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Values are Your Most Important Parenting Tool

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Think of all the different things one can value, good and bad, as ways to get the acceptance and love we need: communication, beauty, vivaciousness, domination, going along with the crowd, superficiality, politeness, humor, seductiveness, honesty, sexual conquest. And any of the following and more can be thought of as ways to achieve significance: punctuality, workaholicism, diligence, wealth, power, deceit, frugality, competitiveness, precision, evasion of responsibility. One person develops an unspoken plan for achieving significance by compulsive work habits that will force his supervisors to respect him; another attempts to meet the deep need for relatedness by a series of superficial

and promiscuous sexual relationships. A young teenager, despairing of real purpose for her life, tries to fill this gaping void with slavish conformity to her peer group. The kinds of goals we work toward range from the grandiose to the pathetic. One person yearns to be President or to possess a million dollars by age forty. Another lives day to day trying desperately to avoid criticism that would be devastating, or to receive the approval of others who are seen as respected and esteemed.

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Youth Beat: Quick Stats

- Among kids in grades 9-12, 17% report seriously considering suicide in the preceding 12 month period, and 8% report making one or more attempts at suicide during this time. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- Suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people ages 10-24 years-old. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

TOP TEN MOVIES



Movies 9/23/2016 - 9/25/2016

Source: Box Office Mojo

Rank	Box Office Movies	Gross Income
1	The Magnificent Seven	\$35 mil
2	Storks	\$21.8 mil
3	Sully	\$13.8 mil
4	Bridget Jones's Baby	\$4.5 mil
5	Snowden	\$4.1 mil
6	Blair Witch	\$4 mil
7	Don't Breathe	\$3.8 mil
8	Suicide Squad	\$3.1 mil
9	When the Bough Breaks	\$2.5 mil
10	Kubo and the Two Strings	\$1.1 mil

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Top Ten Video Games

1. Madden NFL 17 (PS4)
2. Madden NFL 17 (XOne)
3. World of Warcraft: Legion (PC)
4. Call of Duty: Black Ops 3 (PS4)
5. Doom (PS4)
6. Pokemon Omega Ruby and Alpha Sapphire (3DS)
7. Resident Evil 4 HD (PS4)
8. Gears of War (XOne)
9. Attack on Titan (PS4)
10. Grand Theft Auto V (PS4)

U.S. Video Game Sales Week Ending
September 3, 2016
Source: VGChartz

Celebrity Quotes

“Bro. Bro! Tonight we here to have fun. I’m standing in front of my idol, Puff Daddy, I’m standing in front of my wife, Kim Kardashian West. I’m standing in front of the future: Chance the Rapper, 2 Chainz, Jaden Smith. Bro, we are undeniably the influence, the thought leaders.”

– Kanye West speaking at the MTV VMAs on August 28, 2016

PRAYER CENTRAL:

Things to pray about, with, and for your kids

Pray that God moves in the lives of your teen and others

Pray for boldness in their lives to proclaim Jesus

Pray that God would radically move in their schools

Prayer is learned and is a lifestyle. Make sure that your kids know and see you pray. Those moments help your kids realize that prayer is important! Keep it up!

Verse of the Month

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- 1 Peter 1:3-5

We started a new series in 1 Peter. Peter had his many shortcomings but recognized that even in the hardest of times, serving Christ was imperative. These are the truths we learn in Scripture. Read it! Read it with your teen! Talk with them about what you currently are reading and how it affects your life! It's important.

Cutting Edge Music:

Mac Miller- "The Divine Feminine"



Background: An American rapper. He is also a noted record producer under the pseudonym Larry Fisherman. Miller is also becoming known for taking on multiple alter-egos, under the aliases Delusional Thomas, Larry Lovestein and The Velvet Revival, respectively. In early 2010, Miller signed a record deal with indie record label Rostrum Records. He subsequently began recording his debut studio album Blue Slide Park, and released it on November 8, 2011. The album went on to debut at number one on the US Billboard 200 chart, making it the first independently distributed debut album to top the chart since 1995. In early 2013, Miller launched REMember Music, his own record label imprint, named after a friend who died.

number one on the US Billboard 200 chart, making it the first independently distributed debut album to top the chart since 1995. In early 2013, Miller launched REMember Music, his own record label imprint, named after a friend who died.

