



Worship One—Love All

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# CHALICE NEWS

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**Church Office Hours**  
**Monday—Friday**  
**9 a.m.—1 p.m.**

**CMF Meeting**  
Monday, May 6  
6 p.m.

**Elders' Meeting**  
Sunday, May 12  
5 p.m.

**Board Meeting**  
Monday, May 13  
7 p.m.

**CWF Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 14  
7 p.m.

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
Friday, May 10—  
Monday, May 13  
Monday, May 27

## **A Word For the Church**

Pastor Mackster

### **Confidence!**

Our Awesome God gives us confidence. While many of the false, man-made religions inspire fear and terror, the One True God says we may approach this life with confidence. The Apostle Paul gives us the key to how this works:

2 Corinthians 3:4-5 <sup>4</sup> Such confidence we have through Christ before God.  
<sup>5</sup> Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.

That's the key! Once again the Lord has provided what we need. The Holy Spirit living within us gives us the confidence to go forward with surety. Paul also says:

Ephesians 3:12 <sup>12</sup> In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

How good is that? That tells me God *wants* us to be with him, *wants* us to be his people, *wants* to hear from us. What I don't understand is how anyone can resist this deep love of our God for us, and he is the one who makes sure we have access to him. The writer of Hebrews backs this up.

Hebrews 4:16 <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Our God is an Awesome God! Don't shrink back from him! Embrace him! Know how much he cares, know that God makes sure that we of the Household of Faith will have the means to stand before him with confidence that we belong!

"More than anything in the world, I would that you love my Jesus!"

## Christian Women's Fellowship



Mary Ann, Secretary

Our ladies met on April 9 at 7 pm in the church fellowship hall. We shared prayer concerns & praises.

There was no scheduled date on feeding the residents at the Jacksonville Homeless Shelter. Our chicken dinner was a success. Thanks to all who helped in any way.

For new business, we sent 4 cards to cheer and let them know we are thinking about them and praying for them.

We planned our menu for the craft show scheduled May 4, 2019. We will be serving hot dogs, chips, sodas and bottled water in both buildings, the fellowship hall and the Christian Life Center. This year we will be raffling a basketful of crafts from our crafters. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

All ladies are invited to our night out at Logan's in Jacksonville at 6 pm on May 7. The van will be provided. Brenda H. is our designated driver. Please be at the church by 5:15 pm if you would like to ride.

Treasure's report was given by Shirley for our CWF. Brenda Pike reported on our Christmas box.

Next month's local outreach for RCOM is squeeze bottles of mustard, the smaller size. Again, all ladies in the church are asked to contribute.

For our service project, we gave a monetary gift to our retiring custodian, \$100 to Relay for Life and also \$40 to Worship and Wonder.

Our delicious refreshments were provided by Peggy Jarman. Beverly Black closed our meeting with prayer. On May 14h, we will have our regular meeting. Our hostess is Kristy.

All ladies, we would like for you to join us.  
Thanks & God bless!

## Christian Men's Fellowship

Dennis Jones, Reporter

The CMF group continues to be active in church affairs! One very special event for all men of the church is planned for Monday, May 6 at 6 p.m. at the church picnic shelter area. On this evening all men of the church are strongly urged to come out for a time of Christian Men's Fellowship with their Brothers in Christ. In addition to food, the men will enjoy fellowship while playing games of horseshoes, corn-hole and other fun activities for all ages. So plan now to attend, all Men of God!

In other events, the CMF has prepared to recognize all of our Mothers on their special day, May 12. We give thanks for the guidance and leadership that they provide to their families and to God's church.

In recognition of her years of dedication to FCC, the CMF gave a special love offering to Frances Straughn upon her retirement as our custodian. Many Thanks, Frances! Enjoy the coming years of retirement!!

Our next CMF Birthday Breakfast will be at Angie's Restaurant in Jacksonville on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 a.m. We will celebrate the May birthdays of our men, including Terry Jarman, our Worship Committee chairman. Hope to see you there! We had fifteen men to join us in April.

