

## **Education and Nurture Meeting Notes from Sept. 13, 2016**

Opened with prayer with the following in attendance: Bryson McLean, Beth Lenthall, Angee Stewart, Anne Scott, and Susan Fulp

**Shouts of JOY** for the August Beach picnic- we fed some families coming off the beach and they appreciated it VERY MUCH! Praise the Lord for the Fall Kick-off this past Sunday. Shouts of JOY for our Sunday school teachers and the abundance of church people that want to be “church mice” for the new college contact ministry!

Nursery- Beth showed us the beautiful “angel” pins that will be given as appreciation gifts to our nursery volunteers. The past 2 Sundays the 11 o’clock nursery volunteer was not covered. Beth to contact Barbie Benson about this past Sunday; note email change. Future thoughts are to ask for requested days off prior to making the schedule; make a 3 month schedule.

Children’s Church- no report

Children’s Ministries-Chris 33 UMKids had Lots of BOuNcY FuN with bouncy houses for kick~off this past Sunday!

**Fall Festival is set for Oct. 30 4:30-6 pm...IDEAS are welcomed!**

Youth- Pastor Angelo Kicked off on Sept. 11 with 53 youth, 16 confirmands, and 33 UMKids and lots of parents. Youth had a blast with the “Soap Olympics”! See attached calendar for 2016-2017. Pastor Angelo has prepared a spreadsheet with the youth’s names/contact info and is going to be used by the group leaders as a prayer tool. We want these youth to grow in their faith but most importantly to know that they are loved and cared about!

Just in the last 6 weeks, we have encountered the lives of 94 different youth in our community! 94 isn't just a number, it is a face, a name, a story, and an opportunity to impact the lives of youth with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many of these 94 youth showed up to more than one event.

This brings me great joy, and I pray it brightens your day too. This is what all of you and so many more get to be a part of! This ministry is going to do great things to glorify the Lord in the lives of these youth. And with this new method of attendance, we will be able to do a better job about not letting kids fall through the cracks. 94 different youth experienced the love of Christ and shared the love of Christ with others, just in the last few weeks. All of you are so crucial in making these ministries matter to these youth. Thank you for what you do! Praise God.

Sign up for Pilgrimage is NOW for Nov. 11-13

College- Angee We have had an overwhelming response from volunteers for the Church Mouse Program! These people are excited!! Praise God! Please find my Volunteer spreadsheet attached and an example of the Church Mouse Assignment letter. One of these letters is sent via email to each Church Mouse that has been assigned a student. I ask in the email for them to confirm that they have received the information.

I have had an underwhelming response for College Students. Specifically the ones that were already in the program. I have sent emails and messages to parents trying to get updated info., but they are slow coming in. So, at this time, we have volunteers waiting on a student. This has been a bit time consuming, but once the program is in place, it should run smoothly. Every August we will need to start over with volunteers and updated student information. I think the "reveal" event in the Spring should be something really nice to thank the volunteers. Ideas about this event would be welcome. As of now we have contact info on 16 college students and 26 "church mice".

Family Ministries-Bryson Church cook out on August 16 was great fellowship with approx. 50 people of all ages! The Advent supper is November 27<sup>th</sup>. Candles, holders, and rings will be ordered by mid Oct. by Susan F. Advertise + sign up sheets for the Advent supper Nov. 6-27; sign up sheet at the Fall Festival too. Bryson is working with Angelo as he creates his February programming (relationships) and the 5K for the kids is scheduled for April 1. UMM are on board to cook; UMW to have desserts for this event. We discussed possible fundraisers that the youth could possibly do and tie in with this event...make and sell tie-dye shirts.

### Sunday School- Anne Scott

Teachers needed for the following:

K/1- odd months (Susan Gossert to teach 2 of the weeks)

Middle- every month assistant

High School – even months assistant

We have been asked by the Stewardship Committee to incorporate lessons from "Extravagant Generosity, The Heart of Giving" in to at least 2 Sunday School lessons during the month of October. These lessons will parallel the sermon series.

Daycare/Preschool- The following was reported by Becky at the Daycare board meeting on Sept. 6. Fully staffed at present; 13 openings, total of 94 enrolled. Shade for playground is coming. Summer programs caught on; none full except for the cooking program. We will advertise earlier next year.

**NEXT MEETING**     Nov. 8 at 6:30 in room 10