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IN HIS STEPS: FOLLOW JESUS

In His Steps is our annual opportunity for every member to re-commit to following Jesus through serving and giving. Members should have received packets in the mail with your opportunities booklet and commitment card. If you still need one for any reason, they are available in the church office or in the Atrium. Commitment Sunday, when members turn in their cards at the altar, is Nov. 13 in all morning worship services. Cards can also be submitted online or mailed to the church office.

2ND ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

Fall family fun fills Frazer on Oct. 30 as volunteers decorate their vehicles and line the West parking lot starting at 4:30 p.m. for children to go trunk for candy and games. Followed at 6 p.m. by children's musician Eddie Willis, and at 6:30 by a free outdoor showing of the movie "Rio." Candy donations and volunteer helpers are needed now, contact Kris Johnson through the church office.

CALLING ALL WOMEN: SHINE YOUR LIGHT

Kim Hendrix will challenge women of all ages and denominations from across the River Region to "Bring Your Best." That's the title of her talk to be given Nov. 8 at 6:30 in Frazer's Wesley Hall. The Shine Your Light praise team will lead in music and worship, with a coffee-and-dessert fellowship following in the Atrium. Register for childcare by contacting the Discipleship Office, 495-3691 or online at frazerumc.org/shineyourlight.



"MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CARD" THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The adult choir, orchestra, and children's choirs will again join forces for this year's major musical drama on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10-11. The production will bring to life a variety of Christmas Card scenes and stories, leading up to a beautiful nativity scene as we remember that Jesus is God's "Christmas Card" to us. Both performances will be at 7 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Be sure to invite a friend now for this powerful way to share the gospel message through music and drama.

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PHOTO BY MAC MCELLELLAN

Runners and walkers get started on the four mile course of Frazer's inaugural Trans4mation Run on Sept. 17. The run provided an opportunity for physical "transformation" while raising funds for Frazer's mission work in Haiti.

Hundreds get moving for Haiti at Trans4mation Run

By Mac McLellan NEWS STAFF WRITER

It was a day that God had made - perfect for the more than 350 participants who filled Dean Fain Park in east Montgomery. The sky was overcast and race time temperatures were in the 60s. Casual joggers and walkers were poised behind more experienced runners ready

for the inaugural Trans4mation Run that would wind four miles through Wynlakes subdivision. There was also a one mile "fun run" in nearby Coventry.

Prior to the start of the run, Bob Crittenden (and Frazer member) from Faith Radio, called the participants together at the center of the park.

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Young volunteer steps up to lead race

By Kelly Levangie and Mac McLellan
NEWS STAFF WRITERS

IN THIS YEAR of Transformation at Frazer we have been challenged to allow God to transform our lives and the lives of others through missions. Lauren Lerner listened to that call and took on the tremendous task of organizing Frazer's first church-wide run/walk to raise awareness about physical fitness in the church and to raise support for its long-term community development project working with the hearing impaired in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Lauren is a 26-year-old Public Health Environmentalist for the state of Alabama.

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Board Approves "Transform Montgomery" Community Development Project

By Mac McLellan NEWS STAFF WRITER
AND STAFF REPORTS

At the Sept. 25 Board of Stewards meeting, Patrick Quinn announced that "Frazer has had 700 first time visitors and 250 new members so far this year. Our membership is approaching 8,000. Our effort to Transform Haiti by creating a community for the deaf is well underway. There have been seven mission trips so far and land acquisition is looking good. Our relationships there are moving forward."

Dr. Tim Thompson, Senior Pastor, continued: "Now we're going to be out in

Montgomery, building houses and continuing to get outside the walls of our church."

After those words, Ken Love introduced the "Transform Montgomery" ministry to the Board. Ken says that "the vision is to transform our city one family, one house and one neighborhood at a time through affordable home ownership, holistic life skills training and relational community ministry."

Transform Montgomery has three phases: first, Frazer will purchase low cost homes and redevelop them, using



volunteer labor as much as possible. Second, families of the working poor in our city will apply to the program and go through a screening process. Those approved will be eligible to lease the home while going through life skills training that will equip them to succeed in every area, from managing a budget

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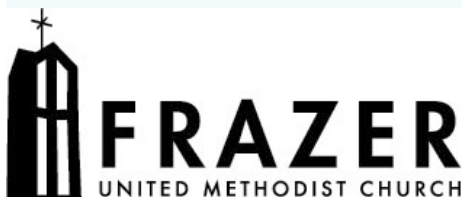
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GOOGLE MAPS

Satellite imagery of Montgomery showing the Garden Square neighborhood in Chisholm.

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to building a strong family to growing in their relationship with God. Finally, after a successful period of leasing and training, participants will be able to purchase the home on a zero-interest loan, utilizing the previous lease payments as a down payment.

The plan centers on Garden Square, a neighborhood of approximately 100 houses located in north Montgomery near the Montgomery Zoo. It is an area not currently served by any other ministry. What helps make Garden Square ideal for Transform Montgomery is that it is self-contained, accessible to school and

work zones, has available green space and is already identified by city planners as a redevelopment zone.

Frazer has already made contact with the Garden Square neighborhood association, who have expressed eagerness to partner with the church in seeing their community improved. Part of Frazer's commitment is to provide community ministries beyond home renovation, such as tutoring, health screenings, and other programs by Frazer volunteers. Eventually the church would like to see Frazer members move in to the community to be "missionaries on the ground" much like we have seen happen in Village Green apartments.

In order to officially launch Transform

Montgomery and its ministry, the Board of Stewards approved the establishment of the Transform Montgomery 501c3 Non-Profit LLC., and a Board of Directors to begin work on utilizing the \$70,000 designated for the project in the 2012 Frazer budget. This amount is anticipated to cover purchase and renovations on three houses within the year. There are 28 houses currently unoccupied in Garden Square. Leasing and mortgage payments will eventually roll back into the non-profit to perpetuate funding.

The proposal to the Board followed months of investigation and research by an exploratory team. Members met with city planners, development experts, and other similar ministries such as Common Ground, which uses a similar model in West Montgomery.

Transform Montgomery is the third part of the "God-sized vision" pastor Thompson challenged Frazer with back in January. The first part was to "transform our hearts," the focus of this year's preaching. The second was the "Transform Haiti" project underway with the Deaf Community in Port-au-Prince.

Frazer has a long history of service "outside the walls" in our community, as well as ministries to the poor such as our Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. Transform Montgomery will continue that tradition and expand it to the next level.

