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A Pastoral Perspective

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"You have heard; look at all this. And you, will you not declare it? I proclaim to you new things from this time; even hidden things which you have not known." (Isaiah 48:6)

The prophet Isaiah records these words from God that speak to the reluctance of Israel in believing Him and His purpose for their future. I for one, believe these same words can be seen in a more favorable context as we begin ministry together in the coming days. Let us imagine God speaking His words to us here at First Christian Church, Richlands. Let us receive His desire for us to be fully alive and at work in our ministry throughout our community. Let us dream of what can be; even as we celebrate what has been and is now!

So what is it that God may be saying to us through His prophet so many generations ago? Can we glean any truth that would enable us to continue in love and grace as He calls us to be His? Will we be able to hear His voice above all the others that seek to capture our attention? I am confident that all these questions can be answered with a resounding "Yes"!

The main message that I seem to be hearing in this text, is that God is offering us the opportunity to participate in things that we are yet to discover through the leading of His Holy Spirit. It is as if God is speaking to us and telling us how grateful He is that we are choosing to follow His leading in these days. However, He is hinting of things that are getting ready to be revealed that will create for us new ways to be fruit-bearing followers of His way. In this, I wonder what could be; what will be the story which is told through our congregation in the years to come?

Please know this; that Nanette and I are excited to join with all the good people of First Christian Church, here in Richlands. We are privileged to be able to come along side you all; and offer our gifts and graces seeking to strengthen the work of ministry as we experience yours. We are honored to have the joy of serving His kingdom strengthened by His Spirit for the "new things" that are yet to be revealed.

As we prepare to experience the new things of God; let us continue during these days of Lent in the reality of the familiar. As we make our way with Christ to Jerusalem and a cross, may we never forget His sacrifice of love. Please join us as we share in the good news of that love that can change the world for good! To God be the glory for the great things He has done and the greater things yet to be seen.

Beyond The Pulpit: Rev. Kim Holley

As my time as Bridge Pastor comes to a close, I cannot say THANK YOU enough to you all. This past year has been amazing! Actually, amazing doesn't even come close to how great this year has been. I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to bring the message each week, work with Kay and the worship committee to plan worship services, and spend quiet moments with many of you through tough times. These have been special moments that I will cherish forever. Thank you for supporting not only me, but also Jeremy and Will. We have been truly blessed to be showered with love from FCC. We love you all!!

I am excited to begin a new chapter at FCC. Pastor Bill and I are ready to hit the ground as a team to better serve our Lord and this great congregation. I have no doubt that God has wonderful things in store for not only our FCC family, but also for Richlands as we minister alongside the other pastors of our town. As we have said for months, keep your hearts, minds, and ears open as we enter into the vision that God is now placing before us.

In Christ's Love,

Kim

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS APRIL 5!

Come join us this Wednesday, April 5, as Pastor Bill begins a new Bible Study, "I AM" – Jesus' Character in the Gospel of John. During this 7-week study, we will examine the "I AM" proclamations of Jesus; what they meant then and how we can apply them for our lives today. This Bible Study will be presented each Wednesday at 10 AM in the Christian Education Building; and 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Please bring your Bible and something to write with; a handout will be available at each study.

Christian Education

Journaling Bibles have been purchased for the teens.

Tiny Tots room has been moved to the former Worship and Wonder storage room with an activity corner. Please bring your 3 to 5 year old Pre-kindergarten children and join us.

We have another teacher for the Team Faith Sunday School class-Brian Jones.

Please join us on Sunday mornings for Jesus Café and Sunday School.

