



Metro Youth



Blake Stanley was caught in the Commons with his son Tyson on his first Sunday at Metro

HE'S HERE!

Pastor Mark introduced our new Student Pastor, Blake Stanley, to the congregation on Sunday morning, November 1. Blake said, "I'm 31 years old and several people have asked me why I'm not pastoring my own church. I have served in several positions in the local church but my **PASSION** is for the youth. The devil is trying to claim too many of our young people. I believe what our young people are lacking in our schools and churches is strong, spiritual leadership. Even when I am 50 years with gray hair and teeth falling out, I will still want to minister to our youth. I have come to Birmingham to reclaim our youth for the Kingdom of God."

Blake is married to Janna and has three precious children—Kaitlyn 10, Tyson 4, and Blakelyn 5 months. We are excited about them being here!

Valuable Volunteers

WE LOVE Metro Student Ministries!!! We have been at Metro for 7 years and have grown to love this church. This is truly our home.

Darrin and I met when I was 11 and he was 12. We met each other in Children's Church at Parkwood Church of God. That was the church where I was born and raised. Darrin and I spent a lot of time with each other growing up in the youth group and at McAdory High School. Our youth group was together every weekend hanging out or going on trips.



Darrin and Bridget Jarvis

Yes, we were high school sweethearts. I graduated high school in 1988 and Darrin in 1987 (80's music rocks!!!) We became engaged when I graduated high school. I went on to the University of Montevallo and Darrin was hired at AT&T. We married in 1990 at Parkwood Church of God.

Just 3 years later God blessed us with a beautiful daughter, Hannah. Shortly after her birth we began attending Caffee Junction Church of God. While we were there God blessed us with a wonderful son Hunter in 1998.

While at Caffee Junction we worked with the children's department and nursery program. We have always felt a call on our life to work in church. Of course, throughout our life the call of "where" to work has changed and we have learned to be flexible. We don't know how not to work in church; that is how we were brought up and that is our heritage. We believe it is important to instill that same work ethic into our children. *Continued on page 4*

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Dre Muir



Elliott Potter

What makes these young people tick?

We handed them a questionnaire to find out.

DRE MUIR

What school do you go to? *Home schooled*

What grade are you in? *12th*

What activities are you involved in?

None

How many brothers & sisters do you have?

3 brothers, 5 sisters

How long have you been attending Metro?

Two and one-half years

What college do you plan to attend?

BMW Bible Mission Works

What will be your college major?

Missions

Are you for Auburn or Alabama?

Neither! Hate watching football!

What was your favorite TV show as a child?

Dragon Tales

Who is your favorite musical group?

Too many to choose from

What do you enjoy most about Thanksgiving?

All the family coming together and the food

What is your "dream car?" *A convertible*

What was your all-time favorite movie?

Don't have one!

Where would you like to go on your "dream vacation?"

Iceland

Do you like Zaxby's or Guthrie's better? *Zaxby's*

What are you going to do on "Black Friday"?

Work LOL

Do you prefer cats or dogs? *Dogs*

What is your favorite snack? *Chips*

Who do you admire most? *My mom*

How many times have you sat on Santa's lap?

Never

ELLIOTT POTTER

What grade are you in? *12th*

What school do you go to? *Mountain Brook HS*

What activities are you involved in?

Choir, A Bunch of Guys, Latin Club, Invisible Children, among other things. Those are secret though.

How many brothers / sisters do you have?

2 sisters

How long have you been attending Metro?

Since conception.

What college do you plan to attend?

Undecided

What will be your college major?

Music composition or law

Are you for Auburn or Alabama?

Alabama

What was your favorite TV show as a child?

Tom and Jerry

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FUN STUFF

Trendy Teens Cont'd

ELLIOTT POTTER

Who is your favorite musical group?

Frightened Rabbit

What do you enjoy most about Thanksgiving?

Seeing relatives

What is your "dream car?"

Maserati GranTurismo S MC

What is your all-time favorite movie?

"A Beautiful Mind"

Where would you like to go on your "dream vacation?"

Venice, Italy

Do you like Zaxby's or Guthrie's better?

Zaxby's

What are you going to do on "Black Friday"?

Protest discrimination. Why not White Friday?

Do you prefer cats or dogs?

Dogs

What is your favorite snack?

Cereal

Who do you admire most?

My grandfather, Art Hodge

How many times have you sat on Santa's lap?

He sits on MY lap!



Here are a couple of Metro teens who participated in the "Paintball Adventure" on Saturday, October 3, in Bessemer.

What Do Metro Teens Prefer to Eat for Thanksgiving?