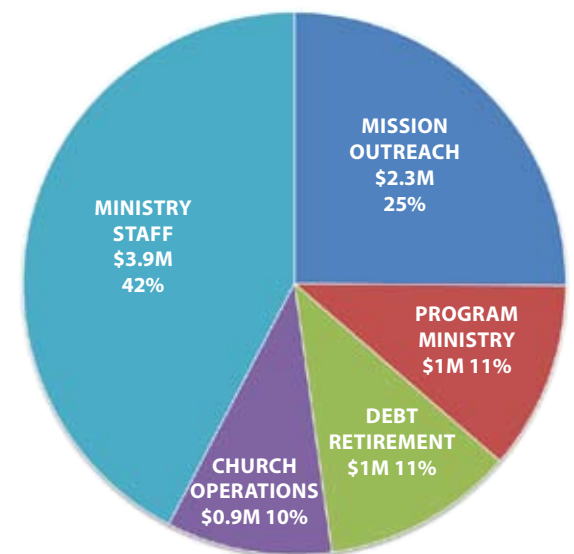
Frazer members can be looking for upcoming opportunities to volunteer with the Transform Montgomery project either through construction and renovation or through other community ministry activities. To stay up to date, visit the transform.frazerumc.org blog.

Board Approves 2012 Ministry Budget

The Frazer Ministry Budget is a spending plan designed to carry out our mission to Worship, Win, Disciple and Serve to the Glory of God. Developed by lay leaders and staff with guidance from the Finance Committee, the budget was approved by the church's Board of Stewards unanimously on Sept. 25.

For the past several years the budget has stayed fairly constant as our members have given faithfully despite difficult economic times, enabling us as a church to continue and expand our mission and ministry in Montgomery and around the world. This year's budget includes a 1.28% increase driven mostly by our added investment in Community Ministry through project Transform Montgomery.

The chart at right shows the major categories that make up the \$9,157,954.71 total budget. For a complete report on the 2012 budget contact Church Administrator Rusty Taylor, 495-6323.



Announcements

NEWS + EVENTS

IN HIS STEPS PRAYER VIGIL Take time to pray over your own commitment for 2012 and pray for our church and our missions initiatives in the East Sanctuary, Nov. 4-10. Sign up to come by any time between 8 a.m.–8 p.m. Nothing great happens without prayer, but everything is possible with prayer!

IN HIS STEPS MINISTRY EXPO Talk to volunteers and leaders in all of Frazer's ministry areas to help you discern where God is calling you to serve in 2012. Wednesday evening Nov. 2 and Sunday morning Nov. 6 in the Atrium.

DISCIPLESHIP + FELLOWSHIP

SHINE YOUR LIGHT All women are invited to this evening of inspiration with Kim Hendrix speaking on "Bring Your Best" and the Shine Your Light praise team leading in worship. 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Coffee and dessert following in the Atrium.

THIRD SUNDAY LUNCH Nov. 20. To make reservations please call 495-6401 or fill out the reservation form in your Sunday bulletin. Menus will be published in the bulletin the week prior.

MEN'S MINISTRY Monthly breakfast Nov. 2 6:30 a.m.; Fellowship Dinner Nov. 17.

CHILDREN + STUDENTS

COVENANT RETREAT Covenant is an annual overnight event teaching students in grades 6-12 God's plan for sexual purity and healthy relationships. This year's retreat is Nov. 4-5 at Children's Harbor. Deadline to register Oct. 20 online at frazerumc.org/covenant or in the CRAVE office.

SERVING + GIVING

ANGEL TREE Frazer will provide Christmas gifts for 300 children in the foster care system in our county who might not otherwise receive a gift. Look for your opportunity to pick up an "Angel Tag" in November or contact Charlie Kendall, 495-6313.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES Frazer will be a collection site again this year for Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse ministry, which delivers shoeboxes full of small toys, personal hygiene items and Bibles to children around the world. Pick up instructions in the Atrium starting Oct. 30 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org. Deadline to return your box is Nov. 20.

IN HIS STEPS CAPTAIN'S RALLY Sunday evening Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Captains are members of our church who have agreed to take the lead in making commitments and contacting other members to encourage everyone to participate in In His Steps. Although the rally is specifically for captains, the whole church is invited to participate in this exciting evening of worship.

IN HIS STEPS COMMITMENT SUNDAY Commitment cards will be placed on the altar during all morning worship services Nov. 13. Don't forget you can also submit your card online or mail it in to the church office.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY Next S.P.I.R.I.T Nov. 10; Friends Nov. 17; No 4th Thursday this month due to Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING WEEK SCHEDULE No Wednesday night supper, adult Bible studies, children's choirs or student ministry events the week of Thanksgiving as we focus on time with our families. Tuesday night Grief, Divorce and Singles groups will still meet.

HANGING OF THE GREENS A fun afternoon of fellowship and festivity on Nov. 28 as we work together to decorate the church for the Christmas holidays. Gather in the Atrium at 3 p.m. to receive assignments and supplies. Afterward we'll enjoy soup together in the Fellowship Hall.

REDZONE GROUP TO ATTEND PASSION 2012 RedZone, Frazer's ministry to college students and young adults, will be taking a group to the Passion 2012 event Jan. 2-5 at the Georgia Dome. Passion exists to "see a generation stake their lives on what matters most." Learn more about Passion and RedZone at cravestudentministry.com.

JOIN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR Singers who don't already participate in the Sanctuary Choir are invited to join the Christmas Choir. Come to rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and be a part of the Christmas musical Dec. 10 and 11. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the season and share the gospel through song with our community.

DONATE A RIDE Do you have a used vehicle in good operating condition? We have members who need a dependable means of transportation to get work and school. You can receive a tax deduction for your donation to the church. Call Charlie Kendall at 495-6313 for details.

SAVE THE DATE

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA Dec. 3

MEN'S MISSIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST Dec. 10

CHERUB CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Dec. 4, 6 p.m.

YOUTH WORSHIP ARTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Dec. 18, 6 p.m.

ADULT & CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL "My Favorite Christmas Carol" Dec. 10 & 11, 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION Come and go, 2-4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary or 7 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP 9:30 Sanctuary Service, 11:00 Wesley Hall Service. Both will be family services; all children welcome (no nursery, children's church or Sunday School).

CARING FOR OUR CONGREGATION

BIRTHS

We rejoice with our members who have recently welcomed a new child into their family as of Sept. 26.

- A daughter, "Mary" Pryor, born to Meredith and Jared Smith on August 24.

DEATHS

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy and love to those families who have recently experienced the death of a loved one. Remembering these families in your prayers, giving them a call or sending a card provides healing ministry and extends the love of Christ during this time of loss and grief.

- Mother of Barbara Chambers
- George Mason
- Bob Thompson
- Mother of Lisa McCollum
- Fran McMichen
- Bubba Dean
- Tom Griffin
- Father of Jan Hill
- Mother of Conrad Naftel
- Mother of Maria Carter
- Mother of Charles Alford
- Mother of Brian May
- Mother of Ben McDavid



PHOTO BY ANDREA VANDERMEY

Members of Friday Night Church begin worship with music and singing led by Jacob Mainor on guitar and Adam Alexander on drum kit.

