be used as needed.

Our treasury report was given. We are indeed blessed. We had also given four families love offerings after February's meeting. The Christmas box was also updated.

Thanks to Shirley for delicious refreshments served at our March 10th meeting.

The hostess for our April 14th meeting will be Anne N. LADIES, we invite you to

Join us at our next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

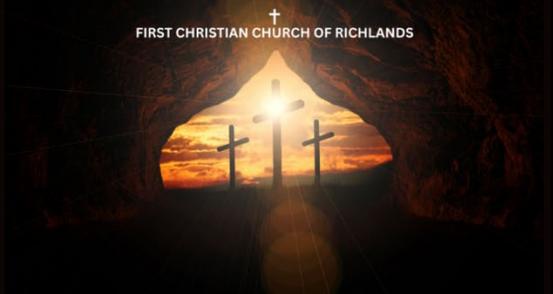
Mary Ann Metts, Secretary

EVENTS



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
EASTER
Sunrise Service
APRIL 5TH @ 6:30 AM
124 TROTT RD. RICHLANDS, NC

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF RICHLANDS



WELCOMES YOU FOR
RESURRECTION
SUNDAY SERVICE
Theme: He is risen from the dead
5TH APRIL 2026
6:30 AM & 11:AM
PASTOR MARK REID
124 TROTT RD. RICHLANDS NC 28574
ffrichlands.org



Christian Women's
Fellowship
Meeting
April 14th @ 7pm



"A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE TO YOU, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER: JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU."
- JOHN 13:34

Love as He loved.
Serve as He served.

Maundy Thursday
FOOT WASHING SERVICE @ 6:30PM

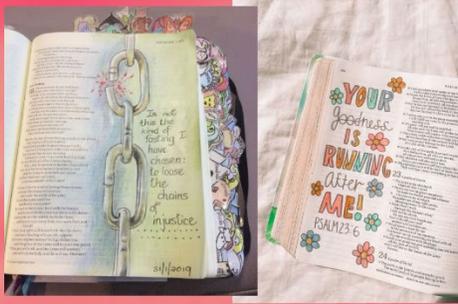


BOARD MEETING
APRIL 13TH AT 7:00 PM
ALL CHURCH OFFICERS, ELDERS, DEACON'S, AND TRUSTEES



Christian
Men's Fellowship
Meeting
April 6th at 7:00 PM

BIBLE DOODLE



APRIL 17TH @
7PM
IN THE
FELLOWSHIP
HALL

BIBLE DOODLE MEETS EVERY 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
CONTACT MEKELLA REID IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

FATHERS, FAITH & FIRES

All Fathers & Men welcome to join in
fellowship around a fire

Friday April 17th @ 7pm @FCC Church Pavilion

MEN'S BREAKFAST

APRIL 18TH @ 7:30AM

ANGIE'S RESTAURANT

S.T.A.R.S

Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

April 19th @ 12:30 pm





Information Page

First Christian Church

8:30 am
Traditional

11 am
Contemporary
with Childrens Church

Service Times

124 Trott rd. Richlands, NC 28574

April events

mark your calendars

- 2nd - Maundy Thursday Foot washing Service @ 6:30pm
- 5th- Resurrection Day Services @ 6:30am & 11am
- 6th- Office Closed
- 6th- CMF Meeting @ 7pm
- 12th- Kids for Christ 4:30-6pm
- 13th- Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 14th- CWF Meeting @ 7pm
- 17th- Bible Doodle @7pm
- 18th- Mens Birthday Breakfast @7:30am
- 19th- S.T.A.R.S lunch 12:30pm
- 24th- CWF Dance @6:30pm
- 25th- Gospel Jubilee
- 26th- Kids for Christ @ 4:30-6

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

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

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Easter
April 5th
11AM

Serving the Table

Deacon/Deaconess

Brandon Williams
George Bruce
Johnny Broughton
Mary Ann Metts
Melissa Mogollon
Terry Jarman

