



*Blake Stanely comes to Metro Church from Jentzen Franklin's church in Gainesville, GA*

## METRO HIRES YOUTH PASTOR

For the past two years Blake Stanely has served at the 12,000 member mega-church called Free Chapel Worship Center pastored by TV evangelist Jentzen Franklin. Among his many other duties, he emceed the Forward Student Conference with 10,000 students in attendance that some of our Metro students attended.

Prior to that he served as Director of Student Ministries at both Mount Paran Church of God North in Marietta, Ga for four years and at the Solid Rock Ministries in Mobile, AL for two years.

Metro is excited to have Blake Stanely as our new Student Pastor and we are looking forward to God doing great things among our young people.

Let us all give Blake a warm welcome, our continued prayers, and our full support as he begins his ministry at Metro..

### Valuable Volunteers

We are excited to be at Metro serving in Student Ministry! We began working with 1st through 6th graders on Wednesday nights in 1988. The next year we were asked to teach Jr. High Sunday School. In 1989 Metro split the students on Wednesday evenings, separating Junior High from Senior High. The Junior High was known as S.H.O.C.K.WAVE (Sharing Hearts of Christ's Kingdom)

God placed us right on the front lines battling alongside others for this next generation to "Awaken" you to the knowledge of how much Jesus Christ loves you.

One important scripture that we like to share with students is 1 Timothy 4:12—*"Don't let anyone despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."*

*We'd love to meet you if you are new to Metro. We meet before Sunday school at 9:15 for breakfast in the LDC followed by a lesson for 6th, 7th and 8th grade. We are also here on Wednesday nights @ 6:30 PM.*

*This year is the 20th anniversary of the Middle School Mentone Fall Retreat! We will be staying at Alpine Camp October 23-25 2009. Sign up and come hear more about why you are here at Metro and how you can plan for the changes in your life! We want to meet you!*

*— Alan and Mary Rogers*

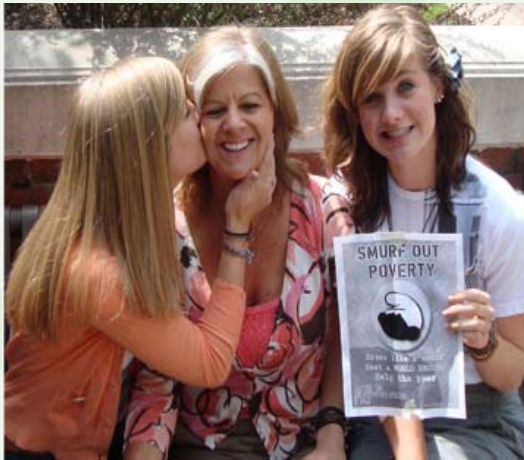


# TRENDY TEENS

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Caroline Peoples (right) with mother and sister



Caleb Dick fishing

## What makes these young people tick?

We handed them a questionnaire to find out.