What Parents should know about their new album: There's one surprising, candid moment of reality near the end of album opener "Congratulations." Miller talks about the mundane stuff of everyday life and even suggests that his cohabiting partner doesn't actually want to have sex all the time. "Same box for the mail/Same hamper for the laundry, the food in the fridge is stale," he narrates. "And this mornin' you cooked the eggs with the kale/I tried to hit while you was getting' dressed/You said, 'All you ever think about is sex.'" It's a down-to-earth acknowledgement of what living with another person really looks like, day in and day out: bills, laundry, groceries, cooking, and even the acknowledgement that there's something more to life than just physical intimacy. This is not the stuff of typical rap songs. And there's nothing else like it—save perhaps grandma's wholesome reflections—on the balance of the album. I suspect that if Miller asked his grandmother what it takes to make a marriage last a lifetime, she'd have something to teach him about how all those pieces fit together. I'm guessing she'd say that happily married couples discover that a successful marriage includes a healthy sexual relationship, but that it's also about so much more than just that. Miller, however, isn't quite there yet. "All you ever think about is sex," his live-in girlfriend—perhaps Ariana Grande, if this line is interpreted autobiographically—tells him. And she's right.

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

Christian Artists

Derek Minor- Reflections



Minor is slated to release his sixth album, Reflection,

on October 14 on his Reflection Music Group in partnership with Entertainment One. The album includes the lead single "You Know It," "Until I'm Gone" featuring BJ The Chicago Kid, "Love Go High" featuring Christette Michele, "I'm Good" featuring Janice Gaines, among other tracks.

"The overall message of this record is you really are made for greatness," Minor explains. "You're not the sum of your mistakes. We are all imperfect. You were made to be greater than your probably realize."

Check him out at: www.derekminor.com

Featured Film: Newly Released in Theater

SYNOPSIS— I'm Not Ashamed—Opens October 21

Starring: Masey McLain, Ben Davies, Cameron McKendry

Rated PG-13--Thematic Material, Disturbing Violent Content, Teen Drinking and Smoking and Some Suggestive Situations

This biopic about Rachel Joy Scott (played by Masey McLain), who was the first student killed during the Columbine High School massacre in 1999. Produced by Pure Flix Entertainment, this faith-based drama uses Scott's diary and her Christian faith to retell the story of her tragically short life.



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

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Other Movies in Theaters

Title	Rating	Red Flags	Genre	Starring
Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life Opens Oct. 7	PG	Language, Thematic Elements and Rude Humor Throughout	Comedy	Griffin Gluck, Lauren Graham, Thomas Barbusca, Rob Riggle, Andrew Daly
Priceless Opens Oct. 14	PG-13	Human Trafficking, Some Violence and Mature Thematic Material	Drama	Jim Parrack, David Koechner, Steve Barnett, Tyler Poelle
Rings Opens Oct. 26	N/A	Rating information not available at the time of publication	Horror	Aimee Teegarden, Johnny Galecki, Zach Roerig, Alex Roe

What we say about our goals or values is important, but our goals or values are probably most honestly and directly expressed in the choices we make. The father who says he values time with his children but never makes the choices necessary to spend that time with them is speaking clearly about his real values through his actions. People often seem blind to their own values. We know what we *ought* to value much more intimately than what we *truly* value.

Children are watching

Parents teach their values to their children most powerfully by the values they as parents live by. This is one of the most frightening facts about parenthood. Our children read us like a book for what we value. Our lives tell our children what we deem important and not important. Do we overdose on work and put little effort in friendship? Have we despaired of ever being significant and thus hide behind a sneering veneer of cynicism about our own vocation and those of others? Are we slaves to the approval of others and evidence little commitment to goals which are ours alone and for which we need no one else's approval? Do we take greater joy in our material possessions than in service to the Lord? Do we always have time for television and other recreational pursuits and no time for community service? It behooves all of us to do an honest assessment of where our time is going and what this says about our values. Then we have to go the additional step and ask, "Is this what I want to teach my child to value; is this what really matters?"

We also communicate our values in our

praise. Do we praise our children for grades they get, or for the skills that they are developing? For winning, or for using their gifts well? For being quiet, unobtrusive, and leaving us alone, or for doing something right even if it makes us uncomfortable? Do we praise our children for fitting in, for being popular, for going with the flow, or for showing strength, independence, and character even when, because of it, they are not as accepted by others as they might otherwise have been?

