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Helping Your Child Develop a Growing Relationship With Christ By Dennis and Barbara Rainey

In the sixth-grade Sunday school class that we taught, we would choose a class verse and ask everyone to memorize it. I would pay one dollar to anyone called on during the class who could recite it perfectly, word for word. The best verse we found to drive home to sixth graders the importance of making Jesus supreme in life is Colossians 1:18: "He is also head of the body, the church; and he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything."

Does your child have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? If not, pray that God will grant you or others the opportunity to share the gospel. Without Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, no one will turn away from worshipping false gods.

But even with Christ in our lives, we all are tempted in the flesh to serve these bogus gods. That's why your child at some point in his teen years needs to develop the following convictions:

1. Jesus Christ must be my Savior and Lord.
2. Regular prayer must be a crucial part of my daily life.
3. I must be the same person in private that I am in public.
4. The Scriptures are God's Word and serve as my daily guide.
5. Nothing is more thrilling than fulfilling God's mission for my life.

I will pass on a godly legacy to the next generation.

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Youth Beat: Youth Culture Statistics

- ◆ Less than 10% of Christian parents think that "being Godly" or "having faith" is one of the marks of parental success.
- ◆ 83% of parents believe that they are the main spiritual influences on their children, but 48% (almost half) of them don't consider their own faith as an important influence in their parenting.

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TOP TEN MOVIES



Movies 2/26/2016 - 2/28/2016

Source: Box Office Mojo

Rank	Movie	Gross Income
1	Deadpool	\$31.5 mil
2	Gods of Egypt	\$14 mil
3	Kung Fu Panda 3	\$9 mil
4	Risen	\$7 mil
5	Eddie the Eagle	\$6.3 mil
6	Triple 9	\$6.1mil
7	How to be Single	\$5.2 mil
8	The Witch	\$5 mil
9	Race	\$4.3 mil
10	The Revenant	\$3.8 mil

Top Ten Video Games

1. Final Fantasy Explorers (3DS)
2. LEGO Marvel's Avengers (PS4)
3. Call of Duty: Black Ops 3 (Xbox One)
4. Call of Duty: Black Ops 3 (PS4)
5. LEGO Marvel's Avengers (Xbox One)
6. LEGO Marvel's Avengers (Xbox 360)
7. Star Wars: Battlefront (PS4)
8. Star Wars: Battlefront (Xbox One)
9. Mario & Luigi: Paper Jam (3DS)
10. LEGO Marvel's Avengers (WiiU)

U.S. Video Game Sales Week Ending
January 30, 2016
Source: VGChartz

Celebrity Quotes

"The video was to represent the young woman today – it's not the traditional woman anymore – and not the specifics of 'Am I gay? Am I straight? Am I bi?' I'm making the rules for myself, and I don't have to be stuck down to one label."

– Actress and singer Keke Palmer in response to her steamy music video for the song "I Don't Belong To You" and on why she chooses not to label her sexuality,
PEOPLE, Dec. 16, 2015

PRAYER CENTRAL:

Things to pray about with and for your kids

- Pray for boldness in sharing Jesus with friends.
- Pray for the youth team.
- Pray for Faith Fellowship Church.
- Pray for your students school, teachers and classmates.

Keep praying and keep praying with your teen. This is something our teens need to see use doing on a regular basis.

Verse of the Month

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

-John 16:33

Make sure to be taking time at least once a week to read scripture together as a family. It's important to show your teens that the reading of scripture is a priority. There are many things in life that are troublesome but like in the above verse we can take heart that Jesus has overcome them!

