

## Chris' Corner

May 25, 2023

### Year In Review

We had a nice turnout at the year end party graciously held by Mary Margaret and Chris. The food, fellowship and fun were outstanding. I would like to thank Toby Thomas, Mary Margaret Harris, Chris Wright, Miss Betty Huneycutt (the Breakfast Club Queen) and my dear wife Betsy for all they did for us this year for youth. Thank you to all the parents who provided snack supper. I would also like to thank Joanna, Tammy, Pamela and all the office staff and volunteers for their invaluable assistance this year too.

**Year End Party – May 21, 2023**



Front Row L-R: Matthew Coble, Dorothy McKinney, Meredith Henry, Paige Hawley

Second Row: Graham Huneycutt, Gerry McCarthy, Smith Johnson, Sam Turner

Back Rows: Timmy Klein, Sam Wolff, William Overby, Tim Harris, Ethan Johnson

I went through our statistics for the year and want to share with you because I am proud of these youth:

We held 30 youth events, whether those were trips, mission days, Breakfast Club or regular youth meetings and we had a total of 52 individual youth attend an event. We averaged 19 kids per week in the fall semester and 13 kids in the spring for an average of 16 for the year. We had 8 kids with more than 20 appearances and 22 kids with double figure appearances.

We donated \$1,000 in “Feed the Turtles” snack supper funds to Kaley Moser Evans’ and her Fellowship of Christian Athletes ministry. We packed over 15,000 meals with 55 of our closest friends and families during our Packathon. We assembled dozens of blessings bags for our homeless population. We collected hundreds of pounds of food for Lelia Wilson and Lauren Turner’s Williams Student Council food drive. We mowed grass, we washed busses, we spread mulch. We played Lazer X, went ziplining, skiing, and sunning at the beach. We had tremendous discussions about our faith, about the Bible, and experienced the Passion of the Christ during Lent.

Our youth are made up of kids mostly from Williams but what is great is that it is not strictly Front Street members. In fact, 23 of the 52 kids are not members of our church and of our “regular youth” half are non-members so we are showing them what Front Street offers. I am grateful for the opportunity and grateful for the kids who are bringing their friends. The more the merrier.

### **Year in Review: Photos**

I’ve compiled an album of photos from the past year. They can be viewed [here](#). Enjoy!

### **So, what is next?**

As I have mentioned in previous editions, Josh Abraham will be leading activities this summer and we are going to be meeting soon to determine the best way to get that information out. I believe there may be a trip to a nearby waterpark,

another one to an amusement park plus some regular opportunities to get to know him and have some summer fun. I am looking forward to getting Josh in the regular rotation. He can be reached in the office (336)-227-6263 and via email at [josh@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:josh@frontstreetumc.org).

## HELP NEEDED – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Ms. Melissa and the VBS gang need 2 or 3 more youth to help with Vacation Bible School the week of June 26-30<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 12pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to lead and mentor some of our younger friends. You can let me know or reach out to Ms. Melissa in the office at 336-227-6263 or by email at [melissa@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:melissa@frontstreetumc.org). Having participated in many, many Bible school weeks, I can tell you it is a lot of fun. If you are not attending ASP, this is a great chance for some service hours as well.

This will be the last Chris' Corner until the week after ASP and I will report on how our team did and what kind of week we had. Thanks again to all those who contributed to the stock sale, it was fantastic and so generous.

I believe we did some really great things this year and my prayer is that our youth have grown in their faith and grown in their confidence in themselves. I pray that our parents have seen that growth and have experienced some themselves as well.

It is an honor and privilege to be the youth director at Front Street and I would not be successful without our team.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Grace and Peace,

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