Members reach out through Friday Night Church

By Andrea Vandermey
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WHAT IS YOUR favorite experience at church on Sunday mornings? Is it the fellowship, the worship, or the sermon? What if a fellowship of believers gathered on Friday instead, would you be willing to take advantage of such an opportunity? Friday Night Church (FNC) is just such an opportunity, demonstrating that a church experience is not confined to Sundays.

"Friday Night Church is a place where I can come and set my heart on God. I am not distracted by what has happened throughout the week, I focus on God and let my spirit be renewed in the Lord Jesus Christ," explains Cody McMillan.

FNC is almost unexplainable and from the beginning it could not have been kept a secret even if those involved had tried. It started a few years ago with a small group of Christians in a local Montgomery home. This unique group of individuals began having a ripple effect in the community and like dominoes; friends began sharing how their lives were being changed. New faces continued to emerge until the group began to outgrow the home in which it began.

Despite the rapid growth, the group remains a passionate and loving people dedicated to God and sharing His love with others. It is not just a group of friends and neighbors, but a close knit family based off of Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, one person sharpens another."

As FNC continues, those that participate are confident that God will provide for their every need. His hand is truly on this group of people and He continually guides them in the direction they need to go. In Ecclesiastes 4:12 the Bible states that a chord of three strands is not quickly broken. Together Christians are stronger, building each other up in Christ.

"FNC, to me, is about the truth and simplicity of church. This body of believers, my faith family; are uplifting, challenging and continually guiding each other to Christ," says Amanda Greene.

If you are interested in experiencing FNC, it is currently meeting behind Frazer in the Village Green Apartments clubhouse. Food and fellowship begins at 7 p.m. every Friday with worship beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Class creates a place for young adults to grow and serve

By Kelly Levangie NEWS STAFF WRITER

Red Zone is Frazer's young adult ministry that began in January 2010. It is a place for those whose age is 18-25 and who are in college or vocational school, working, serving in the military, or just trying to find their way. The class is taught by Johnny Boyd and other leaders who have a love in their heart for showing young adults how to spiritually grow in their walk with Christ.

In football, the red zone is the distance between the 20-yard line and the goal. This is where the game changes, where a team has to buckle down or possibly fail. How well a team performs in the red zone can often determine the outcome of a game. Football is not the only place that can have a red zone. People can have red zones too. It is the time in our lives that starts after high school and things begin to change dramatically. It is often the time when we are on our own for the first time - where there are "no rules". The red zone is a time when we are searching for our place in this world and who we can be in it. And it is one of the most critical times in our lives, a time where we think we are seeking independence and claim to know everything and may be afraid to ask for help when we fail. "It's a time when you need the most support and spiritual guidance to overcome your opponent: Satan," says Johnny Boyd, the leader of Red Zone Ministry.

Amber Lawson, who is new to Red Zone, is 22 years old and attending South University. Amber heard about Red Zone at the Day Away with God. She says, "It is a refreshing option to what I am used to. I used to go to a traditional Baptist church where the options (for young adults) were limited."

Johnny, and his wife Nora, first got involved with the young adult ministry because of how important it was to his family. His five daughters came into the college ministry years ago and felt that it did not meet their needs personally or spiritually. They wanted to have a place to grow and where they felt included regardless of if they were in college or not. The student ministry, and others at Frazer, saw this need and tried to fill that need with a small group that met on Monday nights at the home of Brian Word, one of the Crave Student Ministry leaders. "But there was still no place for them on Sunday mornings," says Johnny, "I met with Brian and told him I would do whatever I had to do to help start a

class on Sunday mornings."

Now on Sunday mornings, the Red Zone class meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Crave Room. It is located in room 8251 on the second level of the Activity Center. The Sunday morning study is a time where they discuss some of the serious topics young adults might be going through in their lives and how Christ shows us in the Bible ways we can get through them.



Additionally, the group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Chappy's on Carmichael Road starting at 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. On third Sundays they meet for a lunch at various locations and meet again on fourth Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the EastChase Starbucks. The activities and meetings are free for those who attend.

Amber has attended several of the activities that Red Zone offers. "I really like the activities we do outside of church throughout the week," she says.

Red Zone feels it important to bond together as a group and believes the best way to connect and get to know one another are through a time of food, fellowship and fun. However, it also believes that young adults should serve others locally and internationally. The ministry has currently been serving throughout the year at Adullam House. The Adullam House is a home for children of incarcerated parents. Children there receive love, care, and most importantly, Biblical teaching. They will also be partnering this year with the Crave Student Ministry by serving on several mission trips to places such as Atlanta, Haiti, Dominican Republic and Africa. Dates, pricing and other information about being involved in these mission projects, or any other Red Zone events, can be found on the Red Zone webpage at www.frazerumc.org/redzone.

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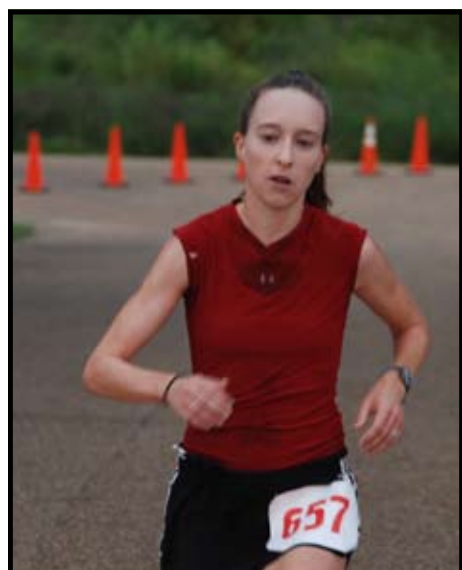
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Next, Butch McPherson, Director of Missions and Events, contacted Kyle Reschke by cell phone to inspire the runners. Kyle, Frazer's on-site community project director in Haiti, told the runners that he would be celebrating what was being done for the Transform Haiti project by running the four mile distance there in Haiti that afternoon. Patrick Quinn, Teaching Pastor, gave the opening prayer and the run was underway.

While runners enjoyed the weather and the beautiful courses, those still at Dean Fain could enjoy live music from Frazer's Youth Worship Arts. Children ran around and also jumped on inflatables.

Brian Eldridge, a participant from Playa Del Rea, Calif., is currently attending NCS at Maxwell AFB. He was the first runner across the finish line in the four

Overall race winners Brian Eldridge and Tracy Bright.



PHOTOS BY MAC MCCLELLAN

ABOVE Frazer member Casheena Cross and daughter La'Claire cross the finish line.

BELOW Phil Knieriem (left) challenges Ben Chelbia Mohamad at the finish line.

mile run and was also the Overall Male Winner. When asked about the course Brian said, "The course was beautiful and so were the houses. There was very little traffic." Not far behind Brian was Tracy Bright, wife of an ACSC student at Maxwell. She crossed the finish line in 25:36.5 minutes and was the Overall Female Winner

The one mile "fun run" through Coventry subdivision began approximately 60 minutes after the four mile race began. This race was not timed, but many approached the task at hand just as seriously. Entire families were seen running and walking, often hand-in-hand. There were entrants with children in jogging strollers and Frazer member Sun Jeong Jang completed the entire course from her wheelchair. The first participant to complete the one mile "fun run" was Brandon Todd. Jade Teel was only seconds behind him as the Female Winner.

