

# THE PARENT INSIDER

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## How Well is Your Child Avoiding the Deceit Trap?

By Dennis and Barbara Rainey

King David told us why we should passionately long to banish deceit from our children and ourselves. He posed the question, "O Lord, who may abide in Thy tent? Who may dwell on Thy holy hill?"

In other words, "Who gets the privilege of being near you, Lord?"

The answer: "He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart" (Psalm 15:1-2).

Honesty is important to God. That is why it is crucial for us as parents to work together to raise a generation of young people who turn away from lies, who dwell near God, and who pursue righteousness all their days.

Here are some ways to test how well your child is handling the deceit trap:

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## Youth Beat: Family Statistics

### Six Reasons Young Christians Leave Church:

**Reason #1** – Churches seem overprotective.

**Reason #2** – Teens' and twentysomethings' experience of Christianity is shallow.

**Reason #3** – Churches come across as antagonistic to science.

**Reason #4** – Young Christians' church experiences related to sexuality are often simplistic, judgmental.

**Reason #5** – They wrestle with the exclusive nature of Christianity.

**Reason #6** – The church feels unfriendly to those who doubt.

Source: Barna Group

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## TOP TEN MOVIES



Movies 5/20/2016 - 5/22/2016

Source: Box Office Mojo

Rank	Box Office Movies	Gross Income
1	The Angry Birds Movie	\$39 mil
2	Captain America: Civil War	\$33.1 mil
3	Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising	\$21.8 mil
4	The Nice Guys	\$11.3 mil
5	The Jungle Book	\$11 mil
6	Money Monster	\$7.1 mil
7	The Darkness	\$2.4 mil
8	Zootopia	\$1.7 mil
9	The Huntsman: Winter's War	\$1.2 mil
10	Mother's Day	\$1.1 mil

## Top Ten Video Games

1. Battleborn (PS4)
2. Battleborn (XOne)
3. Call of Duty: Black Ops 3 (PS4)
4. Tom Clancy's The Division (XOne)
5. Ratchet & Clank (PS4)
6. Call of Duty: Blacks Ops 3 (XOne)
7. Battleborn (PC)
8. Tom Clancy's The Division (PS4)
9. Gears of War (XOne)
10. Dark Souls III (PS4)

U.S. Video Game Sales Week Ending  
May 7, 2016  
Source: VGChartz

## Celebrity Quotes

"I just want you to know that doing and making positive programming for young people is so important to me, and I will keep doing it. To all the parents out there, thank you for allowing me to be a role model for your children. I really, really do not take that for granted."

- 'K.C. Undercover' actress Zendaya, accepting the Kids' Choice Award for favorite female TV star on March 13, 2016

# PRAYER CENTRAL:

## Things to pray about with and for your kids

- Pray for our youth as they enter summer break
- Pray for all of the seniors that have graduated
- Pray that your kids and you continue to deepen and grow in your relationship with the Lord
- Pray that God continues to lead and direct you as a parent

We have said it over and over again, Prayer is important! The teen years are a pivotal age for your teen. Talk with them about prayer and show them what prayer is all about!

## Verse of the Month

"What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. "

-Romans 6:1-4

Sin catches us in many ways. The struggles and trials of life are exactly that, struggles. But thankfully we have overcome that through the blood of Christ. He took it all for us and once we place our faith in Him, we have taken on his death by being resurrected. We have a newness of life and can go through our daily lives in confidence! God's Word is awesome for so many reasons, but mainly because of these awesome truths it tells us. Be in the Word! Be in the Word with your family! Show your kids that it is important!

# Cutting Edge Music:

## Ariana Grande- "Dangerous Woman"



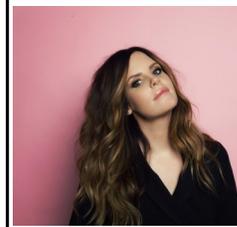
**Background:** Ariana Grande-Butera, born June 26, 1993, is an American singer and actress. She began her career in the Broadway musical *13*, before landing the role of Cat Valentine on the Nickelodeon television series *Victorious* in 2009. The show ended after four seasons, and Grande starred on the spinoff, *Sam & Cat*, which ended in 2014. Grande's music career began with the soundtrack *Music from Victorious* (2011). She signed a recording contract with Republic Records and released her debut studio album, *Yours Truly* in 2013, which debuted at No. 1 on the U.S. *Billboard* 200. Grande's accolades include two American Music Awards, the Music Business Association's Breakthrough Artist of the Year, an MTV Video Music Award, two MTV Europe Music Awards and two Grammy Award nominations. In 2016, *Time* named Grande one of the 100 most influential people in the world on the annual *Time* 100 list.<sup>[2]</sup> Grande has a large following on social media, including the 4th most followed Instagram account.