The CMF continues to assist individuals and families with various home repair projects. We recently contributed \$200 to assist a lady with hurricane damage to her roof, which was still in need of repair. Other projects include assisting with the installation of a storm door for a special member of our church. If you are aware of other individuals in need of small home repair projects, please feel free to contact a CMF member for possible assistance.

Again, ALL MEN OF GOD, REMEMBER MONDAY, MAY 6 AT 6 P.M. FOR YOUR SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER WITH OTHER MEN OF GOD!!!!!!



# Pastor Search

**Isaiah 55:9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."**

March and April 2019 have been challenging and eye opening for our Pastor Search Committee.

After reviewing many applicants in March we brought our selection down to 12 and then down to three. But even before the interviews commenced, the Holy Spirit began working on our hearts and minds. Suddenly we went from three to none.

April brought many more applicants and again we reviewed applicants and have selected the three applicants we felt would be a great fit to our family. We are interviewing these Pastors in the next few weeks.

Pastor Mackey has joined us and we thank him for his inciteful assistance.

Our Meetings begin with prayer, to open our hearts and minds and it is amazing how the Lord lays his hand and reveals the path he has for us. While we grow impatient for who He as called for us, we know it must be his will and not our own.

Continue to pray for our Church and our committee.

## Church Hat Day!!

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, of all ages, members and visitors!!! Sunday, May 5, we encourage you to wear your favorite hat or best church hat! The Kentucky Derby is May 4 and we would like to use this as a reminder that, we as Christians, need to remain in the race. Please join in on the fun to keep us engaged in the church and with all the worldly events around us to keep JESUS in it all.



## Potluck Welcome Dinner

Bring a covered dish or TWO and join us in welcoming the Mackey family on Sunday, May 5 directly following 11 am service. This will be a great way to fellowship and get to know the Mackey Family. Plus, more time to show off those wonderful hats you are going to wear!



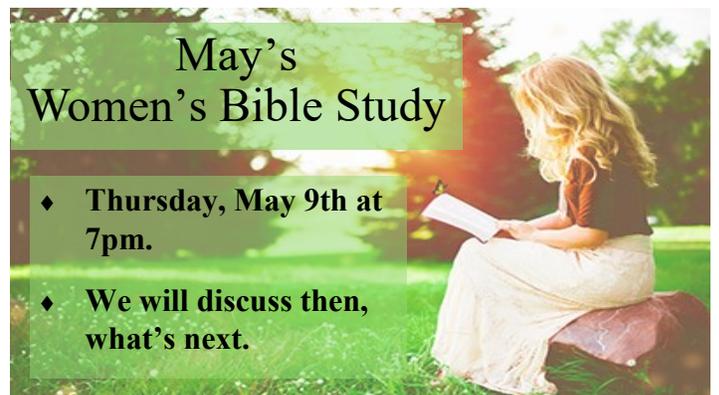
## VBS Meeting



Anyone that is interested volunteering for VBS is asked to attend the meeting on Sunday, May 5 at 4 pm. It is vital for ALL volunteers to attend this meeting, even if you do not stay the entire time.

## May's Women's Bible Study

- ◆ Thursday, May 9th at 7pm.
- ◆ We will discuss then, what's next.



## Interviews with Pastor Mackster

Call or email the office to set up your interview time with Pastor Keith. This will help him to get to know us and the ins and outs, and to learn where the church needs growth. It will also help the Pastor Search Committee with picking out a Pastor that fits the needs for our church.

**Church Office Closed**  
May 10-May 13  
The church office will be closed

## CMF News

Attention to the men of our church. YOU ARE INVITED!!!! May 6 at 6pm the Christian Men's Fellowship will be hosting a fun filled evening with games, food, and fellowship.

We are really looking forward to seeing many of you joining with the CMF with our membership kickoff event. A men's night!