Cutting Edge Music:

Zayn- "Mind of Mine"



Background: Zain Javadd "Zayn" Malik born 12 January 1993, known mononymously as Zayn, is an English singer and songwriter. In 2010, Malik auditioned as a solo artist for the British reality television music competition *The X Factor*. After being eliminated as a solo performer, Malik was brought back into the competition, along with Harry Styles, Niall Horan, Liam Payne, and Louis Tomlinson, to form the boy band One Direction. In March 2015,

Malik's representative announced the singer's departure from the band. Malik signed a solo recording contract with RCA Records in 2015, with his debut studio album *Mind of Mine* scheduled to be released on 25 March 2016. Its release was preceded by the lead single "Pillowtalk", which reached number one in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

What Parents should know about their new album: When Zayn Malik announced in March 2015 that he was leaving One Direction to pursue a solo career, the Internet was flooded by the weeping of fans lamenting his departure. After listening to his first solo single, however, I couldn't help but think that conscientious *parents* of those young 1D fans will be the ones crying now. When Zayn Malik announced in March 2015 that he was leaving One Direction to pursue a solo career, the Internet was flooded by the weeping of fans lamenting his departure. After listening to his first solo single, however, I couldn't help but think that conscientious *parents* of those young 1D fans will be the ones crying now.

For the full write up, visit www.pluggedin.com/musicreviews. Also, visit pluggedin.com for other music reviews.

Christian Artists

We Are Messengers



We Are Messengers is an Irish worship band from Monaghan, Ireland, and they formed in 2015, with vocalist Darren and Heidi Mulligan. Their first studio album, *We Are Messengers*, is releasing in 2016, with Word Records and Curb Records. The album has already broken through on the *Billboard* magazine charts, due to pre-ordering. The worship band formed in Monaghan, Ireland, in 2015. Their members are lead vocalist and lead guitarist, Darren Mulligan, vocalist, Heidi Mulligan, guitarists, Dylan Craig and Steven Stringer, and bassist, Matthew Montgomery.

Check them out at:
www.wearemessengersmusic.com

Featured Film: Newly Released in Theater



SYNOPSIS— Batman Vs. Superman: Dawn of Justice— Opens March 25

"Fearing the actions of a god-like Super Hero left unchecked, Gotham City's own formidable, forceful vigilante takes on Metropolis's most revered, modern-day savior, while the world wrestles with what sort of hero it really needs. And with Batman and Superman at war with one another, a new threat quickly arises, putting mankind in greater danger than it's ever known before. "

Starring: Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Amy Adams, Diane Lane, Laurence Fishburne

Rated PG--13-Intense sequences of violence and action throughout, and some sensuality.

For more information on the movie check out www.Christianitytoday.com under their media section

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Other Movies in Theaters

Title	Rating	Red Flags	Genre	Starring
Zootopia Opens March 4	PG	Some thematic elements, rude humor and action.	Animated /Family	Ginnifer Goodwin, Idris Elba, J.K. Simmons, Jason Bateman, Nate
Miracles From Heaven Opens March 16	PG	Thematic material, including accident and medical images	Drama	Jennifer Garner, Queen Latifah, John Carroll Lynch
Allegiant Opens March 18	PG-13	Thematic Elements, Intense Violence and Action and Some Partial Nudity	Action /Fantasy	Shailene Woodley, Theo James, Jeff Daniels, Octavia L. Spencer, Ray Stevenson

To build these convictions into the lives of our children, we emphasized a number of key spiritual disciplines:

Prayer

Our approach to prayer at home was to make it a part of daily life and events. Of course we prayed at meals and bedtimes and with individual children when needs arose. We prayed before tests and try-outs and trips. We prayed for overseas missions we supported, for requests that came through our prayer chain, and for everyone in the public schools our children attended. We prayed as we drove the children to school, and when they began to drive, we reminded them to pray. We also prayed during our family devotions in the morning before school.

Bible study

Our children grew up hearing Bible stories from the time they were very small. When we had preschoolers, we helped them learn verses from a Bible memory program. We did some more formal Bible study with our teens in junior high and early in high school, but it was sporadic because of schedules.

Young teens often don't feel the need to study the Bible by themselves in their own quiet time. We didn't see our teens take much initiative until they reached high-school age. The desire for personal Bible study seemed to come when they were on their own more and they saw their need to develop their relationship with God, to learn what He was telling them.