### CAROLINE PEOPLES

**What school do you go to?** Hoover High

**What grade are you in?** 12th

**What activities are you involved in?**

*Peer helping, Art Club, Habitat for Humanity*

**How many brothers & sisters do you have?**

*1 sister, Katelyn*

**What has been your greatest achievement in high school?** Keeping my grades up while taking challenging classes.

**What is your favorite restaurant?** Olive Garden!

**Who is your favorite musician?** Ingrid Michaelson

**What person do you most admire?**

*My wonderful mom!*

**Who is your favorite sports team?** I'm not really into sports!

**What are your favorite hobbies?**

*Crafting, sewing, and making things.*

**Who is someone you would really like to meet?**

*Coco Chanel*

**What is your favorite movie?** "The Goonies"

**What was your favorite play thing as a child?**

*I loved to climb! Trees, gymnastic bars, anything!*

**What is your "dream car?"** A baby blue Corvette

**Who makes the best pizza?** Pizza Hut

**Who are your best friends?** Jessica, Elliott, Lauren, ... everyone!

**What was your favorite vacation?** Last year my mom and sister and I went to the Florida Keys. It was so much fun!

**What is your favorite snack food?** Bold Party Chek

### CALEB DICK

**What grade are you in?** 12th

**What school do you go to?** Spain Park

**What activities are you involved in?**

*Football, Jazz Band*

**How many brothers / sisters do you have?**

*1 brother, 1 sister*

**What has been your greatest achievement in high school thus far?**

*Playing in front of 15,000 people at The Call in Montgomery, AL*

**What is your favorite restaurant?**

*Surin 280 or Kobe*

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## Trendy Teens cont'd

### CALEB DICK

**Who is your favorite musical group?**

*Act of Congress*

**Who do you most admire?** *Probably Nick Saban*

**Who is your favorite sports team?** *Alabama  
Crimson Tide*

**What is your favorite movie?** *"The Matrix"*

**Who would you like to meet?** *Michael Jordan*

**What is your favorite snack food?** *Slim Jims*

**What is your favorite hobby?** *Playing guitar  
and reading*

**What was your favorite childhood toy?**

*My sit-and-spin*

**What is your "dream car?"** *2010 Camaro*

**Who makes the best pizza?** *Pizza Hut or Papa  
John's ... or Little Caesar's if you're broke!*

**Who is your best friend?** *Nick Johnson or Ryan Fox*

**What was your favorite vacation?** *Cruise and Dis-  
ney trip my family took about 3 years ago. Slept  
until noon, went swimming, then went to Disney  
World ... and on top of that ... a cruise! Oh, man!*

## AWESOME ACHIEVERS

**KATE McAfee** has been playing piano for six years and she started in the Bumpus Band on French horn this year. In piano Kate has won five consecutive superior ratings in the National Federation of Music Clubs annual Hymn Festival. She will perform at the Metro's Got Talent event on October 11.

**JESSICA LAMB** is involved in "Musical Theatre."

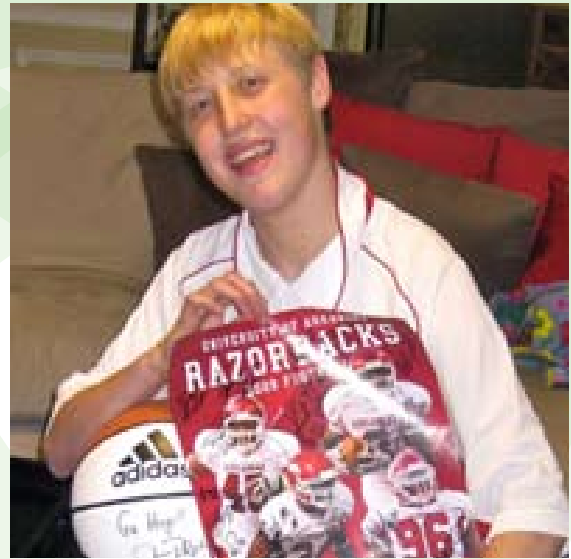
**IZZY LAMB** does Berry Singers Show Choir.

## More Sports Stuff

**JOSIAH SCHRADE** attends Westminster. The Knights have won all their crosscountry meets so far this year. Last week Josiah placed fourth out of 35 students on a 2 mile run.

**NOTE:** If your SPORTS STUFF or AWESOME ACHIEVEMENT is not listed here, please e-mail your news items to Editor Cindy Brown at [cindy3b@aol.com](mailto:cindy3b@aol.com).

## SPORTS STUFF



**CODY HOLMES** (pictured) is a Metro teen who is an ardent Arkansas Razorback fan who had to fight through some serious life-threatening challenges in order to attend his first Arkansas game against Alabama with his stepdad Lynn Brown. They attended the game as guests of the Arkansas athletic department. Cody is holding personally autographed items from football coach Bobby Petrino and basketball coach John Pelfrey of the Arkansas Razorbacks.