Race awards were given in the following categories: Overall Male and Female Winners; Overall Male and Female Masters Winners; and Male and Female Age Group categories (complete race results online at www.trans4mationrun.org/results/).

After the awards Bob and Butch drew door prizes donated by The Cookie Company, Dillards at EastChase, EarthFare, Rave Theater, McLendon Athletics, the Montgomery Biscuits, Mathison Interiors, Frazer Bookstore, El Rey Restaurant, Sommer's Place Restaurant and Bama Lanes. Their support of the Trans4mation Run is greatly appreciated.

Our sincere thanks go out to the following sponsors whose support made

the Trans4mation Run a success: Reinhardt Toyota; Dan & Cynthia Atkinson, RE/MAX of Montgomery; Costco Wholesale; Advocate; Wholesale Auto Plus; Proforma Business Advantage; William Pendleton Family Dentistry; Peaches 'N' Clean Floor Care; Henig Furs; Stanley Steemer; River Region Health & Fitness Magazine; Partners Realty; Cissy's Critters Pet Sitting; Dr. Dan Hogan Chiropractor; PT Solutions Physical Therapy; Krispy Kreme; ICBY Yogurt; and Mac Sporting Goods.

Putting together a first time event of this magnitude would not have been possible without the many volunteers who stepped forward and devoted many hours of their time. Our thanks go out to Lauren Lerner, Bryson Gambill, Frank Garcia, Jan Neil, Wendy Blackmon, Butch McPherson, Bob Crittenden, Keri Ward, Kim McNamara, Laura Mastrangelo, Michael Gross, The Lion Chasers and the many volunteers who contributed to the success of the Trans4mation Run.



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Lerner Steps Up

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Like so many of us, she has prayed for God to show her how she could use what she loves to do to serve Him and others. She has been running for approximately 17 years. Her father, who was also an avid runner and a member of the Montgomery Track Club (now called the River Regions Runners), inspired and encouraged her passion for running. Running was a common ground in which her and her father could bond.

When Lauren was first approached with the idea of taking on the project of organizing Frazer's first run, she was flattered by the idea that someone thought she could undertake such a huge project. She had never seen herself as someone who was able to take on such an enormous task. So she prayed and thought, surely God has someone else in mind for this. Lauren said, "I never realized how big this really was. The amount of information was overwhelming, but then I saw that I had personal connections with almost all of the people involved in the project."

This was the answer to her prayer. She said, "God I hear you," and it was then abundantly clear that God had chosen her specifically for this mission. "This is my opportunity to serve the Lord and help the people in Haiti. If I didn't follow God's lead on this, I would be missing out on an amazing opportunity to see God work in my life, as well as the people in Haiti," explained Lauren.

Lauren said, "I felt like David facing Goliath taking on this project. The closer we get to God, the harder Satan works to tear us down. There were times where I had seeds of doubt and times I wanted to walk away, but there was always this small voice whispering words of confidence urging me on."

Lauren says she can feel and see how God is working in her life and the passion He has for this mission. "God is in control of my life and this ministry. I am still learning how to let go and let it all go His way. I am learning to trust God in everything. If it is in God's plan, no matter how many obstacles He will help us overcome to accomplish anything."

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—Lauren Lerner

Culps Let the Children Come

Couple Shows God's Love to some of Frazer's Littlest Learners

By Mac McLellan NEWS STAFF WRITER

This story is about a Frazer couple who loves the Lord and devotes much of their time to the little children of our church. They truly put music in their hearts and encourage their faith in God. If your family currently includes a three-year-old, or did so during the past five years, then there is a very good chance that Randall and Lydia Culp have played a meaningful role in your child's life.

Randall and his wife Lydia have been members of Frazer since the mid 1980s. "We were members of the Explorers Class when everything began to happen," Randall began, "Rudy Heintzelman, who taught the class for many years, was taking his family on a three week vacation one summer. He picked three class members to teach the class while he was gone and I got my first experience as a Sunday school teacher. I still remember teaching the entire book of Psalms in thirty minutes. At that time Lydia and I were also working with the two-year-olds volunteering one Sunday a month. Tim Singleton was teaching Cherub Church (at the time) and I would fill in for him when he was absent. Jill Maddox was playing the piano and if she had to do something I would fill in for her. Lydia and I had prayed that we would eventually get the opportunity to take over. When the opportunity came no one from Frazer called me and I was really hurt. I didn't know that they were waiting for me to volunteer. The last day that John Ed preached at Frazer I walked up to Charlie Kendall and asked about the status of Cherub Church. Charlie said, 'Are you volunteering?' The rest is history."

Randall and Lydia have between 60 and 80 two and three-year-olds that they teach at Cherub Church. "What we do in Cherub Church is really neat," Randall said. "We do a lot of singing, marching and we pray. We open each service with 'This is the Day the Lord Hath Made'. We teach them Bible verses and at some point we have a Bible story which can be anything from Moses to Joseph to Elijah and then we put the children in a skit. It's like when we would teach on Moses, we bring up a child, we put some clothes on him and give him a staff. They come up on the stage and we act it out. We have done the parting of the Red Sea with a sea that actually parts."

Cherub Church normally lasts from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Prior to Cherub Church the children are in one of eight classrooms in the upstairs Nursery. Each classroom has anywhere from two to 15 children. They all come together in the "Galley" for Cherub Church and then return to their classrooms for cookies, crackers and juice.

Lydia adds, "Our transition into Cherub Church had to be the will of God because we had already been working with the two-year-olds on the other side of the hall so the children and their parents saw us on a regular basis. I think in a transition like this, when you



PHOTO BY MAC MCLELLAN

Cherub Church always starts with a song complete with motions. From left, Randall Culp, Deborah Watkins, and Lydia Culp.

are handing your children over to learn about God and the Bible, it is really important that you know and trust that person. I think that transition was very smooth for the parents because they already knew us and trusted us. You should see us try to go through the Atrium. It is so funny, especially when the parents haven't known us very long, the children take off running towards us for a hug and the parents wonder where they are going. The parents might be holding their hands and they just take off, and it just isn't limited to church, it happens at places like Chappy's Deli. It's a real neat relationship we have with children who are now up to eight years old. We love it!"

The Culps currently serve in many other areas of ministry besides Cherub Church. Meals on Wheels, Wednesday night supper and Emmaus Ministry are just a few examples of the numerous other ways they are involved at Frazer. Yet however busy they are, they still would like to see Cherub Church grow. As Randall pointed out, "The Galley will hold 100 children and a 100 strong Cherub Church is just fine with us."

