

Hello, stranger! My name is Lila Broadway, but you can call me Michelle. On March 11, I turned seventeen years old. I was born in Montgomery, Alabama and now live thirty minutes north in a city named Prattville (a.k.a hick town). I am currently a senior (05' baby) at Prattville High and I will graduate with honors. About four months ago my boyfriend, Bobby Jack Hollon, proposed to me.... so now I am engaged. I just recently grew out of the know-it-all stage of my life.

You know how annoying kids are that think they know everything? Well, yeah... that was me about two years ago. No matter what my parents said, they were ALWAYS wrong and I was ALWAYS right. You know what I mean...no one could tell me anything. Between the time I was fifteen and sixteen, by dad, Garren, started looking like an old man, because of all the white hairs I gave him (or so he claims!). Luckily, my parents are Christians and therefore made it through that very patience trying time.

My mom, Stacy, is one of the most influential people in my life, because of her Christianity and gentleness. Through her actions, she has taught me forgiveness and perseverance. No matter what wrong I have done in my past she has always forgiven me and loved me. I have seen her "turn the other cheek" to people who have done her wrong. She teaches me perseverance by always staying on my case, because she knows what is best for me (even when it makes me mad). There is one other

person who is extremely influential in my life and that is God.

God has taught me to have faith and be courageous. If people living in shacks can have faith that God will provide.... why can't we? He teaches me courage through his son Jesus. Jesus had the courage to die on the cross for our sins, so why do we not have the courage to stand up for God. It is because of God and my mom that I have such great memories.

Do you ever have moment that you hope no one finds out about? Yeah, I thought so. I have been told numerous times that I should dye my hair blonde because of theses moments. I remember one of these moments very vividly.

My parents were draining the water out of their waterbed and my brother and me had the "privilege" of helping out. My dad had the hose running from the bed into the tub in the front bathroom. Well, I had the simplest job there was... checking to see if water was coming out of the hose. I am not sure what I was thinking, but I walked into the bathroom, stepping over the hose, placed my hand under the faucet of the sink, and shouted to my dad, "Nothing is coming out". Then I realized the hose was running to the tub (not the sink) and I quickly corrected myself. Unfortunately, my family saw this "blonde moment" and still teases me about it. I just smile and say, "Yeah....that was me...a lil' bit out there".

Because I am "out there", I am told I am a lot of fun. I am very blunt and outspoken. If you ever meet

me that will be one of the first things you notice. I love to try new things and meet new people. I am not shy at all, which will help me with my career goals.

I plan to go to AUM (Auburn University of Montgomery) for a double major in business and early childhood education. One day I hope to own a daycare, but not before I marry Bobby (a.k.a BJ) in May of 2005. My family is not too big or too small and this is why I plan to have three kids. Well I do not know what else to tell you so I hope to hear from you soon.

Your Pen Pal,