Monthly Happenings

Christian Men's Fellowship Meeting (CMF)

April 3, 7:00 PM

Cabinet Meeting

April 4, 7:00 PM

Elders Meeting

April 9, 5:00 PM

Board Meeting

April 10, 7:00 PM

Esther Circle Meeting

April 11, 7:00PM

CMF Birthday Breakfast

April 15, 7:30 AM - Angie's Restaurant

Women's Bible Study

April 27, 7:00PM

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ham Dinner

April 2

Following 11 o'clock service

\$7 per person
\$4 children 5 and under

&

RELAY FOR LIFE Cake Auction

April 2

Following Ham Dinner



All Proceeds go to
Relay For Life



Esther Circle

MEETING REPORT

Our meeting was held on Tues., March 14th, at 7 PM with 12 present. After prayer concerns and praises were shared, Tammy opened with prayer.

Peggy Jarman gave a very uplifting & informative devotion on “Shoe-boxes are only the Beginning.” In 2016, eleven and one-half million boxes were sent to 113 countries along with a devotion in each box.

Our next scheduled time to feed the Homeless Shelter in Jacksonville, NC, is Saturday, April 29th. We will plan our menu at our April 11th meeting.

For new business, we planned our Ham Dinner fundraiser for April 2nd, following the 11 o’ clock service. Our menu will be ham, potato salad, string beans, apple rings, rolls, desserts and tea. Tickets are \$7 per adult & children 5 & under \$4 each. Following the luncheon, we will sponsor a cake auction for “Relay for Life.”

Tickets for our upcoming dance “Dancing in the Moonlight” scheduled for Friday, May 19th, at 6:30 PM were passed out. Menu will be decided on at our April meeting.

Our circle & CWM treasurers’ reports were given.

For our service projects \$100 was given to Relay for Life & also \$100 love offering was given to a church family.

Beverly closed with prayer & refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Metts, Sec.

Our next scheduled meeting is April 11th with Shirley Woodard as hostess. All women are invited to attend.



Christian Men's Fellowship

Our March meeting was held on the 6th with 8 men in attendance. We reviewed our old business and discussed our last Soup and Sandwich, scholarship fund results, which was held on the 5th. Thank you to all who helped out, and to all those who came and ate, again thank you, without all of you it would not have been such a great success.

Ben Black brought us our devotion and Dennis Jones brought us our snack the Blueberry and the Peach deserts were delicious, and the Ice Cream was the crowning touch. And you know that we only ate a small portion.

On Saturday February 18th, we had our Monthly Birthday breakfast at Angie's Restaurant in Jacksonville, with 17 men present. We celebrated the birthdays of; Ted Stamey, Jason Lester, Billy Jones, Jose Cabrera, Doug Nikkel, & Jeremy Holley. Those birthday men who came enjoyed a free breakfast, compliments of their fellow brothers in Christ. Those birthday men who could not make it, we also held them up and wished them a happy birthday.

Our March Birthday Breakfast will be on the 18th, at 7:30 am. We will be celebrating the birthdays of Mike Gurganus, Dennis Jones, Adam Murphy & Patrick Richmond (Who by the way is in USMC boot camp at this time) UHRAAA.

Our April Birthday breakfast will be at "Angie's on the 15th at 7:30 am, at which time we will celebrate the birthdays of, Ben Black, Elwood Jarman, Samuel Jones, Jordan Newburn, Tim Padgett, Duane Taylor and if I have missed anyone I do apologize because I do want to wish each & every one of you a very happy birthday and more to come.

Please come on out to Angie's on the third Saturday at 7:30 AM, (we start gathering shortly after 7:00 am) and enjoy the fellowship and a FREE BREAKFAST (for your Birthday).

Our April meeting will be held on the 3rd, at 7:00pm. We are wishing all our graduates all the luck and are continuing the process for their applications for the scholarship award.

We have made plans for a special gift for our moms on Mother's Day May 14th. It is here and in safe storage. So, no peeking and don't be asking your husbands "what is it", I am sure you will love this small token of our appreciation for all that you do for us as both our mom and the mother of our children.

Edward Williams will be bringing the devotion, and Ray Randal will be bringing the snack.

Please keep these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend.

Submitted by Ben Black CMF President.



