

THE HERALD

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Who's Who at OGBC?

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Dora Louise Frase, 69 years old, was born on October 13, 1955 at Dunlap Hospital in Orrville, Ohio and went home with her parents to Marshallville, Ohio. She

has 1 brother and 8 sisters. Her earliest childhood memory is from when she was 2-2 ½ years old. She was living with her family out in the country. The upstairs of her home was heated with gravity heat from the first floor through a grate on the floor. Her older siblings had removed the grate and Louise fell through the hole from the 2nd to the 1st floor. Thankfully, she landed on a padded rocking chair. Her parents thought she was ok and she did not go to the doctor. It wasn't until she had grown up and hurt her arm at work one day, that she was sent to the ER for X-rays. There she found out that she had an old fracture, that the doctor said had occurred at a very early age. She enjoyed teasing her siblings about breaking her arm. She has lived in Marshallville her entire life except for a few years when she was a newlywed and lived in Orrville. Her ancestors are from Germany. Her cousin John Hambrick was a popular WEWS News Anchor in Cleveland in the

1960s.

Louise' favorite game as a kid was 'Kick the Can' which she played with the neighbor kids almost every night. She likes pastels, daisies, carnations, and any kind of food. She had the nickname, Weezey from one of her sisters who couldn't say her name. Later on, she had a nephew who called her Mama Weez and wanted her to open a restaurant with that name. (I have tasted Louise's food and the restaurant would have been a success).

Louise went to grade school in Marshallville and then high school at Smithville where she also attended the vocational school. She enjoyed the vocational school very much and studied Early Childhood Education. Her dream as a child was to get married, have kids and own a Day Care Center. She played clarinet in school for 2 ½ years until she broke her clarinet by hitting her brother over the head with it. Her parents' punishment was that she wasn't allowed to quit the band but had to sit there with no instrument while the other kids played in the presentations. She sang in the Chorus at school and in the church choir. She was always outgoing, she "never met a stranger".

Dora Louise Werntz married Robert Frase on April 3, 1976. She worked at the Wayne County Courthouse as a Microfilm technician before she had her children. Her girls are Stacey, Leslie and Shelly. A little boy, Joseph

Benjamin was stillborn and has been waiting in Heaven to see her again since 1979. After her children started arriving, Louise began babysitting kids in her home and continued to do so for 14 years. She also worked part time as a caterer, a job which she continued to do for 37 years. She learned her cooking skills from her mother. Everything Louise made for the events she catered was homemade, even the salad dressing, bread, etc. Later on, when her kids were older, she worked as a cook at the school.

When Louise babysat, she had 3 of her own and 14 other kids that she watched. She earned 50 cents an hour and for this amount she also fixed all the meals for the kids, as well as sometimes cooking in their homes, and doing laundry and cleaning there. She made a birthday cake for each child on their birthday. She took the kids on trips around town and took all 17 with her when she went to get groceries. They knew to walk in front of her so she could see them all. They each had a buddy that they held hands with and each carried a bag of groceries. This was truly a labor of love and a heartfelt mission as God allowed her to have her "Day Care Center".

During this time, Louise enjoyed flower gardening, collecting pigs (of which she had 300 at one time), taking hikes and long bike rides (as long as 10 miles 4 times or more a week). She would put Stacey on the seat behind her, Leslie in a carrier on her back and Shelly in a sling on her front. She had lots of pets, dogs, 2 cats, birds, fish and a pot belly pig. Her favorite thing to do was spending time together with her family.

Louise accepted Jesus as her Savior on May 17, 1973 at a Nicki Cruz Evangelistic Crusade in Cleveland. She was baptized in 1978 at the Sterling Grace Brethren Church. She states that since that time, "God has been the center

of my life and has helped me with everything. I can't thank God enough for all he has done for me". Her favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 3:5, 6: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

In 1979, a couple of weeks before her son Joseph died, Pastor Art Sprunger from the Sterling church visited her in her home. He told her that he appreciated her coming to church so regularly but wondered why she didn't go to a church closer to her home (She and Robert were living in Orrville at that time). She told him that it was because there were no Grace Brethren churches in Orrville. Pastor Sprunger did the services for baby Benji. And on November 11, 1979 a Bible study was started at Louise's home in Orrville with Pastor Sprunger teaching. There were 7 people in attendance. Their attendance grew and they rented Oak Street School. Pastor Art Sprunger turned over the group to Pastor Ike Graham in 1981. In 1982, Pastor Merriman was called to be their full-time pastor. In 1985, they bought land and built the Orrville Grace Brethren Church building on Paradise Road.

When asked what she would say when she meets God in Heaven someday, she said, "I will tell Him how much I love Him and thank Him for all He has done for me and my family."

