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*Upwords (Continued from page 3.) "Help us, Jesus." She was prognosis is better. Breast specific. She said, "They mammograms help doctors have no more wine" (John see lumps that women may 2:3 NIV). A specific prayer not be able to feel. Pap tests is a serious prayer. If I say can help doctors find canto you, "Do you mind if I cerous and pre-cancerous come by your house some- lesions. Discovering pretime?" you may not take me cancerous tissue enables a seriously. But if I say, "Can I woman to be treated before come over this Friday night? it becomes malignant. I really need your advice." Then you know my petition program provides same day

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Representatives from lodevotional offers wisdom cal and state programs also participate offering women information on access to continued health care. Other Reading daily devotions representatives will be available to offer cancer screening information and smoking cessation tips and informa-

Harps, 34, was the only woman who was found to have cancer in the 2017 screening.

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She arrived that Saturday with encouragement from her New Horizon Church congregational nurse Ella Jackson. "It was Stage 2B," Harps said. By Monday she was back at the Cancer Institute to see Dr. Mildred Ridgway, head of the UMMC Gynecologic Cancer Program, to do a biopsy. Tuesday, Geisinger provided pathological results and the following day Harps had a treatment plan. Throughout her journey,

she said, church members surrounded her and her family with love, encouragement and care. They washed, cooked, cleaned, ferried her children to activities and told her husband, "Just go to She's spent this year com-

pleting treatment and encouraging women to be screened. One included a relative who had never been screened. "She was like, 'I

don't want to know."

"I said, 'yes, you do. If they catch it early, they can save your life," Harps said. Her relative was screened and was fine. But Harps said she's heard that excuse from others too.

"You should want someone to treat it, get rid of it, so you can go on with your life. I tell people, 'you need to change your train of thought."

Harps' story and her willingness to discuss it also have led to her being featured in a Cancer Today article on screening and its effectiveness; and joining Geisinger and Raab in December to help kick off the CAP Foundation's Engaged Leadership Academy in Chicago. The 2018 See, Test &

a cervical cancer screening (Pap test) and a dermatological assessment. Results will be provided the same day. The pathology team returns this year so women can

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gist, reviews Pap test slides is 7.5). However, mortality acquired at the 2017 event. or deaths from breast can-

two hours to complete. rate (national rate is 21.2) Women can learn about and cervical cancer has a 3.5 community health services, per 100,000 rate (national is see a food and physical fit- 2.3), according to statistics ness demonstration and from the National Cancer learn more about women's Institute. health screenings while they wait. A financial counselor showed the joint effort could also will be available to work. Churches helped reconsult about health insur- cruit women to the screenance.

safety net for women, Raab women who qualified.

to see if we can change the other communities can folway we deliver health care low "so we can replicate this so the data will change," he more than one day a year." said. "In five years I hope Mississippi would be the cians and CAP already are model state that has figured working with groups in Rollout how to do this."

a breast cancer incidence Eventually, Raab said, he rate of 115.5 per 100,000 expects community leaders (national rate is 123.5) and will run the screenings and a cervical cancer rate of 9.6 call on medical providers to per 100,000 (the national rate participate.

Cervical results take about cer have a 23.9 per 100,000

2017 The screening ings, the FQHCs, state health Working with community department and other support partners such as the churches groups were on hand the day and state and local health of the event to share services groups provides a better they could offer and register

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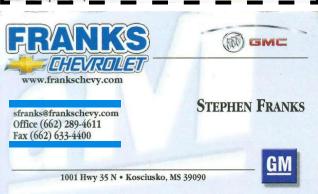
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