

# Parent & Youth *focus*

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

## 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 are exploring 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!

## Youth Group News

*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*

Even though it's hot outside and families are busy with summer vacation plans, the Youth and Family Ministry program is staying busy! Our new youth group study has started, but it's not too late to join. On July 24th, we will be having Hydro-Blast at Swimming Pool Park. This is a chance to cool off with an epic water battle. Come prepared to get WET! We will start

at 4pm and a picnic supper will be provided. On July 31st, all youth, children, and their families are invited to head north with us to the Beach Ottumwa for a day of water slide and swimming fun. We will leave the church at 11 am. Bring \$5 for admission and either your own lunch or money to buy food. Permission slips are available from Cheryl.

# youthalpha.

### HYDROBLAST!!!

**July 24th 4 pm  
Swimming Pool Park  
Bring your water**



**weapons and come  
make a SPLASH.**

### YOUTH STATS:

Only 29% of teenagers expect to still have faith be an active and important part of their lives when they are 25, according to a recent survey by the Barna Group. The study also showed that younger students are more likely to anticipate church life being important than those who have reached high school. Students who attend non-mainline churches are also more likely to maintain church involvement. Southern Baptist Churches are considered non-mainline in the study.

### Hit the Beach!

The Beach Ottumwa, that is!

Saturday, July 31st  
Leaving HSBC at 11am

Admission is \$5  
Bring lunch or money for food.

Driver and adult chaperones needed. Permission slips required! See Cheryl for details.  
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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!



## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY CALENDAR



**July 24 HYDROBlast**—It's summer, it's hot, let's cool off! Join us at Swimming Pool park for water games and adventure. Bring your best water weapons! Picnic supper served. 4 pm.

**July 31 Water Park trip**—Youth & Families are heading to the Beach Ottumwa for a fun-filled day in the pool

**Aug. 14 Family Drive-in Theater**—Outside games and then a family-friendly movie at the Rehoboth Baptist Church gym 6:30 pm, movie starts at 7:15. Movie-theater popcorn!



It's time for camp! If you would like to register your child for camp,

please contact Cheryl through the church office at 665-4633 ASAP.

**CHILDREN'S CAMP**  
August 2-6 at Grand Oaks Camp.

**YOUTH CAMP**  
July 16-18 at Grand Oaks Camp.

## Parents Corner

One of the top theological questions asked by teens is "why do I have to attend church?"

Many students think that they can still follow Jesus without going to church. However, if our kids don't go to church now...they never will. The Bible shows us in Matthew 16:18 that church is important—if it wasn't, God wouldn't have given us the church. Christians, including teenagers, need to be part of the Body of Christ, which means being in community with the church.

It is tough being a teenage follower of Christ, and it's even tougher if you don't have the church to help you with your walk of faith. Parents, encourage your kids to not just attend church, but to get involved with it, to participate in youth programs, and to serve in ministry. They will grow in their faith, and the church will grow through their active presence. They can be a blessing to us and the world beyond as much or more than we can be a blessing to them.

Pray for our teenagers!



Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:1-4