Randall and Lydia also teach Cherub Choir on Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. This program meets during the school year (September-May) with Christmas and Spring performances as well as periodic performances in Sunday morning worship and integration into church-wide musical productions. Volunteer opportunities are available for parent assistants. Contact Amis Sellers, Assistant

Music Director or Loretta Daughtry, Nursery Director for more information.

Frazer Children's Choirs

In addition to leading Cherub Church, the Culp's also lead Cherub Choir, Frazer's music and worship training experience for 3 year-olds, which meets on Wednesday nights from 6-7 p.m.

For ages K4-5th Grade, Frazer offers ORBIT, also on Wednesday nights from 6-7:15 p.m. ORBIT combines music and worship education with Bible studies and missions experiences.

Of course, the opportunity to learn to praise God through music doesn't stop as a child. Frazer has an excellent Youth Worship Arts program for 6th-12th graders, after which all ages of adults are invited to participate in the Sanctuary Choir.

In addition to occasional performances during Sunday morning worship, the congregation will have the opportunity to hear our young people sing at these upcoming Christmas events:

- Cherub Choir Christmas Program: Dec. 4
- ORBIT Children's Choir: Dec. 10 & 11 (as part of the adult choir Christmas musical)
- Youth Worship Arts Program: Dec. 18

ONEfamily initiative answers biblical call to care for orphans

By Candace Rutherford
NEWS STAFF WRITER

God has always had a “tender spot” in His heart for orphans. In fact, He calls himself a “father to the fatherless” (Psalm 68:5). The Bible calls Christians to care for orphans, to “vindicate the weak and fatherless” (Psalm 82:3) and “visit them in their distress” (James 1:27). ONEfamily is an initiative of Frazer to expand our response to that calling by bringing orphans into our very homes and families through adoption, foster care and support teams.



Frazer began the ministry in May with our pastors preaching about orphan care from the pulpit. This was followed up by an orientation meeting where more than 120 people came to learn about orphan care, adoption and foster care. There was obviously a high level of interest in this new ministry!

The group’s coordinator, Leslie Word, decided to take on the leadership role after much prayer. “I had been meeting and talking with fellow Frazer member Susan Fisher for months about forming an adoption/foster care ministry. I was willing to help whoever started it. Eventually God confirmed in a few ways in my life that perhaps I should start doing something about the ministry, rather than waiting on someone else.” Lynn Benefield soon joined their meetings and they started brainstorming about how to accomplish this mission.

They ultimately identified 10 Frazer members who had been involved with adoption or orphan care and formed an advisory council. Since then, they’ve laid out longer term plans in all facets of the mission.

FOSTER CARE

FOSTER CARE CAN be characterized as families in transition. A family commits

to providing a temporary home to a child experiencing a difficult time in life. This arrangement has its own set of challenges, but it is hard to imagine a way to minister to children that could have more impact than life-on-life investment in your own home.

ONEfamily is working hand in hand with the Montgomery County DHR to provide training for those exploring becoming foster families. The group hosted a 10-week training class in September to more than 20 members. Testimonies were also during the classes from the following: a family that has fostered more than 30 children, a family who has fostered for the past 10 years, a family with small children and newborn baby and a family who fosters medically fragile babies

There are hundreds of children in Montgomery County desperately in need of compassionate and loving families to provide them stability and structure. If a family is unable to commit to providing full-time foster care, they can decide to serve by being a Respite Care family. A Respite Care family provides short term care for foster children or offers “reinforcement” by helping with a birthday party, doing laundry, or whatever is needed to help. ONEfamily will coordinate support teams and offer respite care training with DHR.

ORPHAN CARE

ANOTHER PART OF ONEfamily is orphan care. Our church family can respond by supporting orphanages, children’s homes, child sponsorship agencies and similar ministries that provide aide to orphans. “We plan on continuing to be a ministry that provides opportunities on a monthly basis to learn more about orphan care. The group is in the process of establishing partnerships with organizations that are caring for the orphans locally and internationally and providing opportunities for our church family to go and serve,” said Leslie.

A few of the organizations ONEfamily partners with or supports:

United Methodist Children’s Home (UMCH.net)—The Children’s Home makes a real difference in the lives of children. It was established in 1890 and has helped to transform the lives of thousands of hurting children.

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PHOTO COURTESY SUSAN MOSS

Nick (left) and Susan Moss with son Sam on his “Gotcha Day” in China after being adopted. A key role of the ONEfamily initiative is to provide education and support so that more families can experience adoption as Sam and the Moss family have.

Sam’s Story

THE JOY IS apparent as Susan and Nick Moss held Sam for the first time on “Gotcha Day!” It was the result of much patience and many prayers. Sam came into their life five years ago when the completed an adoption of him from China.

“The best advice I could give to families wishing to adopt (domestically or internationally) is to belong to a church and have faith that the Lord will provide all your needs,” said Susan. In her case the Discovery Sunday School class was instrumental in getting the family through this process. The class offered support by praying and helping them to raise funds for airline tickets and other expenses.

The cost to adopt internationally can exceed \$30,000. On the face of it, that may seem insurmountable, but there is an adoption tax credit available, as well as grants to help with expenses. Also, not all fees are due at one time. “The financial help we received from family, friends and church members, enriched our lives because they helped us become a family. We were able to adopt a precious child and he found a forever family who will always love and care for him... just like God adopted each of us into His forever family!” said Susan with gratitude

Emotional support is also key. The Moss’ spoke to other families who had been through the process and had a wonderful adoption agency which helped them through every step in the process. “The journey of adoption is amazing and a tremendous blessing! God really shines his light on those who help orphans. It is a life changing experience,” she said.

Sam turned five this summer. Now he is attending school and is very active at Frazer. He loves playing soccer and football. His favorite things are Batman and Power Rangers. The Moss’ are taking foster training classes and have talked to Sam about offering their home to a child in need. The circle continues as Sam is very accepting of the idea. He is thriving with the grace of God.

Look for more Frazer ONEfamily stories in coming editions of Frazer Family News. To share your story, contact ffn@frazerumc.org.

WORLD MISSIONS

Team shares Christ in 10th year of ministry to Peru



PHOTOS COURTESY MISSIONARY MARTIN REEVES.

ABOVE From left: Mary Beth Davey, Rozanne Robinson, Diane Vogler and Martha Johnson with just a few of the children in attendance at a ministry event.

BOTTOM From left: Gary Cochran, Jerry Robinson and Boyd Whigham at work constructing a roof over the children's meeting area in Milagro.

By Dr. Martha Poole Simmons NEWS STAFF WRITER

A team of 12 members journeyed to Peru Aug. 19-28 for construction projects and relationship building. This is the tenth time Frazer has sent a team to the country. Team members were Martha Johnson, Gary and Cindy Cochran, Mary Beth Davey, Jerry and Rozanne Robinson, Boyd Whigham, Pat Byrd, Diane Vogler, Herb and Alice Cordle, and team leader Jim Johnson. The group was hosted by the Central Methodist Church of Trujillo.