**What Parents should know about their new album:** Ariana Grande certainly didn't hang out in role-model land very long. And on *Dangerous Woman* she's gleefully lit the match on any lingering hopes that the nice girl from Nickelodeon's *Sam & Cat* might still be loitering about somewhere in the back of her personality. "I used to feel so obligated to be so much more," she sings on the bluntly titled "I Don't Care." "I used to let some people tell me how to live and what to be/But if I can't be me, then what's the point? No/I don't care about it anymore/ ... I love me." Families to Miss Grande: Message received, loud and clear. Ariana is absolutely infatuated with the idea of embracing—and I do mean *embracing*—dangerous men who make her feel daring. And she's urging her fans to become similarly obsessed.

For the full write up, visit [www.pluggedin.com/musicreviews](http://www.pluggedin.com/musicreviews). Also, visit [pluggedin.com](http://pluggedin.com) for other music reviews.

# Christian Artists

## Mia Fieldes-Ashes



As a 13-year-old growing up in Australia, Mia Fieldes would sit in her bedroom doorway while her sisters slept and write letters to God. "I prayed with a pen so many nights. Over and over again I would write 'God one day I want to write songs about You

that go all over the world.'" At 17 she moved to Sydney, Australia where she spent the next 10 years at Hillsong Church. She began singing and writing songs that would go on to be recorded by Hillsong United and Hillsong Live. She's collaborated with top Christian artists such as Michael W. Smith, Meredith Andrews, Matt Maher and Kari Jobe to name a few. In 2013, Mia won ASCAP and BMI awards for the hit collaboration "Proof Of Your Love," recorded by For King & Country. Her recent song with Francesca Battistelli, "He Knows My Name," has seen consecutive weeks as a #1 on radio. But for all her penning of memorable gems, Fieldes has never stepped out as a recording artist—until now. Her new radio single "Fearless" comes ahead of a five-song EP, "Ashes," scheduled for a May release.

Check her out at: [www.miafieldesmusic.com](http://www.miafieldesmusic.com)

# Featured Film: Newly Released in Theater



## SYNOPSIS— Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows— Opens June 3

Starring: Megan Fox, William Fichtner, Will Arnett, Tyler Perry, Stephen Amell

Rated PG--13-Sci-fi action violence

When the evil Shredder develops his own mutants, Bebop and Rocksteady, the Turtles must team up with April (Megan Fox), news reporter Vern Fenwick (Will Arnett), and their new vigilante friend Casey Jones (Stephen Amell) to defend New York City from destruction. Leonardo, Raphael, Michelangelo and Donatello also face an impending invasion from the deranged extra-terrestrial Krang in this sequel to 2014's *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*.

For more information on the movie check out [www.pluggedin.com](http://www.pluggedin.com) under their media section

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## Other Movies in Theaters

Title	Rating	Red Flags	Genre	Starring
<b>The Conjuring 2</b> Opens June 10	R	Terror and Horror Violence	Horror	Patrick Wilson, Vera Farmiga, Frances O'Connor, Madison Wolfe
<b>Finding Dory</b> Opens June 17	PG	Mild Thematic Elements	Animated /Family	Ellen DeGeneres, Albert Brooks, Diane Keaton, Ed O'Neill, Eugene Levy
<b>Independence Day: Resurgence</b> Opens June 24	PG-13	N/A	Sci-fi /Fantasy	Liam Hemsworth, Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman, Judd Hirsch, Vivica A. Fox

*Watch for cheating at school.* This may not be the easiest type of deceit to detect. Observe your child's study habits, homework, grades, and general demeanor related to school. Does it appear he is depending too heavily on others to get answers or help with homework? Are you helping more than you should? Stay in close touch with all of your child's teachers. Make sure grades on the report card seem to match up with effort related to schoolwork. Tell your child's teacher that you want to know if your child ever attempts to cheat. If your child is caught cheating, gather all the facts. A trip to the school to talk with the teacher is best. Was it a one-time occurrence or are there suspicions of a pattern? Talk with your child. Sometimes teachers make mistakes or treat students unfairly. If cheating is confirmed, talk with your child. If the child admits to cheating and has not lied further about the incident, make sure you affirm him for telling the truth. However, consequences are definitely in order—both at school and at home. You must treat this as a very serious matter. Have the child apologize to you, to the teacher, and to any child whose work he may have copied. Have him say, "I cheated. I was wrong. Will you forgive me?" In most cases the teacher will give your child a zero or an F for cheating. Discuss with your child the consequences. He will need to study even harder to bring his grade up to offset the poor mark. Finally, decide on an appropriate discipline for the offense. Grounding and/or hard labor around the house are often good choices. The cheating issue has hit our family. A teacher called us, and we went through the shame. We met with the teacher. Our child was embarrassed. As we talked to the child, we let him know that we were disappointed that he felt he had to cheat. We let him feel our shame. (Later the child told us that our shame had hurt worse than the penalty.) Then we asked our child to go to the teacher and ask his forgiveness. This child has never forgotten that lesson.

