

Happy holidays from the Staleys.

We hope you and your family will have a wonderful time through the next week or so. There is always so much to do during the holiday season with Sunday School class and other parties to attend, getting the gift thing all strategized and then actually purchasing the items, the food planning and preparing and all. It sure is nice if all of this partying, planning, and purchasing is finished a few days prior to Christmas to allow for a time of rest and appreciation of Jesus and the Christmas birth.

In looking back, this year has been fairly productive for the Staleys concerning projects around the house. We had our roof shingled and some siding replaced for a fair price. We also added a front porch. I installed water lines and outdoor faucets around the house and also installed electrical conduit and lighting to the front of the house and to accent trees in the front yard. We also painted the house which took a week (seemed like a month).

Both boys are working full-time. Chris continues to work for Aaron's Car Care where he is the Service Writer for their business. He enjoys working for Aaron and Rhoda Nelson. Shaun should be continuing his college education at FCCJ this spring quarter. Both boys are attending church. Shaun attends Maranatha Baptist off of Beach and Leon Road where he is the Singles director/teacher for Sundays. He is also involved with the youth music program and recently preached for the Senior Pastor for a Wednesday evening service. The picture above is the boys from our 1986 Christmas card. The picture below shows the boys now in the same positions, (Chris on the left and Shaun on the right), same Santa hats and the same craziness. I believe they're gonna make my hair turn gray and fall out some day!



Donna is busy each day working in the church admin office. It can be a very busy place at times. She now is in the baking mode, trying to fill the boys and my order for 25 dozen cookies and ten pumpkin pies.

This past year's Children's Ministry was fairly busy with weekly Sunday School, Awana, big day events including Celebrate Kids Day and Community Fest. Other activities included VBS, five day camp, bowling, gym jam, and Christmas caroling. We added a summertime three day music program called Stomp and threw in a Dinner and a Movie night. I mention these children's activities because it takes a lot of work and effort to make these functions run smoothly. There are children's teachers, a host of Awana workers, VBS volunteers and many helping out during our monthly events such as parking lot control, delivering firewood for campouts, manning the grills for outdoor events, candy donations for Community Fest.....the list goes on and on. As the year comes to an end, I want to thank each children's ministry volunteer for the important part you played in our children's lives. We could not do what we do for the children without your dedication and love for the kids. Donna and I look forward to working with you all again during our 2005 activities.

In closing, we wish you a wonderful Christmas holiday. May God bless you and your family and keep you safe in 2005.

*Merry Christmas,
Ken, Donna, Chris and Shaun.*