School year 2015-2016 began strong with 157 students enrolled, and as of today, there are 170 students enrolled!!! There never seems to be a shortage of children! We are averaging around 120 students per day. The number enrolled and attending is a fluid number because of sickness, after school activities at school, etc. We are also purging the roll weekly for students who have not been in regular attendance or parents have decided on other places, etc.

Steven is busy researching, calling, and discussing assessment tests with experts. We are close to choosing the best one for our needs and that considers Common Core. We will be testing in early September. He is also getting a feel for our program and our many moving pieces and beginning to plan programming where there may be gaps.

Our audit is coming along steadily, and we are close to receiving a draft!

Please SAVE THE DATE for our annual banquet....Thursday, February 11th at FPC celebrating 20 years! Does anyone know of anything going on in the community for that day before I begin to publish the date? Please send me any suggestions on speakers and themes.

Eighteen of our students are attending the new Macon Charter Academy. All of the staff have been over to tour the beautiful facility as well as to meet some of their staff. Steven DeGeorge is on the Board of Directors. One of our 7th grade students tested on an 8th grade level which we were thrilled to hear!!!

This year my hopes are to “raise the bar” another notch in teaching Bible as well as our academics. Training sessions for our teachers will occur every month with the hopes of bringing outside speakers to instruct and motivate our teachers.

Volunteer Macon, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, gardening and a new Nature Club has begun. A soccer team and an in-house basketball league are in the works.

This has also been a busy month attending a variety of community meetings, but a productive month as networking has been taking place! I took Steven to meet other directors and community leaders. It was fun seeing Dominique in one of the meetings as well!!!

Three Mercer interns are helping at Campus Clubs each week. Because Steven has a Masters in Social Work, he can oversee their needed community hours. This is helping us tremendously with the answering of the phone, driving the vans to pick up the students and helping in the classrooms. Hopefully, one will be able to help me with the social media and e-newsletter.

More Mercer students will be coming to tutor our students as part of their work/study program. This contact came from the Convener’s Café, a community meeting held every other month where Tunga met a Mercer University employee who suggested a collaboration!

Individuals continue to be generous by donating books, uniforms, arts and crafts and school supplies. Jill Walsh and Stephanie Hall (John’s wife) have started a “you are special” ministry at CC. Every student is receiving a beautiful bakery cupcake on their birthday delivered by the cupcakes ladies!!
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Peyton Anderson Grant- Lee, John and I met with two representatives and not only answered a lot of questions but provided more information. Ms. Lambert and her assistant also want to tour CC. The Board meets on Nov. 1st and CC should know the outcome by mid November.

High School- Travis Brown, the High School teacher, is doing an excellent job with this class. He was given all the notes from our committee and has done more research. The class has visited Mercer University and also plans to visit more local colleges soon. They recently had a debate with the 8th grade class with an impartial judge on several topics and the H.S. students won by a very thin margin. The students will be taking a defensive driving class soon with written approval from their guardians. The H.S. students are taking care of all our building cleaning..hallways and bathrooms.

Our student roll today is 165 students with an average attendance of 133 students! Mercer work/study students are tutoring daily and the FPC Fellows started today. Many FPD students are volunteering with one group doing a weekly art class. All of our students are being tested this week online. Steven found a practice test that goes along with the Common Core with an answer sheet too.

Campus Clubs Crew is our soccer team and they won their first game! They will play each Saturday at 9 a.m. if anyone has time to go cheer them on! (Behind Goodwill off of Eisenhower parkway.)

CC needs a playground and after searching, there is a piece of land that half would be given to us and we could purchase the other half for $2,500. There is a possible donor who would donate the cost of the land. Taxes are about $300 a year. Our garden is already located on the land.

Please save the date: February 11, 2016 for our banquet. Also, please submit all suggestions for potential speakers.
Campus Clubs Board Report - December 7, 2015

Grants

- Peyton Anderson sent us a $25,000 check
- Jones Foundation will not consider another grant request until three years after you receive your last check; therefore, we will reapply in December 2017 for the 2018 calendar year.
- We have not heard from the Lewis Foundation nor Elam Alexander.
- We received $1,000 from the R.A. Bowen Foundation, $1,550 from Leland Jackson Fund from the Community Foundation
- Research is being done for other corporation grants
- Last but certainly not least, several United Way representative came for a tour of Campus Clubs, were impressed and have expressed very positive words about working together!!