*Stay alert.* Keep your eyes and ears wide open. What are you observing about your child's behavior and attitudes? What is being said to you? Are you buying it? Watch for subtleties such as repeatedly "forgetting" to bring home a grade report from school.

*Work with the child who is struggling with tardiness.* A firstborn child generally is very prompt, but a sibling who follows may use tardiness as a way to demonstrate his emerging independence. If a child consistently is late, one of the best ways to approach this (not in the heat of the moment) is to explain the natural consequences of what will happen if this continues. We make the tardy one clean the kitchen, a big job at our house.

*Play the Decide in Advance game.* Practically help your child decide in advance what he would do with a few of the many deceit-filled traps he will face as he grows up.

- You know you are not to ride your bike on the highway, but you're with a group of friends who turn onto the highway. When you stop, they all come back and say, "C'mon. Your parents will never find out." There are eight of them, and you are about to be left behind. What would you do?
- You make a bad grade at the end of the first nine weeks and decide to hide the report card, hoping you can pull your grade up by the semester's end. A week later your mom asks why you haven't brought home a report card. How do you answer?
- An envelope containing all of your sister's savings was left out on her dresser. There's more than eighty dollars in small bills, and you decide she'll probably never miss a 10-dollar bill. You take one. But that night there is a family meeting and your dad asks, "Did anyone happen to see an extra 10 dollars that's missing from sister's savings?" What would you say?
- Your mom asks you to clean the kitchen while she's running your brother to a soccer match. You don't do it. She comes back and asks you why you didn't clean the kitchen. You say, "I forgot." Is that the truth? What should you have said and done?

*Do not surrender access to your child's room.* Teenagers love to assert control over their own space, and to a fairly significant extent, a child's room should be his enclave of individuality and private peace. But it's still your house, and you are still the parent. Let your child know through your actions that you feel perfectly free to drop into the room frequently—both when your child is home (knock, of course) or away. Sometime when the child is away, take inventory of the room—yes, do some discreet snooping. There's a war going on for the mind and heart of your child. Don't let the enemy slip some live hand grenades into your child's life—bad music, pornography, alcohol, drugs. And consider carefully whether to let a private phone line or phone extension be placed in that room, especially with a preadolescent or younger teen. Do you want him to have unlimited and unsupervised access to his peers?

*Recruit a "spy" network.* From now until your child leaves home and moves on to adulthood, you will slowly relinquish control, and the child will increasingly not be at home. In the interest of keeping tabs on how your child is handling new challenges, you need a network of parents, teachers, youth workers, coaches, employers, and other observers who will feel comfortable in sharing information with you occasionally. If they see your child going into a movie that they know you do not approve of, they should feel free to call and tell you. My mom had these spies all over town when I was growing up. The effect was that she seemed omnipresent, and I always felt accountable for my actions. This intelligence gathering should be extremely discreet and certainly not overdone. Your child deserves the opportunity to build trust. But other parents may spot things about your children that may be hidden from you, such as how they drive when you are not with them. Friends who feel free to call you may prevent your child from going too far down the wrong path.

*Ask probing questions.* Even if you don't learn much each time you do your quizzing, it's good for a son or daughter to know you are going to be asking lots of questions. If a child is lying and trying to get away with something, you will catch him. Most children are just not that good at fibbing. One of our girls went to a conference alone for a couple of days. When she came back home, I sat on the edge of the bed and asked how things went.

"Great."

"How about your relationship with boys?"

"That's okay. No big deal."

"There were no romances?"

"No, none of that."

"Did you hold a boy's hand?" Silence.

"Yes, but we went to this park, and, see, we were supposed to hold hands because there were a lot of people at the park and it was for security purposes." Laughter.

I call this "peeling the onion." And I peeled the onion one more layer and said, "Did you hold his hand at any other point?"

"W-e-l-l, as a matter of fact, I did on the bus on the way back."

"Security needed then?"

"Ha, ha, Dad."

"Did he try to kiss you?"

"No."

"Did you try to kiss him?"

"No."

"Good for you. I just wanted to make sure everything was okay."