"The Peruvian people are very loving and caring and seem so appreciative that we come back year after year. I have made many friends and it is like a homecoming each year when we arrive," Jerry explains.

On Saturday the team helped with the first of five planned community programs by providing a chicken and rice meal, sharing testimony from one of the team members and prayerfully listening while missionary Martin Reeves introduced Christianity to the attendees using the Alpha course. Other leaders on hand were Pastor Jose Gousman and children's ministry leader Antonio.

"Antonio blessed us by having volunteers ready to work shoulder to shoulder with us in ministry at each of the activities. In fact we became their helpers as they reached out to their fellow Peruvians to share Jesus," said Jim.

After a Sunday morning breakfast and devotional led by Pat, the team worshipped at Central Church. Later the team took taxis to the Florencia community for the first full program that included a children's ministry carnival, a mother's ministry presentation and an evangelistic program with parents and their children. Carnival games consisted of bean bag toss, ball toss, putt-putt, Go Fish, ring toss and Velcro "baseball". The program was followed by a meal for all those attending. It was a long evening, but a very rewarding one for the team and attendees.

"The highlight of the week for me was the carnivals. I love children and working with them. I am thankful that I

had the opportunity to go back to Peru and share the love of Jesus," said Rozanne.

Monday through Thursday the men headed out to the city of Milagro to work on building a roof for an adobe structure that Martin received permission to use for weekly children's ministry programs. The ladies stayed behind at Central Church and prepared supplies and activities for the afternoon programs. The team reunited each day around 2 p.m. to complete final decorations. Each afternoon more than 300 children and adults would arrive for fun, food and the message of Jesus.

"I don't think we were called to Peru just to bring stuff and fix stuff and give stuff. We were called to bring a new perspective, to show God's gift of salvation and to show our brothers and sisters in Peru what a Christian life is all about," says Mary Beth.

Jim shared that Martin challenged them with a new assignment at the end of each service. Martin told the people that if they needed prayer for anything, to seek out one of us and that we would pray for them. We prayed to God in English and he comforted them in Spanish.

"At first I was apprehensive about doing this," said Jerry, "when the first person came to me, I didn't know what I was going to do or say. But then I put my arms around her not knowing what her needs were and I began to pray. At that very moment I knew that it really didn't matter that I didn't know her needs. Our Heavenly Father already knew my needs and hers too. All He expected from me was to be faithful and to love her."

It was a week of exceeded goals and a myriad of events and activities that allowed 12 American people to be the hands and feet of Christ in Peru. "I see now how all of us are more alike than different and how looking at the material side of our existence merely distracts us from the things that God wants us to focus on," explains Mary Beth.

Frazer plans to send another mission team to Peru again next August. If you are interested in serving on this, or any mission trip, please contact Butch McPherson, Director of Missions at (334) 495-6325, or visit the website at www.frazerumc.org/missions for more information.



Students on Mission

By AnnaBeth Crittenden
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THIS SUMMER CRAVE student ministry was "On Mission" for Christ. Over the months of June and July students were provided several opportunities to get involved in serving the community through Christ. Two of these included week-long mission trips to Miami and to the country of Ukraine.

The Miami mission trip consisted of 30 students and parents. The team left early in the morning on June 2 to complete the 13 hour trip down to Florida. For a week the team was split up to serve in areas such as homeless outreach, medical help, community outreach and helping at the Homestead Women's Shelter.

Eighth grader Brian Garcia spent his day at the shelter passing out clothing. He said, "[The job] became tougher and tougher as we came along, [the homeless] kept flooding through the door, but I felt better knowing how many people we had helped." On other days the students served the homeless breakfast and lunch. Colin McInnish said, "I saw plenty of people [that day] that needed God. When I stood at the front of the kitchen and prayed for the people who came up, I could feel God's presence."

The Ukraine mission team consisted of 17 students and traveled in mid-July. Their goal was to spread the gospel to the people of Ukraine through love and compassion.

"[In the Ukraine] religion is so different than ours. They are Christian, but they worship differently than we do. They recite a prayer three times a day to God, but they do not know that God is a personal God that you can talk to. They do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ," says Essence Bell.

The team met at the Zhytomyr Central Baptist Church and spent the first few days serving at orphanages, homeless shelters and villages where there was a local Vacation Bible School program.

The last day was spent "walking into a stranger's home, getting to know them and asking if we could pray for them in any way," said Lauren Kingry. While a few team members would go inside the house, those that remained outside would gather together and pray for the mission, the team and the residents inside the house. It was a powerful experience for the students to witness the strength of spiritual warfare that is inside the hearts of Ukrainian people.

The summer missions were successful in both parts of the world. The students were able to share the love of Christ and also see people experience the love of God being added to His family. *For more information on student mission trips coming in 2012, contact the CRAVE office.*

Couple are “Waiting on a Word”

Student Minister and his wife embark on journey of international adoption

By Kelly Levangie NEWS STAFF WRITER

According to worldorphans.org, there are approximately 163 million orphans worldwide. They are often orphaned due to rampant diseases that sweep through an area, but some are relinquished by their parents into the system because of the lack of food and care that can be provided to them. Most however become orphans as a result of civil war. God calls us to “care for the orphaned” (James 1:27) and to



Brian and Leslie Word

“vindicate the weak and fatherless” (Psalm 82:3). Leslie and Brian Word always knew they wanted to adopt a child even before they were married to each other. In an interview with Leslie she says, “Adoption has woven itself into both our lives. On our second date we talked about adoption. I didn’t even know if I wanted to marry Brian at that point, but I knew we both wanted to adopt a child one day.”

Brian and Leslie started gathering information on adoption after being married a year and a half. They began to look at international adoption because both felt that one of their future children would come from Africa. Hours of research led Leslie to information on the country of the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Congo is the second poorest country in the world and has more than 5 million orphans. This fact, along with others, solidified the Word’s belief that this would be the country in which they would adopt a child. They want the chance to make a difference in the life of one of these children.

The Words began the actual process of adoption in December 2010. “I did a lot of research and read a lot of blogs from people who have adopted, people who have told about their process, who they adopted from, how they raised the money and what it was like to go through it. For five years I was a full-time supported missionary, so I have seen how God provides. It’s not always easy, but I knew if God was calling us to it [adoption], He would provide,” said Leslie.

Just in the course of the last five months they have had several unforeseen things that have taken away a part of their own savings that they thought they could use for the adoption. “God wants you to be humbled and rely on Him. Life does not always go as planned, but it can be empowering and humbling. That is what it should be. It should never be in our power any way,” explains Leslie.

An international adoption can cost \$20,000-\$40,000 with travel expenses as an additional cost. Since the adoption process began, the Words have put all of their

savings toward adoption costs. They have applied for three different grants and received a “matching grant” which means any amount that they have raised will be matched by a donor.