We could have imposed more Bible study on our teens, but we really wanted them to see the value of a close relationship with the Lord modeled in our lives.

On a fairly consistent basis Dennis went through the book of Proverbs with each child in high school. This book has some of the best wisdom for life issues, such as how to make good decisions concerning the opposite sex, how to make right choices, how to work, and how to be a faithful and responsible steward of what God has given you.

Church

Participation in the life of a church is a must. Your children may not always agree. Our boys went through a time when they didn't want to go. Because they were also involved in other Christian youth activities, we told them they didn't have to participate in our church's youth group but that missing Sunday morning worship was not an option.

We also had to set standards for what they would wear to church. For a while the boys wanted to go to church in the sloppiest T-shirts and jeans. The girls balked as well at dressing nicely on Sunday. We compromised slightly because our church is fairly casual.

Sunday needs to be a special day for many reasons, the most important being the opportunity to participate in a formal time to worship the true God.

Mission

From early on, we let our children know that God has a special mission for their lives. He gifted them with abilities, personality, and certain qualities that will help accomplish His plan. We want our children to know that it would be better to be the lowliest worker in the will of God than to be on the mission field just to please their parents—or for some other reason.

When Jesus gave the disciples the Great Commission, He was in essence giving them a mission. Read His command and words carefully, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

How you send your child to junior high and high school is one of the most important strategic moves you'll ever make. A teenager needs a challenging mission. He needs a purpose that transcends the rush to follow the herd after the

lesser gods of popularity, selfishness, etc.

As our children moved into their teenage years, we told them they could become either a *mission field* or a *missionary* at school. A mission-field teenager is peer-dependent. A missionary teenager seeks to reach out to his peers and help them find Christ. Mission-field teens go with the flow of the herd and the youth culture; missionary teens grow in character and conviction, because they are fighting the current.

One way to make Jesus' mandate to go into all the world practical is to become a fellow missionary with your child. We began a family project of helping to start a Student Venture ministry on our teenagers' high school and junior high campuses. Student Venture is Campus Crusade for Christ's high school outreach, and we received plenty of help from its staff member as we stepped out in faith.

The benefits to our own family were remarkable. We found that involvement in a campus group like Student Venture creates a powerful sense of community for a preteen or teenager at school, the very place where negative peer pressure can be overwhelming. Our children received vital spiritual support through the encouragement and prayer of fellow teenagers, as well as through the adult leaders.

We know that not every parent will start a ministry at their child's school as a way of developing a mission mindset in their children, but this helped us start our children thinking about those around them who are in need of a relationship with Christ.

Missions trips

One of the best ways to instill a missions mindset in your child is to go together on a short-term mission trip, either here in the United States or overseas. In addition to the impact you will have for Christ, you will find that your child will change in significant ways as he moves out of his normal comfort zone and sees the need that others have for Christ.

One year Barbara took our three youngest daughters, Rebecca, Deborah, and Laura, on a two-week mission trip to Russia as part of Josh McDowell's

Operation Carelift. We were part of a group of more than 400 men, women, and children who gathered in Moscow to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of Russian children. We went by the busloads to schools, orphanages, and family centers to distribute boxes of food, medicine, clothes, and books—and to personally share the good news of Jesus Christ with children.

Our girls had the privilege of handing out good news bracelets and Bibles. Two of them gave the gospel presentation through our interpreter. It was an experience they will never forget. We all want to go back, because we fell in love with the Russian people and especially the children.

Our girls gained a far greater appreciation for what we enjoy in this country, because they have seen firsthand what life is like for people in another land. They have tasted both the sacrifice and the joy of being a missionary.

Conferences

One of the most effective tools we used is youth conferences. These events may only take a few days, but they can grow your child's faith, encourage him to make it his own, and give him a vision for reaching out to students at his school.