Our Super Sleuth, **SAVANNAH BROWN**, decided to find out. The results may surprise you! Out of 19 students surveyed:

7 preferred TURKEY as the main course

2 preferred HAM as the main course

Sides mentioned:

Corn, creamed corn, or corn pudding

Mashed Potatoes

Macaroni and Cheese

Sweet Potato Casserole

Fried Okra

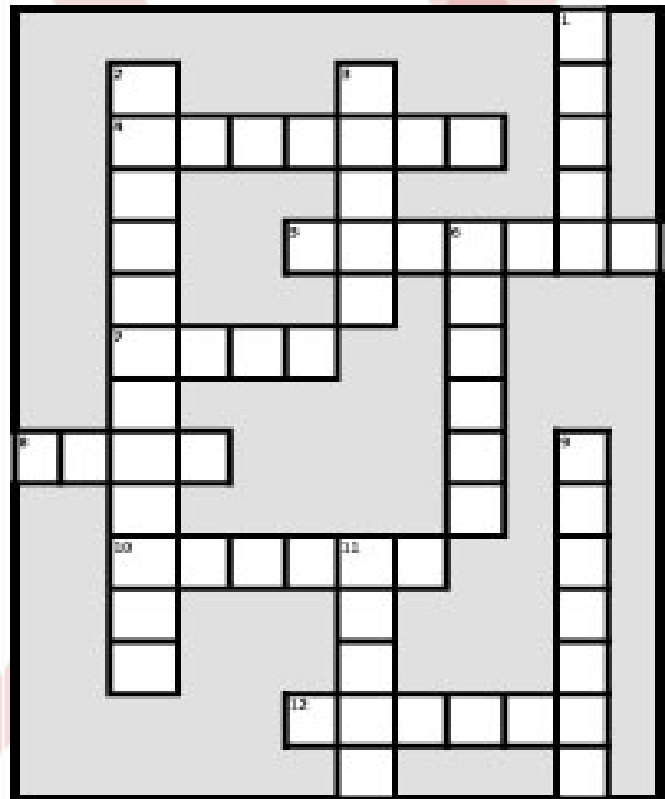
Potato Salad

Buttered Bread

Desserts mentioned:

Pumpkin Pie or Banana Pudding

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 4 - At Gardendale HS
- 5 - Alabama town
- 7 - Alabama water
- 8 - At Hoover HS
- 10 - OT major prophet
- 12 - Retreat lodge

DOWN

- 1 - Blake's son
- 2 - November holiday
- 3 - At Vestavia HS
- 6 - Holiday bird
- 9 - At Pizitz MS
- 11 - Auburn bird

NOVEMBER EVENTS



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CITY OF REFUGE

November 13 –15 | Atlanta, GA

With 58 out of 100 residents of the 16-county Greater Atlanta metropolitan area under the poverty line, the need for benevolent ministry is vital. Who is sufficient for such demands? The City of Refuge goes to them taking water, food, coats, and blankets.

Our Metro high school teens will have the privilege of ministering to these needy people. The cost for the weekend is \$75 plus money for two fast food meals enroute.

OTHER NOVEMBER SCHEDULED EVENTS

6-7 (Fri-Sat) 24 Hour Prayer for the Nations Vigil
21 (Sat) Serving Out of Compassion
24 (Tues) The Basement

Valuable Volunteers Cont'd

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When Hannah was in K-5 we moved to Mobile, Alabama and lived there for 2 years. When we returned home to Birmingham we began the search for a home church. We searched for over a year and finally came to Metro and have never left. We found our home.

Darrin began working with the youth program about a year before Youth Pastor Micah Andrews left. I started working with the youth group right after Micah left. We have grown to love the students and want to be a part of what our children are experiencing in church and with God.

Thank you for allowing us to work with you and be part of a great group of students and part of a great church.

Bridget Jarvis

Writing Contest

DEADLINE NOVEMBER 10

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.

Submit your article by e-mail in Microsoft Word format to the Editor, Cindy Brown, at cindy3b@aol.com no later than **November 10**.

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



Youth Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

High School led by Chad & Heather Halbrook

Middle School led by Alan & Mary Rogers

Wednesday Night

6:30 p.m.

Middle School & High School in the LDC Gym

led by Student Pastor Blake Stanley

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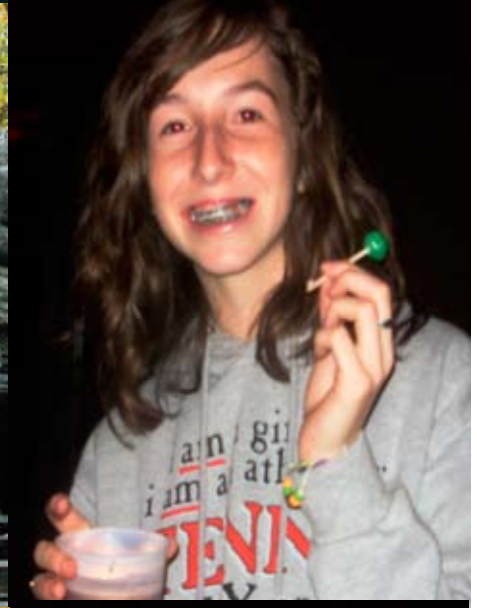
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GOING PLACES

Mentone Fall Retreat 2009 at Alpine Lodge



ASHLEY ROBINSON, retreat counselor says, "Mentone was great this year. I was very honored when Alan & Mary asked me to come back and

help with the music. I loved the new location and I was so happy to see all the kids that were able to come. The Lord provided some great fellowship for us at Mentone."

