



Faith
Mission
Home



Christine Coley

MEET OUR STUDENTS

Hello everyone, I want to tell you about one of my favorite people. Christine Coley is a loyal, vivacious little lady. She is a simple woman. Lots of attention, treats, and drinks, are a great recipe to keep her happy. You can often find her happily clapping or humming along to a song or simply to herself over something or someone that cracked her up. She thrives on having her wheelchair parked in the kitchen (the busiest place) to observe the comings and goings of people walking about.

Chrissy is nonverbal, but she will determinedly let me know exactly what she wants, whether it is by grabbing my hand and moving it towards a bowl of food or eyeing my cup of coffee and giving her signature "ba-ba-ba" as a "please and thank you" to encourage me to hand it over. Which I do, albeit begrudgingly, laughingly chiding her for her neediness. With a happy "mh-mhm", she thoroughly enjoys whatever she receives. Several favorite songs of hers are: "In My Robe of White", "Lemonade Stand", and "Together in Heaven", which she will fervently hum while looking up at the ceiling as happy as can be. Her tight bear hugs are my favorite part of our devotions time. That and when she will pull my face in close and give me little fairy kisses on my cheek. The "stuffy" (mini stuffed animal) is her constant companion. She is a fierce protector of her little "stiffies" and only if you gain her favor or offer her a treat will she willingly hand it over to you.

One of Chrissy's, as well as my, favorite parts of the day, is when we stop in at the healthcare office and eat a handful of goldfish crackers and chat with whomever is in there or drops by. Chrissy loves attention and when she feels like I'm ignoring her, she'll make sure that I'm fully aware that she's right there.

One thing is for sure, despite her painful past, Chrissy has been my daily example of unconditional love and remains the unofficial queen of Faith Mission Home.

LaDonna Nissley | D-Childcare | Paris, TN

EVENTS



STAFF TRAINING
Jan 8-9



ADMISSIONS
Jan 12 | Kaylea Leid



**SEVEN LAWS OF THE TEACHER
INSPIRATIONAL SERIES**
Jan 12-15



STAFF APPRECIATION SUPPER
Jan 29



FORMER STAFF WEDDINGS
Jan 31 | Cameron Martin & Anna Bowman
Feb 7 | Joshua Byler & Heidi Weaver
Feb 21 | Justin Eicher & Vesta Overholt



FAREWELLS
Jan 23 | Malinda Beachy, Mikaela Weaver,
Sara Brubaker
Feb 13 | Benjamin Showalter, Emily Sauder



WOOD GRILL BUFFET DAY
Feb 26

GROUP SPOTLIGHT



SUNFLOWER GIRLS WITH MEGAN SWARTZENTRUBER
AND LAROSE WEAVER

AMANDA JOHNSON. ROSALIE WEAVER. RUTHANN SHIRK



Everett Fischer

NEW STUDENT PROFILE

Everett Fischer, the youngest cottage student; let me introduce you to him.

Everett is a joyful fellow and full of energy. He spends most of his time at the Cedar Springs shop during the day. Some of the morning is spent in class where he works on Math, English, and Social Studies. Once a week, he gets to pick the song sung in class, and almost without fail it is "Be Thou my Vision".

Meal times are a highlight for Everett. Frequently throughout the morning, he will ask if you are hungry for lunch yet. He claims to have a "cast iron stomach" and that he doesn't get full. He, however, can be quite opinionated on what foods are good and what are less than desirable.

Throughout the day you will frequently hear him talking to himself, and if you listen closely he is either repeating full dialogues from audiobooks he has listened to, or he is making up whole new dialogues and scenarios. Audiobooks have brought hours of entertainment to Everett.

I'm always impressed with his biblical knowledge. He knows many verses by memory, and also knows almost every character mentioned in the Bible, and the details surrounding their life.

I'm challenged by Everett's joyful approach to life. Not much can make his mood sour, and even if something less than ideal happens, he very quickly bounces back to his happy self. He is also very quick to apologize if he does something wrong and is just as quick to forgive somebody if they have wronged him.