In addition to our church's excellent spiritual life conferences for youth, we've sent our children to a youth conference sponsored by Student Venture and also to "Mind Games," a workshop organized by Probe Ministries to help teenagers develop a defense for their faith prior to college. Samuel attended this his senior year and wanted to go back the following year. This is a spiritually challenging retreat that gives these teens a head start on developing a God-centered view of life and world issues.

Article found at www.familylife.com

youth Group News

Events

Lunch with the Easter Bunny– Our annual Easter bunny lunch will be on March 12. We can use all the help we can get, youth and parents welcome. Please let me know if you are able to help.

Game Night– On March 18 we will be having a youth game night at the Taylors. It will start at 7pm. We will be playing board games, video games and some group games. Snacks will be provided.

No Youth– There will not be youth group on March 27.

Movie Night– We will be going to see “God’s Not Dead 2” on April 1. All youth will not have to pay for ticket but will need to pay for own snacks and drinks.

News

Mission Trip– Our mission trip fundraisers are under way. We have many things coming up in the next few months. If you are planning on going you need to make sure you make these events. An event calendar can be found on Facebook and in the youth room. Also, if you plan on going on the mission trip, you MUST be signed up in the youth room.

Promotion– At the end of May we will be welcoming all our upcoming fifth graders. Be praying for them as they make that transition.

Sticky Faith– Sometime in the next few months we will be offering sticky faith parenting classes. These classes are designed to help with teaching discipleship processes. More news to come!

On the Horizon

April 1– Movie Night– God’s Not Dead 2

April 9– Flipside Trivia Night and Silent Auction

May 15– Car Wash

May 21– Senior Graduation Banquet

Youth Group Teaching Schedule

March 6: Gospel Journey: What is the purpose of life? Part 1

March 13 Gospel Journey: What is the purpose of life? Part 2

March 20: Gospel Journey: Why are there so many religions?

March 27: No Youth Group

Youth Culture Music Artists Top Ten

All information for downloaded songs was for the week of 2/22 from Itunes.

All information for Albums was for the week of 2/20 from Billboard Magazine.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Albums</u>	<u>Downloaded Songs</u>
1	Rihanna – ANTI	Rihanna – Work
2	Kevin gates – Islah	Flo Rida – My House
3	Adele – 25	Twenty one pilots – Stressed Out
4	Sia – This Is Acting	Justin Bieber – Love Yourself
5	Justin Bieber – Purpose	Lukas Graham – 7 Years
6	Charlie Puth – Nine Track Mind	ZAYN – PILLOWTALK
7	twenty one pilots – Blurryface	G-Eazy x Bebe Rexha – Me, Myself & I
8	Chris Stapleton – Traveller	Adele – Hello
9	Bryson Tiller – T R A P S O U L	Charlie Puth – One Call Away
10	G-Eazy – When It’s Dark Out	James Bay – Let It Go

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S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
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6 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Youth Group @ 6:00pm	7	8	9	10	11	12 Lunch with Easter Bunny
13 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Youth Group @ 6:00pm	14	15	16	17	18 Game Night @ 7	19
20 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Youth Group @ 6:00pm	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Sunday School @ 9:30 am No Youth	28	29	30	31		

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOSH

Hi Parents!

Things seem to be very busy lately! In this world where it's go, go, go, we need to be the voice of reason with our teens and let them know it's ok to slow down. Actually, God wants us to slow down. When we are busy we tend to push His still, small voice to the back, but when we slow things down we have that time to just sit and be with Him. Our kids need that and they need to see that in all of us. Something I'm working on myself!

Mission trip planning is in full swing. Please make sure your student is signed up in the youth room and have picked up the fundraising schedule! Also, in the next few months we will be offering a parenting class based off Sticky Faith Family Ministry. The purpose is to help parents in the discipleship process and to come alongside to help. More info is to come on this but it will be awesome! Like always, do not hesitate to let me know if you have questions!

In Him, Pastor Josh