

# **Chris' Corner**

# **May 12, 2022**

Good day congregation and friends, I hope you have had a terrific week. As we move into the second week of May, many things are happening. For our youth, mid-May means the waning days of school for the year. For our teachers, every day is closer to freedom for a few months.

For this youth director, it is a bittersweet time. As you know, my daughter Mary Elizabeth is one of the more than dozen high school youth in MYF that will be graduating. It is definitely an exciting time, and as we approach June 3<sup>rd</sup> for The Burlington School, June 10<sup>th</sup> for Williams and Western Alamance high schools, and June 11<sup>th</sup> for Eastern Alamance, there will be times of reflection, some laughing, some tears of course, but it should all be cherished.

At Front Street, we will begin honoring our Seniors this week. Our youth group meeting on Sunday will only be for high school youth, and we will put our seniors on display for them to share memories, stories, and jokes about their experiences with our youth group.

On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> we will honor them with a breakfast and Sunday service where they will be participating throughout the service, including a senior message.

Be sure to check the bulletin board in the Reading Area over the next couple of weeks to see all these faces and when you see them around, give them a pat on the back for this life achievement.

## **This Week at Youth – Senior Sendoff**

6:00-7:30 – HIGH SCHOOL ONLY – Senior Sendoff – We will have spaghetti, salad, bread and desert. Let's share with our big group of seniors all of our memories and experiences. This will be the last youth meeting at church until the fall.

## **Next Week at Youth – Year End Party – Cedarock Park**

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00 – 7:30      We will host all of our youth, 6-12<sup>th</sup>, with a cookout and fun afternoon at Cedarock Park. We have rented the large shelter near the lake for a hamburger and hotdog cookout. There is lots to do at Cedarock Park including hiking, fishing (license required), footgolf (need a soccer ball) and disc golf (need to bring discs). I am sure there will be lacrosse sticks, baseball gloves and a good chance of a whiffle ball game breaking out. The party will start at 4:00 and end at 7:30. Please bring \$5 for our last Feed the Turtles collection.

Cedarock Park is located at 4242 R Dean Coleman Rd, Burlington 27215

## **Missions Meeting – May 22<sup>nd</sup> 12:00**

Before we meet to have fun at Cedarock, there will be a “mandatory” missions meeting in Aldersgate following the 11:00 service. If you are an adult or a youth heading out to ASP or on the Hinton mission trips, please be at this meeting. If you cannot attend due to being out of town, please notify me ahead of time if you haven’t already. We will go over plans, expectations, and odds and ends about both trips. We will split up ASP/Hinton for more focused conversation. I will reach out to you individually if we don’t have the necessary paperwork turned in.

## **Senior Sunday – June 5**

10:00 – Breakfast in Aldersgate for graduates and families, slide show, fellowship

11:00 – Process into the 11:00 service in cap/gown or graduation attire

If you have not confirmed to me your attendance and headcounts, please do so as soon as possible so that we can plan for breakfast needs. This is a great experience and a chance to show you off to the church!

## Special Thanks

This past Tuesday the staff hosted a thank you luncheon for the wonderful office volunteers and I want to personally thank them on behalf of the Front Street Youth program. It takes a lot of folks to help our church function and without them, the load would be really tough. Thank you ladies!



Back to Front, left to right: Vicki Sykes, Margaret Mitchell, Martha Brannock, Paula Reardon, Amy Chandler, Mary Holden Burke, Betty Massey, Carol Hoxie, Elizabeth Fonville, Sandra Hughey, Carol Sineath, Louise Cox

Hope to see you at church this week.

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