To help offset the cost of adoption, the Words had a fund-raising event at the EastChase Chick-Fil-A. Their Spirit Night raised \$700 in just 3 hours. E-mails, Facebook and word of mouth helped to gain awareness of the event. Leslie said, “It was the biggest Spirit Night this Chick-Fil-A had ever had. They even had to call in more people to work that night to handle the amount of customers they had coming in. The support and prayers we have received from our Frazer family has been amazing!”

The Words have also sent out letters asking for support from friends and family members. Leslie states, “When you bring people into your journey, they get to be a part of it. They get to pray for you, get to support you though that prayer and they get to see an orphan come into a family. It also helps encourage other families by saying you can do this too.”

Adoption can seem overwhelming. “We are adopting just one (or two), but there are so many more out there. Brian and I are not called to save them all, but are making a difference to one. They will be loved and will get to know Christ. We get to be a part of their story,” shares Leslie.

Leslie has taken her belief in adoption one step further. She has, along with the help of several others, launched the ONEfamily Ministry at Frazer and serves as the ministry’s coordinator (see article on page 7). OneFamily helps to support and educate others who have an interest in adoption. It is also available to those interested in foster care. For those not called to adopt, there are still many ways to help. You can love and minister to orphans by helping other families in their adoption process. One way you can respond is by volunteering at a local orphanage or children’s home. Consider donating to child sponsorship agencies, or other similar ministries that provide aide to orphans. Most importantly, ask God for a vision and pray to be able to show His Love for those that need compassion.

If you would like to follow Brian and Leslie in their adoption process and to hear how God is moving in their lives, go to <http://waitingonaword.blogspot.com/>.

Frazer members and others from the community flooded Chick-Fil-A EastChase for a fund-raiser supporting the Word’s adoption.



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UMCH offers a broad range of services including group homes, residential programs, foster care programs, family preservation and support services. Church members can help by giving their time or donations. There are many opportunities to help locally by checking the service area maps for activities.

Visiting Orphans (visitingorphans.net)—Visiting Orphans is a non-profit organization established in 2005 as a way to help orphans of the world. Visiting Orphans takes trips all over the world to minister to the ones who may never be adopted. This not for profit agency is dedicated to living out James 1:27. This is accomplished by partnering churches with orphanages on a longer term basis to facilitate support.

Stella’s Houses (stellavoices.org)—Stella’s House is a home for orphan girls in Moldova who have been aged out of state run facilities and are prime targets for sex traffickers. While living at Stella’s House, the girls complete their education, learn life skills and grow in a Christian environment that changes their mind-set from “I am just an orphan”, to “I am a child of my heavenly Father and I am greatly loved.” Stella’s Houses has been to visit Frazer on numerous occasions and sends mission teams there as well.

ADOPTION

THE MOST PERMANENT formal arrangement is an adoption—when a family legally brings a child into their family. This is a big decision which involves financial, legal and relationship issues, however; scores of Frazer families have sought the Lord and followed His guidance to adopt both internationally and domestically, and found that the rewards are incalculable.

“ONEfamily will partner with an experienced, private Christian adoption agency to help our members along the journey of discovering if adoption may be right for their family,” states Leslie.

HERE IN ALABAMA

WITHIN ALABAMA, THERE are currently more than 300 adoptable children in State care. The biological parents of these children have relinquished their rights and they are free to go home to a “forever family”. Websites with information on children currently available for adoption in Alabama include Heart Gallery (heartgalleryalabama.com) and Adopt Us Kids (adoptuskids.org).

For the latest ONEfamily information, a blog has also been set up at frazieronefamily.blogspot.com. At the blog one can read progress reports of adoptions and learn how to help. There are also listings of upcoming events, seminars and conferences.

“We can solve this problem in our state. We can provide a “forever home” to hundreds of kids who have never known what it means to have someone stick around, hug them, or provide love,” said Leslie. The ONEfamily mission has come a long way from its fruition last spring and promises to expand as more members learn about its cause.

The problem and the answer

THE FIRST THING I saw when we drove up our driveway was a very large limb that had fallen off our pecan tree. “Welcome home from vacation” and “I’ll worry about it later” were my first thoughts. Later came as it always does, in the form of a neighbor who offered to cut and remove the limb in exchange for the firewood. Since we had come to that agreement once before and it worked out fine, we agreed.

A couple hours after this, the neighbor knocked on my door. Again telling me there was a problem. It seemed a branch of the tree had fallen through the roof of our storage shed and had gone all the way through to the floor. It was too dangerous for him to cut. We would need a tree man. The large limb was balanced on the floor of the shed and by a “Y” section of the tree. It was beyond our neighbor’s expertise.

I prayed for God to send the right person to help us and then I called our friend Tom Sellers who over the years has helped us many times. I knew he couldn’t do the job, but he may know someone who could. Thanks to Tom, a few days later Steve Steel and his crew came with a cherry picker and other large equipment and in no time had the tree out of the shed and cut into fireplace logs. Then as a special favor, they moved the tools and things out of the now partially roofless shed. On that 100-



GINGER’S CORNER

Ginger Koerner

plus degree day Steve’s crew cleaned the roofless shed out and placed a plastic sheet over the pile in our yard.

Several days later our son Jim came and carried the things no one wanted to the curb. That Wednesday night Tom and a friend came over to remove the building. The next day Tom came and mowed our lawn making the shed area look so nice, you’d never know a shed was there.

The amazing part of this whole thing was that when I had prayed for help, I prayed for the right people, for God to keep them safe. I was even so bold as to ask if God could please have it all finished in two weeks. Then I felt bad about giving God my time line and not accepting His - whatever that was going to be. He answered my prayer by not only getting it done in a timely manner, but it was exactly one week from the time I called Tom until the shed was moved out of our backyard! Our God is an awesome God. GINGER KOERNER volunteers in the Frazer kitchen and serves as a substitute Sunday School teacher. She has sung in the choir, directed children’s choirs and drama. She is married to Paul and her hobbies are quilting and reading.

Avoiding Soothsayers

WHILE DRIVING DOWN one of the streets here in Montgomery I noticed a sign in front of the establishment of a palm reader/advisor which read: Problems solved in love, marriage and business. Now tell me, who would put your business future into the hands (palms) of one who could not spell the word? P.T. Barnum said, “There is a sucker born every minute.” And there are many people just waiting for the advantage of one’s naiveté in such situations.

It is amazing to me to learn of the large numbers of people who are devoted to reading the daily horoscope readings. Studies have shown that more than 185 newspapers in the United States feature astrological columns. People who seek direction from palm readers, fortune tellers, horoscopes, or any other such type of chicanery are grasping at any straw and unfortunately, the wrong straw. Dependence on these methods produces backward, weakened people who do not want to take responsibility for their own behavior, so they let others make decisions for them. Inner upset comes to those with no inner anchorage in God.