Set up/Clean up:

Kellie Williams

Elders

Jonathan Simpson
Tom Barbee

Production

Media- Ken Brown
Soundboard- Cindy Lunceford

Check in

Welcome Desk- Melissa
Mogollon
Childrens- Braelyn Loeb

April
12th
8:30am

Serving the Table

Deacon/Deaconess

Donna Muller
Doug Maxwell
Edward Williams
Robert McGowan

Set up/Clean up:

Donna Muller

Elders

Billy Jones
Shirley Woodard

Production

Media- Tom Barbee
Soundboard- Billy Jones

Check in

Greeter- Kristy Cottle

April
12th
11 am

Serving the Table

Deacon/Deaconess

Andy Kepes
Melissa Kepes

Set up/Clean up:

Melissa Kepes

Elders

Jonathan Simpson
Sue Miller

Production

Media- Chris Sparks
Soundboard- Cindy Lunceford

Check in

Welcome Desk- Kathy Sarver
Childrens- Fran Bennett

**April
19th
8:30am**

**Serving the Table
Deacon/Deaconess**

Brenda Huffman
Bob Woodard
Donald Morton
Roy Metts

Set up/Clean up:

Brenda Huffman

Elders

Jay Wright
Steve Rogers

Production

Media- Billy Jones
Soundboard- Sue Miller

Check in

Welcome Desk- Mary Ann
Metts

**April
19th
11 am**

**Serving the Table
Deacon/Deaconess**

Brandon Beasley
Matt Loeb

Set up/Clean up:

Samantha Loeb

Elders

Angela Bostic
Jesse Nelson

Production

Media- Ken Brown
Soundboard- Cindy Lunceford

Check in

Welcome Desk- George Bruce
Childrens-Ginny Bruce

**April
26th
8:30am**

**Serving the Table
Deacon/Deaconess**

Bob James
Mike Bennetch
Rose James
Rosolyn Jones

Set up/Clean up:

Rosolyn Jones

Elders

Shirely Woodard
Tom Barbee

Production

Media- Billy Jones
Soundboard- Debbie Rogers

Check in

Welcome Desk- Leah Hall

**April
26thth
11am**

Serving the Table
Deacon/Deaconess

Danny Briese
Kim Briese

Set up/Clean up:

Kim Briese

Junior Deacons

Adien Reid
Maddie Beasley

Production

Media- Reed Samples
Soundboard- Cindy Lunceford

Check in

Welcome Desk- Mstt Loeb
Childrens- Melissa Kepes

April Children's Church

4/5

Resurrection Day

K-2nd & 3rd- 5th Combined
Teach: Mekella Reid
Assist: Sam Loeb

Nursery
Christa Bostic
Susan Stroud

Check in: Braylyn Loeb

Lesson
Resurrection Day

4/12

K-2nd
Teach: Sam Loeb
Assist/check in: Fran Bennet

3rd- 5th
Teach: Jenn Sparks
Assist: Sam Loeb

Nursery
Vickie Whaley
Lenny Silva

Lesson's: Spiritual Life

K-2nd
Sharing your Blessings

3rd- 5th
Heaven is a Free Gift

4/19

K-2nd
Teach: Kellie Williams
Assist/check in: Ginny Bruce

3rd- 5th
Teach: Brandon Williams
Assist: George Bruce

Nursery
Carol Eller
Dalice Castro

Lesson's: Spiritual Life

K-2nd
Let's Go to Church!

3rd- 5th
Am I a Sinner?

4/26

K-2nd
Teach: Mekella Reid
Assist/check in: Melissa Kepes

3rd- 5th
Teach: Terry Jarman
Assist: Matt Loeb

Nursery
Shannon Jones
Carolina Laurent

Lesson's: Spiritual Life

K-2nd
Teach Me About God!

3rd- 5th
The Cost of Sin