## Emmaus Gathering



Faith Harbor UMC in Surf City is hosting our first Emmaus gathering since hurricane Florence on May 11 at 5 pm. They are really looking forward to having FCC of Richlands join them and get the Emmaus community active again.

## Church Spring Cleaning

Men and women, boys and girls, volunteers of all ages! We need all the help we can get! We are having a Spring Clean Up Day on May 25 beginning at 8am. Committees need to be present. We will be cleaning, purging, reorganizing, moving, and declutter all of our buildings, including the garage and barn. So please come give a lending hand!



## Donate Your Christmas Cards

If you would like to donate the front of any Christmas cards received this year; our Shoebox ministry can use them for special messages next year! You can bring them to Church office or give to Brenda Huffman. Thank you.



## Donations Needed for "Children Healthy Eating on Weekends"

The Chew Program would like to thank everyone that has participated throughout this school year with their donations of breakfast food.

With the school year not getting started due to the hurricane until Oct., the Church has donated 3,820 packages of either oatmeal, grits, or pop-tarts through April 11.

As the school year comes to an end, mid-June, I will be carrying our last donations of the above items to be packed the last 4 weeks of school over to the program on May 10. The goal is to have 800 packets of these items to carry. There is no doubt that God will provide. Again, thank you for helping feed our children in the Richlands area. ~ Shirley Woodard

## DHF of NC Spring Gathering

If you have not signed up yet, please do so by Monday, May 13. This is important in order for us to have the correct amount of food.



David's documented field experience in astronomy, paleontology and archaeology has made him an in-demand speaker with expert knowledge and his powerful and inspirational delivery makes learning about Bible history and science fun and easy for audiences of all ages. David's weekly TV show "Creation in the 21st Century" airs to millions globally on TBN. He is a weekly news columnist on science and the Bi-ble, and is author of the books "Wonders Without Number" and "Bible Knows Best." Featured on the History Channel, and heard on talk radio, David's exciting life and world travels are documented on his ministries' active Facebook page.

**Morning Seminar #1—Bible Knows Best—**Hidden Gems of Astoundingly Good Science and Sound Advice in the Scriptures. *This seminar covers the remarkable migration of the Arctic Tern, the Paths of the Sea, germ theory, the stretching of the heavens, complexity of DNA, dinosaurs in the Bible, and more.*

**Afternoon Seminar #2—Exploring God's Creation—**From the Dead Sea Scrolls to clams in Kansas, Global Biblical proofs through exploration. Through photos and video, travel to sites with David and learn of caves and cavemen, historical research in Jerusalem, the Dead Sea Scrolls and Qumran, and dino-saur paleontological excavations that document the global flood.

## Wednesday Nights

Supper at 5:45 p.m. (Canceled for May 1 only)  
Children/Youth activities at 6:30 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

The children have a teacher with passion for not only the Word of the Lord but for the children she shares it with. We are looking for more children to attend, so tell a neighbor, and bring a friend.