Program

- We currently have 169 enrolled in the Campus Clubs program with a monthly average attendance of 125 daily students.
- We averaged 14 volunteers per week in November.

Special Events

- Annual Fundraising banquet will be held on Thursday, February 11 from 6:30-8 in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church. Our theme is “Celebrating 20 years of God’s Faithfulness!” PLEASE begin asking businesses to sponsor this event and plan on filling at least two tables of guests. Ask your friends and family to be Table Hosts which only means to invite enough people to fill a table of 8 and see to their needs the night of the event. The years that the Board obtained the most business/individual sponsors ahead of the banquet, we raised the most money from this event! It really takes ALL of us! Thank you ahead of time!!! Let me know if you have any ideas or want to be directly involved in the organization/execution of this event.
- Georgia Gives Day- we reached our goal of $9,000 (We have two bids but are getting one more from Ken Keadle, a member of Vineville Methodist Church who is interested and invested in the Pleasant Hill Community and was suggested by Jimmy Asbell and Ted Goshorn.)
- M & R Marketing has once again helped us design an end of year card which will be mailed by the end of next week. They are also working on our banquet invitation which will be mailed around the third week in January.
- Mercer Football team and coaches provided 20 Thanksgiving dinner boxes and representatives lead by Mercer Chaplain joined the Campus Clubs staff to deliver in the Pleasant Hill neighborhood.
- Volunteer Macon Abstinence Program was a success and concluded with a hot dog party.
- High School students helped Volunteer Macon with the “Sticker Shock” program again. They put stickers on liquor bottles to discourage adults from buying liquor for minors.
- The High School students also visited Central Georgia Technical College as well as had a law enforcement agent as a guest speaker.
- Junior League sponsored an awesome Christmas party for our 2nd – 3rd grade classes.
- Several donors sponsored our 2nd grade class to go see the movie, Peanuts.
• Fourth grade class went to Carlyle Place to decorate cookies.
• The Macon Telegraph selected a Campus Clubs family for one of their featured “Reindeer Gang” families.
• Numerous people have sent checks and brought toys by for our students. Four families have been “adopted” for provision of Christmas (“Santa”) toys. Others are making sure that CC can give each student a Christmas gift when they leave us on Thursday, December 17 for the holidays.
• Vineville Methodist is sponsoring a monthly luncheon for the leaders of churches and ministries in Pleasant Hill. Steven and I attended this month and there were three new pastors of local churches in attendance.

**Education**

• The teacher development staff at Vineville Academy has been engaged to help with CC teacher evaluations. We will be using their rubric and begin evaluations in the near future.
• We will be purchasing Pitsco equipment in December. We have a credit with the company that we will be spending over the next 3 years and are currently assessing the best products to purchase.
• Robotics occurs every Tuesday to the delight of the participating students. They are always happy to see the FPD students arrive!
• The Nature club not only went on an overnight camping trip, but they have been fishing at a private lake and hope to spend some time at Camp Grace in the future.
• Steven assessed report cards and found that 95% of our students are making passing grades. Testing has shown that they do not do well when tested on a national level. There are several programs that CC could use to enhance our student’s academic ability but due to cost must wait until a grant is awarded for this project.

**Recreation**

• The Campus Clubs Crew won their way to the Championship game of the Macon Soccer Club’s U-12 division. In double overtime and a penalty kick shootout our kids lost. We were very proud of our boys, and they are very excited about next year. We had an end of the year party at Stevie B’s where awards were given out, and we thanked the Lord for the opportunity.
• Choir auditions and their first practice has taken place. Connie Carey and Steven DeGeorge are deciding on songs and beginning preparation for the choir performance at our banquet.
• Basketball clinics will begin soon with hopes of playing games in January and early February. The students are excited! Vineville Baptist Church has generously offered the use of their gym on Thursday evenings for intramural basketball league games.

**Miscellaneous**

• We are working on getting “Help a Child Smile” bus to come to CC to service our children as well as the Pleasant Hill Neighborhood.
• Georgia’s Future Workforce states that the young workforce do not value and or have good work ethic for the most part. Discussion are taking place about elementary school students touring work facilities and talking more about jobs and the workforce in general.