Youth
Are going to the
Down East Wood Ducks Baseball Game
April 14

See Shawn Richmond for details





April 14 -15
6PM-6PM

Sign up sheet is in the vestibule

Children's
Easter Celebration

Ages Birth-5th grade

April 15, 11-1



EASTER
SUNRISE SERVICE



Richlands High School 6:30 AM

Easter
10:00 AM Service





STARS

April 30

Lunch and A Show

We will be having lunch following
11::00 Service

Then head over to Richlands High School to
the musical Sound of Music

Cost \$7.00 per person

Please sign up by April 9th. Contact Debbie
Rogers



Everyone is invited

April 29

2-5PM

\$2 per card

Prizes each game

Snacks

50/50 final game

APRIL

<u>Greeters - 8:30 Worship</u> April 2 Peggy Jarman April 9 Angie Murphy April 23 Tammy & Mike Gurganus April 30 Jennifer & Kent Fletcher	<u>Piano 8:30 Worship</u> Kay Payne Kim McGowan	<u>11:00 Worship</u> Kay Payne-Piano Janet Bryan-Organ
<u>Communion Set & Pick Up-11:00 Worship</u> April 2 Terry Jarman April 9 Beverly & Ben Black April 23 Kristy Cottle April 30 Kim Metts	<u>Communion Set Up & Pick Up 8:30 Worship</u> Donna Muller & Terry Jarman	
	<u>Worship and Wonder</u> April 2 Vicki Paul, Debbie Rogers, Olivia Lechette April 9 Beverly Black, Tammy Gurganus, Julianna Paul April 16 Vicki Paul, Liz Paul, Josh Adkins April 23 April Jones, Karen Metts, Adam Murphy April 30 Vicki Paul, Debbie Rogers, Will Holley	
<u>Greeters -11:00 Worship</u> April 2 Karen Metts & Valerie Padgett April 9 Carol Tripp April 23 David & Jennifer Murphy April 30 Brian & April Jones	<u>Serving At The Lord's Table</u> <u>Elders</u> April 2 Jane Anderson, Terry Jarman April 9 Kim Metts, Ben Black April 16 Tom Barbee, Ray Randall April 23 Jane Anderson, Terry Jarman April 30 Kim Metts, Ben Black <u>Deacons/Deaconesses</u> April 2 April Jones, Edward Williams, Colton Metts, Josh Adkins April 9 Stanley Bryan, Karen Metts, Courtney Rogers, Justin Braxton April 16 Donald Morton, Ashley Brown, Adam Murphy, Ethan Richmond April 23 David Murphy, Mike Gurganus, Julianna Paul, Will Holley April 30 Von Jarman, Taylor Bostic, Colton Metts, Josh Adkins	
<u>Nursery - 11:00 Worship</u> April 2 Shannon & Randall Jones April 9 Dawn Taylor April 23 April 30 Beverly Black & Patricia Jones		
<u>April 16 Easter Service 10:00-One Service</u> <u>Heritage</u> Jane Anderson <u>Greeters</u> Ruth & Dwayne Divens <u>Communion Set Up</u> Donna Muller & Terry Jarman <u>Acolyte</u> Cameron Jones <u>Nursery</u> Ben & Beverly Black		
<u>Serving At The Heritage</u> April 2 Ray Randall April 9 Billy Jones April 23 Terry Jarman April 30 Ben Black	<u>*Please Note*</u> If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please make ar-	
<u>Acolytes 11:00 Worship</u> April 2 Aaliyah Duganne April 9 Jason Lester April 23 Tarique Adkins April 30 Peyton Adkins	<u>Sound Room</u> <u>8:30 a.m. Worship</u> April 2 Jeremy Holley April 9 Tom Barbee April 16 Ben Black April 23 Jeremy & Will Holley April 30 Jeremy & Will Holley	
	<u>11:00 a.m. Worship</u> Ken Brown/Cindy Lunceford Ken Brown/Cindy Lunceford Ken Brown/Cindy Lunceford Ken Brown/Cindy Lunceford Ken Brown/Cindy Lunceford	