When asked if there was anything else she would like to share, she stated, "In all the times I have been in the hospital with cancer and all the surgeries, I have had so many opportunities to witness to others. One lady I talked to knew almost nothing about God and she listened for a long time and then she abruptly got up and left. She was probably under conviction. I still pray for her as I have never heard what happened to her. Once when

I was going into surgery, I was saying my favorite Bible verse out loud. They gave me the anesthetic. When I woke up in the Recovery Room, I finished saying the verse from where I had left off. The nurse who had been with me the entire time was amazed. I use this verse a lot when I am having pain. I remember how Christ suffered for me, and He relieves my pain. I will praise God and worship Him until I take my last breath”.

BABIES/PRESCHOOLERS At OGBC

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Christavadi Irene Steiner (Chris-TAV-ah-dee, rhymes with Christavadi) was born at home on November 29, 2020 at 1:02am. She measured 9 Pounds, 19 Inches. Her nickname is Tavi. Her loving parents are Joshua and Joy Steiner. They chose the name Christavadi because it means “living for Christ” from Tamil in India. When they were on a mission trip in India, they met an Indian pastor who had a daughter named Christavadi. Tavi is the 4th generation to have the middle name of Irene. She shares her middle name with her mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her grandparents are Del and Grace Miller and Mark and Betty Steiner.

Tavi likes “girly” things, art, drawing, dolls, going to Grandma Miller’s for school and going to Grandma and Grandpa Steiner’s for supper on Mondays.

When Tavi flew to Florida recently, the TSA agent was determined to have her tell

him her name. She was being a bit shy and the agent was pretty persistent. Joy intervened by asking Tavi if Christavadi was her name and she nodded yes.

Her parents say that their “heart's desire is that she will love the Lord and serve Him with her life. Secondly, we look forward to seeing the Lord use her quiet and gentle spirit to bless others”.



Janessa Mae Steiner (Ju-NES-sa, rhymes with Vanessa) was born at home on October 6, 2022 at 10:22am. She measured 8 Pounds, 2 Ounces, 19 Inches. Her loving parents are Joshua and Joy Steiner. They chose the name Janessa because they wanted a name of Indian origin to match the theme of their other children’s names and liked Janessa because they thought it was pretty. Her middle name comes from her great-grandmother, Mae Steiner. Her grandparents are Mark and Betty Steiner and Del and Grace Miller.

Janessa sings all the time, is a Daddy’s girl, likes going outside to ride her trike and loves to eat! She likes doing “school with her Grandma Miller and going to Grandma and Grandpa Steiner’s for supper on Mondays.

Earlier this year, she quit taking naps because she wasn’t sleeping at night. Since then, she has started falling asleep easily during the day, in very odd locations. One time she fell asleep in a chair, fell forward, and hit her head. Another time she fell asleep in the high chair with her mouth full of peanuts. A dozing Janessa would have to be really cute.

Her parents say that their “heart's desire is that she will love the Lord with all her heart, soul and mind. We pray she uses her outgoing spirit to love others and draw them to the Lord”.

FUNNIES

Little kids' instructions of life:

- Never try to baptize a cat.
- Never trust a dog to watch your food.
- Never tell your little brother that you are not going to do what your mom told you to do.
- Remember you are never too old to hold your father's hand.

A mom was driving a station wagon full of kids home from nursery school one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat was a Dalmatian dog. The children began discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster. "No," said another, "he's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dog," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."

She who laughs last thinks the slowest.

The flight attendant asked a passenger if he would like to have dinner. "What are my choices?" the passenger asked. "Yes or no," the flight attendant replied.

The last words of Mr. Fix-it: "Trust me, I know what I am doing."

I have learned a little Latin: "Veni, vedi, visa." It means, I came, I saw, I did a little shopping.

You might be getting old if:

- You do the hokey-pokey and you put your left hip out, and it stays there.
- You try to straighten out the wrinkles in your socks only to find that you aren't wearing any.
- You stop patting yourself on the back and start patting yourself under your chin.
- The magic begins. You put your keys on the dresser, and they mysteriously wind up on top of the fridge. You slip your wallet into your purse, and the next day someone calls to say they found it.

Interesting tidbit: In 1799, before Ohio became a state, Wayne County took up about a third of the Ohio Territory. It included the land where the following cities currently are: Wooster, Akron, Cleveland and Toledo. It would have been a good time to invest in real estate.

Two bikers were riding down a country road on a Harley. The driver's leather jacket wouldn't stay closed and he had to pull over. His buddy suggested he put the jacket on backwards, so he did. A half mile down the road on a steep curve they crashed. A farmer found them and called 911. "Is either of them showing any sign of life?" asks the 911 operator. "Well, the first one was," replied the farmer, "until I turned his head around the right way."

Some would say I'm retired, but I like to think of myself as a stay-at-home grandmother.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Psalm 103:2