

Welcome New Members

We welcome Philip, Elizabeth, and Parker Olivier to the Front Street family. Philip and Elizabeth met at Campbell Law School in Raleigh, NC in 2012. They got married in April 2017 in Fuquay Varina and moved to Burlington that same year. Elizabeth is an attorney for the State of North Carolina and Philip is an attorney for a private firm in Greensboro. They had their first child Parker in September of 2021. The Oliviers enjoy spending time with their lab mix Rusty, going to sporting events, and playing board games with friends.



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Please notice that the activities mentioned above all take place in the context of the Christian community. Individual spiritual disciplines are great, but we always need to be intentional about the communal ones. Why? Listen to theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer and holy scripture.

"God has willed that we should seek and find God's living Word in the testimony of other Christians, in the mouths of human beings. Therefore, Christians need other Christians who speak God's Word to them. They need them again and again when they become uncertain and disheartened because living by their own resources, they cannot help themselves without cheating themselves out of the truth. They need other Christians as bearers and proclaimers of the divine word of salvation. They need them solely for the sake of Jesus Christ." (Bonhoeffer)

"...You are a member of God's very own family...and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." (Ephesians 2:19)

So...what "one thing" will you be intentional about adding to your spiritual journey this spring, summer, or fall?

Blessings,
Pastor Ross

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CHOOSE ONE THING

He lay in bed one night thinking of how off-track his life had gotten. She sat at the stoplight one day and wondered why she didn't feel as close to God as she used to feel. It happens that they are both lifelong Christians; but over time they have drifted from God. How did it happen? Well, they could blame it on the general busyness of life, growing family responsibilities, job duties...any number of things. Yet, the truth is they just weren't *intentional* about their relationship with Christ. They never made a plan...any plan. It didn't have to be a 50-point Program; it could have just been *one thing* to do differently.

If any of the above rings true with you then you understand how easy it can be to become a Christian without leading a life of Christian discipleship. The good news is: You can change. Begin by choosing one thing – for example, add a Bible Study, attend worship one more Sunday a month, join a Sunday School Class or small group, engage in a local mission activity (you can find all of these on Front Street's website, Facebook page, the worship bulletin, or in the newsletters).

You don't have to add them all, *just add one thing* and see how God uses it to deepen your spiritual life and lead you further on the path of discipleship. Challenge yourself! Later, add one more thing, and then another. Be intentional. Be reflective – remember to look back and see how the Spirit has been working in you in the last 6 months or so. Be grateful – offer thanks and praise to God for his faithfulness to you on the cross and on the journey.

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A LOOK AHEAD:

KNOWING CHRIST

COFFEE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Did you know that coffee is available on Sunday mornings in the kitchenette in the Reading Area, outside the John Wesley Room? So grab yourself a cup before heading up to Sunday School or catching up with fellow Front Street friends.



GRADUATES

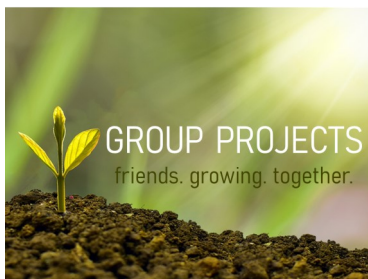
This is the time of year when we celebrate students who have graduated from high school and college. Our high school graduates will be recognized at the 11 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, June 5**. We would like to recognize your college grad in the newsletter. If you have a loved one who is a **new college graduate**, please provide us their name, the school they graduated from, and the degree they received. Visit www.frontstreetumc.org/features to complete an online graduate form, or email Pamela (pamela@frontstreetumc.org) by **Wednesday, June 1**. We will include the list of 2022 graduates in the June newsletter.



GROWING IN CHRIST

GROUP PROJECTS

Front Street Group Projects (small groups) are starting soon! Discover the gifts that you have in one another; move past skin-deep relationships and into intentional Christ centered community; and start to grow together spiritually. Day & time of Group Projects will vary. To let us know you're interested, please fill out a simple form located at www.frontstreetumc.org.



SHARING CHRIST

BUCHNER MISSION MAN TRIATHLON - JULY 23, 2022

Lake Cammack, 4790 Union Ridge Road in Burlington

This is a sprint distance triathlon that has seen thousands of participants from around the state and farther reaching south east. The proceeds of the race go towards missions. Many of the recipients of the proceeds can be found on the website. This event raises upwards of \$40,000! Individuals and teams of all levels are encouraged to participate! Church teams are welcome too! Registration and more info: <https://www.missionmantriathlon.com/>. An event like this takes many helping hands. Watch this space for details on how to get involved.



ASP AND HINTON RURAL LIFE CENTER MISSION TRIPS MEETING

There will be an important ASP and HRL mission trips meeting on **Sunday, May 22** following the 11:00 a.m. service in Aldersgate Hall. This is for all participants and parents, and will cover expectations, packing needs, and other details about our upcoming trips. The meeting is expected to end by 1:00 p.m. at the latest.



FRONTLINE—SUMMER EDITIONS

In the months of June, July, and August, we will publish ONE edition of *Frontline* monthly. Our email newsletter, *Front Street Happenings*, will continue on its regular schedule. Please submit any article for inclusion in *Frontline* by the following dates:

June 1 - June 29 - July 27

Please email information to pamela@frontstreetumc.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

Prayers

- **Gary and Marianna Harris** upon the death of her brother, Emerson Dickey, on 4/27
- **Robert and Jan Register** upon the death of his father, Tom Register, on 5/5

Congratulations

Congratulations to the winners of the "Baking with a Purpose" competition (left to right): Lynn Collins, Becky Johnson, and Julia Huneycutt. Thank you to everyone



who baked, sampled or donated. It was a great event which

raised over \$3,300.00 for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. A special shout out to Amanda Warren for her vision and leadership of this event.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **May 29 and June 5, 12, 19, and 26**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com.

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE FOR 5/6/2022

YTD Actual Giving - \$367,408.73

YTD Budgeted Giving - \$537,812.30

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