Everett reminds me that if we live life with a cheerful attitude and serve God, then we can deal with what life throws at us and remain a happy person.

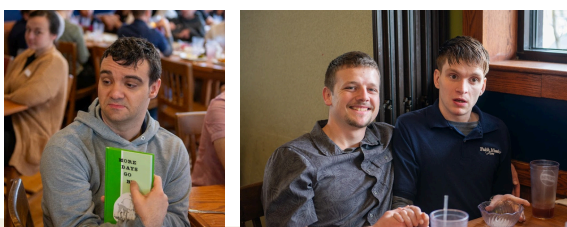
Marlin Martin | Cottage Teacher | Moorefield, ON

"SHALL WE DRIVE AT A SPEED
UNKNOWN TO MAN?"

-RICHARD BOUNDS

STUDENT QUOTE

WOODGRILL DAY



Woodgrill Day is a highly anticipated event at Faith Mission Home. As the beginning of the year rolls around, the students begin to look forward to the next big event, which is Wood Grill Day. Weeks in advance, Jolan Mast, one of our highly talkative students, starts saying, “Wood Grill day is coming up!”, or “When’s Wood Grill day?”, hoping to glean any information about Wood Grill Day from any of the staff. Excitement continues to build as the time grows closer and closer.

February 26, 2026 dawned cloudy and damp, but not so the students’ spirits. Excitement filled the air! Breakfast over, all the students headed back to their separate dorm areas, and the staff divided up into their assigned jobs for the morning. Several of the staff were in charge of getting the students showered and dressed, while the others made sure vans were clean, dishes were washed, things to take along were packed, errands were done, and so on.

A little before 10 o’clock, everyone made their way out to the event center for instructions and prayer. Most of the staff had a student they were in charge of. Jamin Peachey, the Boys’ Training Supervisor, led in prayer after several instructions, and then divided us into our van rides. All loaded up, the train of vans maneuvered their way over the mountain towards Harrisonburg. The students’ excitement was shown by some in much talking, while others showed it by bright smiles, excited gestures, or a slow smirk.

After about an hour’s drive, we finally rolled into Wood Grill Buffet, and then bailed out when we got the go ahead to head in. We had a somewhat private room where we could all sit together, and after a collective prayer, we headed out to get some food. I had the privilege of taking care of Brian Bontrager, a man that can be slow to speak, but has a healthy appreciation for food. We headed into the line, and the first thing Brian chose was spaghetti. Then we added some mac-and-cheese beside it, along with a side of green beans, and then finished the plate off with some meatballs. We headed back to our room, with a grin from ear to ear on Brian’s face. Once first course had been effectively demolished, we headed in for dessert. We started off with some peach pie filling, then cherry pie filling, added some chocolate syrup, threw on some sprinkles, and topped it off with chocolate and vanilla ice cream. Brian’s dessert brought him so much joy that he started chuckling!

At last we got done eating and made our way out to the vehicles. The rides back were a bit more drowsy and sleepy, but we arrived safely back around 2:45 p.m., filled with good food and memories. Cheers to next February!

Joel Peachey | Floater | Dyke, VA



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NEW STAFF PROFILES



Marlin Martin

MOOREFIELD, ON
03.21.2007
LAVERNE & EMMA



Bryce Fisher

BEDFORD, PA
12.13.2004
MICHAEL & MICHELLE



Andrew Mast

BIG PRAIRIE, OH
05.28.2004
MARK & POLLY



Lynette Sensenig

DENVER, PA
11.29.1999
JAY CLAIR & SUSAN



Geneva Mast

PULASKI, TN
11.15.2004
BRIAN & MARY JANE

Summer vacation is planned for June 20th-July 4th, 2026. This is a time when many, but not all, of our students get to go home to see their families. If you would like to host one or several students in your home for part or all of summer vacation, we'd love to hear from you. Thank you for considering this opportunity!

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