Relationships with others grow when they diligently learn more about each other through good communication, observation, common interests and courtesies. But reliance on telling only produces relationships with-



THE FAMILY COUNSELOR

Dr. Don Hill,
Ph.D., LPC

out a solid foundation. The antithesis of this reliance on generalized, undependable sources is found in the first Psalm: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked (Psalm 1:1, NAS). We should seek the counsel of one who finds delight in the Lord’s way.

If you or someone you know have been consulting the wrong sources for help in relationships or other areas of life, try talking with a pastor, read sound books on decision making, or talk with friends, or those you know who are good role models to receive proper instruction and foundations in making life better for you. This is far more logical than what the world teaches us. Trusting your mind is much better than trusting your feelings. I would personally trust logic much better than trusting my feelings.

DR. DON Hill, founder of Frazer’s counseling ministry, has been a staff member for 21 years. He has a Ph.D in psychology and is a former college professor and dean. He is married with a son and daughter-in-law who are also Frazer members.

Why not grow the IRAs?

DEAR DAVE: My wife and I have been following the Baby Steps and we’ve paid off all of our credit card debt. We still have \$51,000 in student loans left and our combined income is about \$140,000. We’re thinking about funding our IRAs while we finish off the college loans. How do you feel about this?

DAVE SAYS: I wouldn’t do it that way. If you’re still on Baby Step 2 you need to stop all saving and investing and attack that last piece of debt with a vengeance. I know what you’re going through. The problem with student loans is that, like yours, they’re usually pretty big and sometimes it’s difficult to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Even with all the work you’ve done so far, a debt that large can make you feel hopeless. But there’s only one way to take down a giant. You start gnawing at his ankles and work your way up. That’s what you need to do. I’m afraid you’ll lose focus and intensity when it comes to getting out of debt if you worry about saving more and investing too soon. I’ve seen that happen to lots of people and when it does, it can take a decade or more to finally get student loans off your back! You guys have made great progress and you’re making good money. Don’t give up now! If

you stay focused and g a z e l l e i n t e n s e about getting out of

debt, those student loans will be history in about 18 months. Now is the time to roll up your sleeves, get ticked off at this thing, and really go into attack mode. I understand the temptation you guys are facing, but I want you to stick to the plan. There’s power in behavior modification on a short-term basis that supersedes the power of mathematics! - Dave

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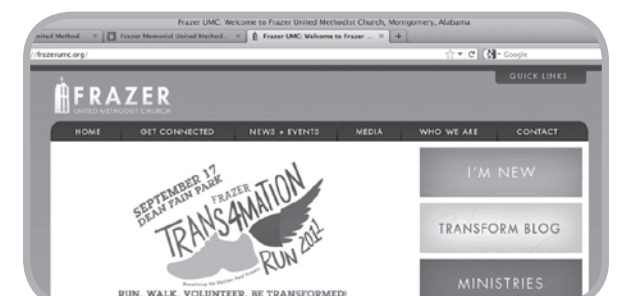
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Sonshine Soccer teaches sportsmanship, God's Word

By Neil Probst NEWS STAFF WRITER

IT'S A BREEZY, sunny Saturday morning and a mockingbird sings as boys and girls begin to scramble off Atlanta Highway. Drivers zoom past as the children kick around a black and white splotched ball into netted goals and bounce the sphere off their feet and heads. Parents cheer, coaches call out and a word reaches the audience that might not be heard at the World Cup: Christ! Frazer's Sonshine Soccer season is underway, shining a light on Jesus, teaching the art of soccer and exercising the minds of children ages 4-12 years old. Frazer's leagues take place during the spring and fall and are enjoyed by children and parents alike. Visitors from across the city are welcome.

Chris Higbe, a member of Saint James United Methodist Church, has been coaching and refereeing for approximately seven years. He became involved in Sonshine when his sons, Justin and Connor began to play. "My first rule to the kids is we have to have fun," Chris said.

The league focuses on developing the whole child, with children enjoying equal playing time and learning about Jesus Christ. During the once a week practices, children take part in Bible devotions with coaches and teammates. Weekend games feature witnesses during halftime that reinforce the love of God.

Coaches like Chris emphasize sportsmanship. "Even when things go bad, we're supposed to trust in God," says Chris, recalling a life lesson he shared with his team this past week.

Chris and other coaches can impact their players' lives tremendously. Cole DeBardelaben, a ninth-grader at Trinity Presbyterian School, played for Chris and other coaches during a five year Sonshine career. Cole recently came back as an assistant coach.

"I liked the coaches. None of them were harsh or anything. Sonshine Soccer is really fair, [and] I like that they do devotionals every time," explained Cole. Cole also appreciated that teams were created equally, all containing a balance of unskilled and skilled players.

While children play, adults can enjoy Sonshine too. Adults coach, referee, serve as halftime witnesses, assist with concessions and more. The season concludes on Oct. 28. On the eve of the final games, entertainer Gene Cordova of Tennessee will visit Frazer and players will receive gifts.

Brenda Delker, Frazer's program coordinator for Sonshine Soccer, summed up Sonshine perfectly, "Sonshine shares God's Word through sports."

SonShine soccer will end it's season on Oct. 29, returning in the Spring. The Frazer Activities Ministry is currently registering for Upward Basketball.



STAFF PHOTO

Members of the winning team (from left): Corey Maze, Ryan Bozeman, Matthew Wallace, Corey Demers, Craig Ellis, Chris Myers. Not pictured: Chris Russell.

FRAZER MEN'S SUMMER LEAGUE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

THE FRAZER MEN'S Basketball Summer League Championship game was played on Aug. 9 at the John Ed Mathison Activity Center. The league consisted of five teams. Each team played six regular season games and finished the season with a single elimination tournament. The runner-up team members included Jacob Hudson, Chris Nolan, Clinton Adams, Chris Moore, Marquez Brooks, Kevin Hellems and Adam Hudson. The championship game was tightly contested with a final score of 87 - 79. If you would like to play in this league next summer, you can sign up in May as an individual, or put together your own team of eight players.

The next basketball sign up will be for the men's city church league. Come by the Frazer activity center in October to register. These games are played once a week at local community centers November through February.



PHOTO BY ANDY BARTELS

Thom Rainer, President and CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources, speaks to Frazer's Sunday School leaders in September.

SPEAKER EQUIPS SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

LEADERS OF SUNDAY School classes and Life Groups met in the Fellowship Hall on Sept. 22 for the Leadership Appreciation Banquet. Susan Fisher shared her appreciation to all of the volunteers. She was followed by Tim Thompson who took to the stage to introduce the evening's main speaker, Thom Rainer, President and CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources, who shared tips on teaching for spiritual transformation and reaching people for Christ. *For more information on how to become involved in, or starting your own Life Group, contact Charles Wise at (334) 495-6319.*



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Candy and games in the
west parking lot 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Children's entertainer Eddie Willis 6:00-6:30
Movie on the lawn "Rio" 6:30-8:00

SHINE
Your Light
with Kim Hendrix

"Bring Your Best"
Worship Event for Women
Nov. 8 - 6:30-8 p.m.
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