

# FRONTLINE NEWSLETTER

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

- > **Christmas Party:**  
**12/19/2009**  
**3-6pm at:**  
**318 Orchard In.**  
**Bloomington, IL 60108**
  
- > **Fortress Dodge ball:**  
**12/23/2009**  
**6pm in the gym**
  
- > **Parents Meeting:**  
**1/09/2010**  
**3-5pm**  
**LHC common grounds**
  
- > **Frontline Time**  
**Change!!!**  
**Beginning 1/13/2010**  
**6-8:15pm**
  
- > **Winter Retreat:**  
**2/13-2/15**  
**Cascade Mountain**

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## PINK ROOMS AND DEAD RACCOONS

When I was 16 my friends and I had a tradition of doing something crazy when one of us had a birthday. It started with small pranks, but soon enough, things started to escalate. For my best friend we managed to get 20 trash bags full of popcorn from the concession stand and we loaded his car with it. We didn't want him to see it in there, so we stuck wet newspapers all over the inside of the windows. Then, just for kicks, we duct taped a dead raccoon to his hood (did I mention I grew up in rural Virginia?). That was the best prank ever...at the time.

The next birthday was the guy who was the ring leader of the Orville Redenbacher expedition. We had to top his antics, so, while he was away for the weekend, we went into his house

and took every last thing out of his room - then painted it pink. To top it all off, we left him a map complete with riddles and challenges detailing the multiple locations of his stuff.

Young people have a lot of imagination. I believe that raising teenagers is one of the most difficult tasks any one could face. They are walking the line between childhood and adulthood and at any given moment they can be on either side of that line...and sometimes both! They rebel, they reject our wisdom, they break our rules, and they break our stuff - like the '87 Dodge Shadow I totaled when I was 17. However, no one can deny that young people have passion. They have energy. They have imagination. They have *potential*. I am excited about seeing that God-given

passion in young people awakened and focused on things that will change their world - and *the* world. I want them to know the person of Jesus, to live with wild abandon for him...and I want to help you encourage them to that end.



## I'M ON YOUR SIDE

I want you to know right off that bat that I am on your side. I hope that you will come to see me as your greatest ally in raising your teenagers. You are the greatest influence for God on your son or daughter's life. I am here to support you, equip you, and offer

opportunities for you and your children to grow spiritually. I love working with young people, but I am just as passionate about ministering to the families that God has placed these young people into.

This newsletter is the first of quarterly newslet-

ters that you will be receiving from me. I want you to have an inside look at our ministry, to know the youth workers who are pouring into your children, and to be on board with our vision and direction for ministry.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY



This years Christmas party will be held at the Coburn Home on December 19, 2009 from 3pm–6pm. (directions)

We all have some or know someone that owns them...

### UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATERS!!!

Raid your grandma's closet or visit your local thrift shop. Ugliest sweater wins a prize!!

Please bring a \$5 gift to exchange and a snack to share.

Coburn's address:  
318 Orchard Ln.  
Bloomington, IL

## FORTRESS DODGEBALL



Join us early on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at 6pm for a game of Fortress Dodgeball.

This is not your average game of dodgeball!

Normal Frontline gathering to follow.

## ATTENTION PARENTS

There will be a meeting for all Frontline parents on January 9, 2010 from 3pm–5pm in the Common Grounds area at Living Hope.

**FRONTLINE  
PARENTS**

Please make every effort to attend as I will be sharing my vision for the youth ministry and detailing upcoming events.

## WINTER RETREAT

The 2010 Winter Retreat to Cascade Mountain Wisconsin – February 13 –15. Departing at 6:31 am Saturday, returning at 5pm Monday afternoon.

\$100 deposit due by January, 24th. Cost depends on activities:

- Ski/snowboard for two days and tubing on Monday: \$225 (with rental), \$166 (if you don't need to rent)
- Snowshoe, Bowl, tube: \$150
- For every new friend that your child brings, you will receive \$25 off the total price! Yes if your child brings 9 friends, they will go for free!
- Discounts available for families with multiple siblings attending
- Full Frontline worship services each day with a strong gospel message

Please do not let money stop your child from coming on this retreat. We have a scholarship fund available for those in need—contact Pastor Ryan



## FRONTLINE TIME CHANGE!!!

Beginning on **January 13th, 2010** Frontline will begin meeting from 6–8:15pm. So please drop your children off no earlier than 6pm and be ready to pick them up at 8:15pm.

January 13th will also be a prayer service for Living Hope's annual week of prayer. We will be experiencing interactive prayer stations, so please attend with your children that day as it is an all-church event.

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At Frontline we like to keep things simple. In that vein, there are three major areas that we will focus on:

We will:

- Reach Up to experience God
- Grow Deep in our understanding of God's character
- Branch Out to spread God's love

We believe that every student is created in God's own image, holds immense value, and deserves our attention, love, and an experience of the gospel. We want to see students and their families drawn closer to God. We want our own lives to be transformed into Christ's likeness. We want to carry his attributes into a culture of students who are hurting, questioning, and searching. We want to partner with parents as they navigate the difficult adolescent years. We want to trigger the God-given passion of this generation toward authentic, Christ-like living. Hence our motto: *Live Authentic*.

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**Coming Soon!**  
**Frontline on the web:**  
**[www.frontlineonline.org](http://www.frontlineonline.org)**

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**WHAT DOES A TYPICAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT FRONTLINE LOOK LIKE?**

*Live Authentic*

So what can your children expect on a Wednesday night at Frontline? Meaningful worship, games, engaging and biblical teaching, grade and age level small groups for deeper discussion and relationships.

We start by gathering together to eat and hang out at 6pm. Next we gather as a large group (all students) for some exciting games, worship and a message. After the message, we get into small groups determined by age and gender. Small groups allow youth to ask questions, to explore scripture and to spend time

discussing the message and its relevancy to their lives! Small groups are led by our screened, adult leaders who regularly work with Frontline students.

If you ever have any questions related to Frontline ministries, please do not hesitate to contact me, Pastor Ryan McBride, at 847-985-6446.