**RYAN FOX** is a Junior at Spain Park High School. He plays football for the Jags and his position is Center on the offensive line. Presently the Jags are undefeated and their record is 5 wins - 0 losses. He was team captain his Freshman year, lettered on Varsity his Sophomore year and looking forward to a great Junior and Senior year!

**HALEY & JAYLA SWANK'S** USTA Tennis Team won the Alabama State Championship for 14's intermediate. At the Southeastern Championships against 10 other states their team came in 4th place. At the Southeastern Championships held at Auburn, Haley was awarded the Sportsmanship Award for the 14 girls.

**GABE SCHRADE** attends Briarwood and plays football for the Lions. His positions are tight end, defensive end, and fullback although he is currently not playing due to a broken toe.

## OCTOBER EVENTS

### CORN MAZE MANIA

Saturday | October 10 | Boaz, Alabama  
Depart Metro at 5 p.m. | Return to Metro at 10:30 p.m. | Cost is \$12, which includes dinner.

Wondering what a visit to The MAZE might entail? Or more accurately, if you fit the profile of a typical maze-goer? Well, let's take a look at what and who you might see when coming to challenge our puzzling labyrinth. We hope it's as obvious to you as it is to us why the many different ways to experience the maze offer something for everyone!



Now we know that our unusual use of a cornfield inevitably conjures up memories of the movie "Field of Dreams," but we had no idea that some of our visitors would come playing the part of Shoeless Joe Jackson! These bare-foot teenagers are among thousands of junior high, high school and college students who've had no trouble finding and creating adventure at The MAZE.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

October 23–25 | Alpine Lodge in Mentone, AL

This year the Middle School Fall Retreat is moving to a beautiful, new location called Alpine Lodge atop Lookout Mountain. Winterized areas include The Ridge Cabins and The Deerfoot Lodge. There are six heated cabins at the Ridge, sleeping 15 participants each, with attached baths including two showers, two toilets, and two sinks.

Go to <http://www.alpinecamp.com/off-season.php> to view pictures and read more info about this great location. To sign up see Alan or Mary Rogers for a brochure and registration form or e-mail them at [shockwave316@msn.com](mailto:shockwave316@msn.com).

## Writing Contest

### WIN \$25 CASH PRIZE!

Do you like to express yourself on paper? Here's your chance to win some extra money and see your work in print!

Just write in 200 words or less about "My Favorite Christmas!" Impartial judges who have no children or grandchildren in Metro Student Ministries will be chosen to read the articles. Articles will be copied and names removed so the judges will have no idea of whose articles they are reading.

If possible, submit your article in Word format to the Editor, Cindy Brown, at [cindy3b@aol.com](mailto:cindy3b@aol.com) no later than November 10.

The winning article will be published in the December issue of "Metro Youth."

### WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

Saturday, October 17  
9 am –4 pm | Vestavia Alliance Church  
Montgomery Highway

Vestavia Alliance invites you to come "Walk Thru the Bible." This is a fun, interactive seminar available for ages 10 through adult. In only a few memorable hours, you'll understand, like never before, 4,000 years of life-changing, Godly wisdom. Cost is \$25 per person. For more information and to register call 823-7399.



Alabama Tailgate Party — ROLL TIDE!

# GOING PLACES

Do Hard Things Conference, Scavenger Hunts, Children's Hospital, and Tailgate Parties ... You'll find Metro teens there and having a BLAST!



**MASON BROWN**, (above front in blue shirt) 6th grade student from Pizitz Middle School says, "Here is a picture of me, and people from church who went to Children's Hospital. I had a blast when I was singing on the karaoke machine. It was really fun talking to the kids, and playing with them. I was able to get my face painted as a snake, and I looked awesome. I am praying that these kids will get better. I was glad that I was able to talk, play, and serve them pizza."

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