**Youth—** Don't forget to bring, an instrument, your favorite worship song, and most importantly a FRIEND!



## **Serving in April**

### **Audio/Video—8:30 Worship**

April 7— Will Holley, Ralph Murphy

April 14—Tom Barbee

April 21— Ben Black

April 28—Will Holley, Ralph Murphy

### **Audio/Video—11:00 Worship**

Ken Brown, Cindy Lunceford

### **Communion Set Up & Pick Up—8:30 Worship**

May 5- Terry Jarman, Donna Muller

May 12- Terry Jarman

May 19- Youth Sunday

May 26- Terry Jarman, Donna Muller

### **Communion Set & Pick Up—11:00 Worship**

May 5- Jane Anderson, John Anderson

May 12- Angela Bostic

May 19- Youth Sunday

May 26- Terry Jarman

### **Diaconate**

May 5-Edward Williams, Mike Bennetch, Colton Metts, Jessica Killough

May 12-Mike Lechette, John Anderson, Richard Quirk, Felicity Markl

May 19- Roy Metts, Kristy Cottle, Marshall Byrne, Lexi Byrne

May 26- Ralph Murphy, Donald Morton, Jonathan Adkins, Bailey Brown

### **Elders Serving at the Lord's Table**

May 5- Ben Black, Kim Metts

May 12- April Jones, Ray Randall

May 19- Mac Tucker, Vicki Paul

May 26- Ben Black, Kim Metts

### **Serving at the Heritage**

May 5- Kim Metts

May 12- Ben Black

May 19- Mac Tucker

May 26- Vicki Paul

### **Greeters—8:30 Worship**

TBD

### **Greeters—11:00 Worship**

TBD

### **Worship & Wonder**

May 5- Will Holley, Tammy Gurganus, Felicity Markl

May 12- April Jones, Debbie Rogers, Lexi Byrne, Jessica Killough

May 19- Youth Sunday; No W&W

May 26- Beverly Black, Colton Metts, Jodi Paul

### **Acolytes—11:00 Worship**

TBD

### **Nursery**

Please sign up in the vestibule.

**Organist—11:00 Worship:** Janet Bryan

**Pianist—8:30 Worship:** Kim McGowan, Kay Payne

**Pianist—11:00 Worship:** Kay Payne



1 Matthew Jarman, Julie Jones

4 Aaliyah Duganne

5 Channing Grant

7 Shelia Nikkel

10 Johnny Anderson

12 Donald Markl

15 Mac Tucker

18 Brandon Rogers, Karleigh Killough

19 Terry Jarman

23 Laura Markl

28 Madge Huffman

*If your birthday is not listed, please contact the Church office so we can update our files.*

# First Christian Church

May 2019

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

28	29	30	1	2	3	4
8:30am & 11 Morning Worship 9:30am Jesus Cafe' 9:45am Sunday School	<b>7:00pm Pastor Search (CR)</b>	6:15pm Hand bells rehearsal <b>7:00pm Pastor Search (CR)</b>	6:30pm Adult/Youth Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30pm Pastor Search (CR)</b>	<b>CRAFT SHOW Decorating</b> 6:00pm Ruritan Meeting Fellowship Hall		<b>9:00am Spring Craft Show</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Church Hat Day</b> 8:30am & 11 Morning Worship 9:30am Jesus Cafe' 9:45am Sunday School <b>12:00pm Welcome Potluck (bring recipes)</b> <b>4:00pm VBS Meeting Mandatory</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00pm CMF Men's Night <b>7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal</b>	<b>7</b> <b>6:00pm CWF Logan's Event</b>	<b>8</b> 5:45pm Supper 6:30pm Adult/Youth Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 6:00pm GS 4473 CLC	<b>10</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6:00pm Pack 215 CLC	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:30am & 11 Morning Worship 9:30am Jesus Cafe' 9:45am Sunday School <b>5:00pm Elders' Meeting</b>	<b>13</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>7:00pm Board Meeting</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00pm Christian Women's Fellowship	<b>15</b> 5:45pm Supper 6:30pm Adult/Youth Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 6:00pm GS 682 CLC	<b>17</b> 6:00pm Pack 215 CLC	<b>18</b> 7:30am CMF Birthday Breakfast <b>9:00am DHF of NC Spring Gathering</b>
<b>19</b> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Jesus Cafe' 9:45am Sunday School <b>11:00am Youth Sunday</b>	<b>20</b> 4:00am R.C.O.M. Meeting (F) <b>7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 5:45pm Supper 6:30pm Adult/Youth Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 6:00pm Cub Scouts CLC 6:00pm GS 4473 CLC	<b>24</b> 6:00pm Pack 215 CLC	<b>25</b> <b>8:00am CHURCH WIDE CLEANING</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30am & 11 Morning Worship 9:30am Jesus Cafe' 9:45am Sunday School	<b>27</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:45pm Supper 6:30pm Adult/Youth Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 6:00pm Pack 215 CLC	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>