We need to think deliberately as Christians about the values we want our children to manifest. It is vital that we get down to the most fundamental levels of what we value, and make sure that we are always encouraging that in our children. A vibrant faith is their most fundamental need for the future. We try to shape our children to value such a faith by modeling that faith ourselves, by talking openly about how important that faith is, and by praising any manifestation of such a faith in our children. We often remind our children, "We really are proud that you are doing well in school (or piano, baseball, friendships, Bible school, etc.), but never forget (and help me to never forget) that the only thing that matters is whether you love God with your whole heart and are following Him in obedience. If you do that, your life will have value. Without that, nothing really matters. God is calling you right now to be a student (pianist, second baseman, etc.), and I think God is happy that you are doing well at that for Him!"

Article found at www.familylife.com

youTh Group News

Events

Corn Maze– Oct. 8th- Admission fee is \$8—previous information said \$7—that was incorrect. We will meet at the church at 5 pm. All students need to bring additional money for dinner. We will be stopping at a fast food restaurant before going to the corn maze. We will be returning to the church at 9:30 pm. All students need to bring a flashlight.

Youth at the Thompsons– Oct. 23rd- We will be meeting at church at 5 pm to leave for the Thompsons. We will have a night of worship, bonfires, and games. We will be returning to the church at 9 pm.

Fall Retreat– Oct. 28th-30th– All students need to be signed up in the youth room. Next week is the last week to be guaranteed a shirt. We will meet at the church at 5 pm on the 28th and eat before we leave. We will be coming back on the 30th at 5 pm. ALL STUDENTS must have a completed medical release form. They can be found on the youth website or can be picked up in the youth room.

News

Fall Schedule– The fall schedule is available on our website-www.goffc.org/ffc/youth

Amazing Race- The race was great! We had 4 teams participate. Everyone had a great time figuring out the challenges. We finished the night with pizza and a devotional.

Movie Night– On Nov. 4 we are going to see the movie “I’m Not Ashamed”. This movie is highly recommended for all students. It’s about the life of Rachel Joy Scott, the first victim of the Columbine shooting.

On the Horizon

Movie Night– Nov. 4th- We are planning on going to the theater to see “I’m not ashamed”

Christmas Party– Dec. 10th– Party starts at 6:30pm
Bring white elephant gift.

Ice Skating– Dec. 28th- Ice skating at Fountain Square. Meeting at 6 pm at FFC.

Youth Group Teaching Schedule

October 2: **Study of 1 Peter** – 1 Peter 1:13-25

October 9: **Study of 1 Peter** – 1 Peter 2:1-12

October 16: **Study of 1 Peter** – 1 Peter 2:13-25, 3:1-7

October 23: **Study of 1 Peter** – 1 Peter 3:8-22

October 30: **No Youth Group**

Youth Culture Music Artists Top Ten

All information for Albums was for the week of 10/1 from Billboard Magazine.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Albums</u>
1	Jason Aldean – They Don’t Know
2	Drake – Views
3	Soundtrack – Suicide Squad: The Album
4	Bastille – Wild World
5	The Head And The Heart – Sings Of Light
6	Travis Scott – Birds In The Trap Sing McKnight
7	The Beatles – Live At The Hollywood Bowl
8	Jack White – Acoustic Recordings: 1998-2016
9	Ariana Grande – Dangerous Woman
10	Florida Georgia Line – Dig Your Roots

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2 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Youth Group Scavenger Hunt @ 5pm	3	4	5	6	7	8 Corn Maze
9 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Youth Group @ 6:00pm	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Youth Group @ 6:00pm	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Youth Group @ Thompsons	24	25	26	27	28 Fall Retreat	29 Fall Retreat
30 Fall Retreat No Youth Group	31 Halloween					

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOSH

Hi Parents!

It's hard to believe that October is here! Flipside has been focusing on service this fall and will continue through the end of the year. We have put up sign up sheets for service opportunities at youth group. This is to give them "practice" since most of them, within 3-5 years, will be out of youth group. We want them to see the blessing that serving can be and to instill a passion within them. Fall Retreat is just around the corner. If your teen is not signed up, encourage them to do so. Also, encourage them to invite a friend. It's going to be an amazing weekend and I don't want anyone to miss out. As always, if you need anything, do not hesitate to let me know.

In Him, Pastor Josh