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Parent & Youth *focus*

FINDING WAYS TO CONNECT PARENTS AND YOUTH TOGETHER | LOOKING AT YOUTH CULTURE TODAY

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Tim. 4:12

Youth Group News

Summer is here! The youth group just finished up Lee Strobel's "The Case for Christ" which helped us answer some tough questions people ask about Jesus and the Bible. For summer, we are going to dig deeper and explore our faith by looking at what Christians believe and what that means for us. If you have a student going into grades 6-12, this is a great opportunity to get plugged in with the youth program! There are lots of fun activities planned for summer. See the youth calendar on the flip side for dates and details! I am looking for parent chaperones for a youth and family trip to the Beach Ottumwa on July 31. Call me at 216-3743 or email me at cflaim@sbcglobal.net if you can help out.

Explore your faith!

Wednesday nights in the Refuge at 6:30. All youth are invited to join us this summer for Youth Alpha, a new study where we will explore the Christian faith. This is great for new believers, those who want to learn more about being a Christian, and for anyone who wants to grow in their faith and understanding of the Bible. Grades 6-12. See you there!

youthalpha.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Psalm 1:3

YOUTH STATS:

This survey by Barna shows where the real spiritual influence on the lives of our children lies. How are you influencing your kids? Just as you water a plant for it to grow, our children need spiritual watering at home, as well as at church. Parents, you make a difference!

	(on female youth)	(on male youth)
Mother	**81%**	**74%**
Father	**61%**	**50%**
Pastor	**57%**	**44%**
Grandparent	**30%**	**29%**
Sunday School	**26%**	**26%**
Youth Group	**24%**	**25%**
Church Camp	**20%**	**28%**
Retreats	**11%**	**17%**

Did you know?

Teenagers are more likely to participate in church worship or activities than adults...but they are less likely to read their Bible during the week!

One out of four teens are learning about faith online.

New this year at Vacation Bible School! We are offering **VBX** for youth this year! If you are in 6th grade above, you aren't too old to participate in all of the fun of VBS! We will be having special activities just for you—lots of fun, games, Bible study, and crafts, just for older kids and youth! Saddle up your horses and we'll see you there!

VBX is July 11-16 from 6:30-8:30 pm. You won't want to miss this great time!

While in the past we have had youth helpers at VBS, this year we have planned **VBX** for our youth instead—all the fun of VBS, and designed especially for you! Now your little brother or sister won't be the only one having fun!

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

James 1:5

Parents Corner

According to a recent study by Youth Specialties of over 20,000 youth, the top 5 needs of teenagers are:

1. I need help building a positive relationship with God

2. I need help building a positive relationship with my parents

3. I need help managing or dealing with the stresses in my life

4. I need someone to help me answer some of my big doubts about the Christian faith

5. I need help understanding the Christian faith better

Issues about sex, drugs, dating, and other topics that we place great importance on fell near the bottom of the list of 20 needs that were ranked by these students. Our kids are hungry for relationships with God and their parents!

Parents, here are a few resources to help you get started. Be sure to check out the monthly issues of "Living with Teenagers" and "HomeLife" that are available in the church foyer.

Free Family e-devotionals from LifeWay:
http://www.lifeway.com/heartconnex

Center for Parent/Youth Understanding:
http://www.cpu.org

Youth & Family Ministry Calendar

June 6th — Church picnic/ lake baptism. Lots of fun family game and activities are planned! Games and pontoon boat rides start at 2 pm. Baptism service begins at 6, followed by supper.

June 12th — "Drive-in Family Theater". Join us for a movie night at the Rehoboth Baptist Church gym! 6:30 pm—outside games. Showtime is 7:15.

June 26th — POP! Bubblepalooza! Lots of clean family fun for kids of all ages at Brashear Park from 10-1.

It's time for camp! If you would like to register your child for camp, please contact Cheryl at 216-3743 or through the church office at 665-4633.

CHILDREN'S CAMP
August 2-6 at Grand Oaks

YOUTH CAMP
July 16-18 at Grand Oaks