We don't carry on this type quizzing on a daily basis, but it's good for a child to know that you have a healthy curiosity and know how to ask some probing questions.

*Pray for wisdom and opportunities to uncover deceit.* God wants to help us with our children more than we can imagine. Perhaps your son is hanging around with some new friends and you feel unsettled. There's nothing outwardly wrong; you're just bothered. Ask God for wisdom and insight into the situation. He loves to respond to the prayers of helpless parents. Let us assure you, God *will* orchestrate circumstances to enable you to catch your child if he is deceiving you.

Article found at [www.familylife.com](http://www.familylife.com)

# youth Group News

## Events

**Summer Kickoff- June 5-** We will be having our summer kickoff at the amphitheater in the back of the church, starting at 6pm. We will be having a time for games, roasting marshmallows and having a time of worship. Don't miss out!

**Last Supper-June 24-** We will be taking a youth group trip to The Olde Spaghetti Factory to have a great time of fellowship and to pray for those going on mission trip. We will be meeting at church at 5pm. Students need to bring money for their food. We should be returning around 9 to 9:30pm.

**Summer Schedule-**Our summer schedule is out! It has been emailed to our mailing list. If you are not on that, let me know! It has also been posted to Facebook, on our website and there are hard copies at FFC.

## News

**Mission Trip-UPDATE-** Due to many unforeseen circumstances, the 2016 mission trip has changed locations. We will now be going to Kansas City, MO. This has definitely been God's leading. Everything for the trip will remain the same. Same dates- July 2-10 and same cost. We will be discussing the changes at the next meeting on June 5.

**Baby Taylor-** We will be welcoming Finn sometime between now and June 6, hopefully. For that reason, the schedule has been pretty light.

**Moving Up-** We are excited that the newly promoted 6th graders are now able to join us! We welcomed many of them on May 29th. Excited to see how God will continue to work in their lives!

## On the Horizon

June 5 - Summer Kickoff

June 24 - Last Supper- Spaghetti Factory

July 2-10 - Mission Trip

## Youth Group Teaching Schedule

June 5: **Gospel Journey** - What happens after we die?

June 12: **Gospel Journey** - Who is Jesus?

June 19: No Youth Group- Father's Day

June 26: **Gospel Journey** - What Is Jesus' Message?

# Youth Culture Music Artists Top Ten

Rank	Radio Play	Downloaded Songs
1	Mike Posner - I Took A Pill In Ibiza	Justin Timberlake - Can't Stop The Feeling!
2	Lukas Graham - 7 Years	Drake - One Dance
3	Fifth Harmony - Work From Home	Keith Urban - The Fighter
4	ZAYN - Pillowtalk	Florida Georgia Line - H.O.L.Y.
5	The Chainsmokers - Don't Let Me Down	The Chainsmokers - Don't Let Me Down
6	Zara Larsson & MNEK - Never Forget You	Desiigner - Panda
7	Justin Timberlake - Can't Stop The Feeling	Calvin Harris - This Is What You Came For
8	Drake - One Dance	Lukas Graham - 7 Years
9	Ariana Grande - Dangerous Woman	Blake Shelton - Go Ahead and Break My Heart
10	G-Eazy - My Myself & I	Meghan Trainor - NO

All information for downloaded songs was for the week of 5/13 from iTunes.

All information for Radio Play was for the week of 5/24 from Mediabase.

# J U N E 2 0 1 6

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
			1	2	3	4
5 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Sticky Faith @ 4 Mission Trip Mtg @ 5 Youth Group @ 6pm	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Sticky Faith @ 4 Youth Group @ 6:00pm	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Sunday School @ 9:30 am <b>Fathers Day</b> <b>No Youth Group</b>	20	21	22	23	24 <b>Last Supper- Dinner at The Olde Spaghetti Factory @ 5pm</b>	25
26 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Sticky Faith @ 4 Mission Trip Mtg @ 5 Youth Group @ 6pm	27	28	29	30		

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOSH

Hi Parents!

Summer is officially here! With that comes lots of free time. Just want to remind everyone that if you are looking for something to keep your teen occupied during the day, they are more than welcome to come to the church and hang out or help us out! Also, with summer mission trip is soon coming! As you may have read, we have had to change the location from New Orleans to Kansas City. This was something that was pretty unexpected but totally a God thing! I'm so grateful I serve a God who knows best! I'm very excited at what this trip has in store for us! More details coming with that! Also this summer we will have a new face helping with the youth. We have an intern from Greenville College in Greenville, IL joining us for the summer. Her name is Jessi and she will be joining the team this Sunday! That's that for now, Thanks for letting me and the team hang with your teen! If you ever need anything please let me know!

In Him, Pastor Josh