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## Becoming a Family of Purpose

These ideas won't cure every problem in your home, but they will help you refocus on kingdom purposes.  
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When was the last time you thought about how your family can grow in Christ and make a difference for the kingdom? Don't wait any longer. Now is the perfect time to step back and evaluate what your life looks like and to implement changes that can help you and your family grow stronger together. I would like to challenge you to start out by making eight changes that would help you to become a family of purpose. These ideas won't cure every problem that you have, but if you take them seriously and commit to do them, they will help you refocus. And as a result, positive change will take place in your home.

### Marriage

Pray with your spouse every day. This is the single most important investment you could make in your marriage. Why? Prayer is one of the most intimate forms of communication God gives us. It knits your heart together with your mate's. For Barbara and me, practically speaking, no other spiritual discipline has done a better job of placing Him at the center of our lives and

marriage. Prayer says, "You alone are Lord of my life. There is none other." Never say the word, "divorce." Our society has convinced the majority of the people that divorce is the cure for marital problems. It's not! It only creates more problems. There are only two things that will mend your marriage: hearts that are grounded in Christ and hard work. Make a commitment to your spouse never to say the "d-word" again. And together decide that divorce is not an option, no matter how tough times get. Study your spouse. You may think you know your spouse, but have you really gotten to know him inside-out since you first got married? People change and so do their needs. In the next weeks and months, determine your mate's top three needs. Does she have an emotional need, a need for conversation, or for romance? Write down at least three things that you know will show your love to your soul mate—then make them all happen as soon as possible.

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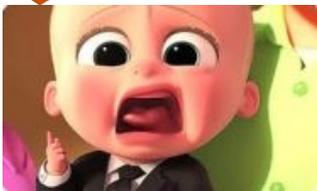
## Youth Beat: Quick Stats

- e-Cigarette use among high school students has increased 900% from 2011 to 2015. (U.S. Surgeon General Report)
- Only about 7% of high school students said they used indoor tanning in 2015, down from almost 16% of students in 2009. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

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## TOP TEN MOVIES



Movies 4/7/2017 - 4/9/2017

Source: Box Office Mojo

	Box Office Movies	Gross Income
1	The Boss Baby	\$26.4 mil
2	Beauty and the Beast	\$23.7 mil
3	Smurfs: The Lost Village	\$13.2 mil
4	Going in Style	\$11.9 mil
5	Ghost in the Shell	\$7.3 mil
6	Power Rangers	\$6.2 mil
7	Kong: Skull Island	\$5.6 mil
8	Get Out	\$4.1 mil
9	Logan	\$4 mil
10	The Case for Christ	\$4 mil

## Top Ten Video Games

1. The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild (NS)
2. Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon Wildlands (PS4)
3. Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon Wildlands (XOne)
4. Pokemon Sun/Moon (3DS)
5. Horizon: Zero Dawn (PS4)
6. The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild (WiiU)
7. Grand Theft Auto V (PS4)
8. Grand Theft Auto V (XOne)
9. For Honor (PS4)
10. For Honor (XOne)

**U.S. Video Game Sales Week**  
Ending March 18, 2017

Source:VGChartz

## Celebrity Quotes

*"I had never posted a photo of my son, and I decided to post a shot of the back of his head, and almost as soon as I'd done it, I wished that I hadn't. I felt like I had broken some kind of a seal in inviting people into my life."*

*Anne Hathaway, discussing how she felt after posting a photo of her son on Instagram, in an interview for Jezebel's The Muse, April 3, 2017.*

## PRAYER CENTRAL:

### Things to pray about, with, and for your kids

- Pray for spiritual growth in our lives and our teens.
- Pray for the friends and family of your teens.
  - Pray for boldness to be set apart.

Prayer is something easy to forgo. It isn't tangible. Make sure that this is at the very top of your list everyday, throughout your day. Praying changes things! God wants to hear from us! Pray without ceasing!

## Verse of the Month

**"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."**

**-Ephesians 5:1-2**

God's Word is a great place to go for instruction on how we should live our lives. These verses are a great reminder to be like Christ, not anyone or anything else. Make sure you are spending time in God's Word alone and with your family!

# Cutting Edge Music:

## The Chainsmokers- "Memories...Do Not Open"



**Background:** an American DJ/producer duo consisting of Andrew Taggart and Alex Pall. The EDM-pop duo achieved a breakthrough with their 2014 song "#Selfie", which was a top twenty single in several countries. Their debut EP, Bouquet was released in October 2015 and featured the single "Roses", which reached the top 10 on the US Billboard Hot 100. "Don't Let Me Down" became their first top 5 single there and won the Grammy Award for Best

Dance Recording at the 59th awards ceremony, while "Closer" became their first number-one single on the chart. They have also won an American Music Award and five iHeartRadio Music Awards.

### What Parents should know about their new album:

Memories ... Do Not Open is bound to attract some attention given The Chainsmokers' high-profile success last year. What listeners will find if they "open" this album is a collection of songs that are more bleak and bitter—and often quite profane—than they are hopeful or helpful.

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.

## Latest Research: Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance

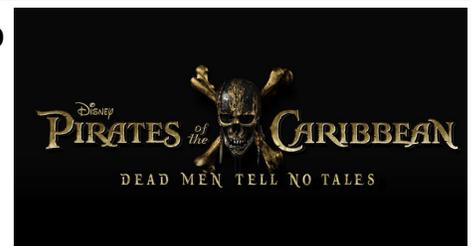
.The pressures, problems, challenges, and choices facing our kids are so vast, that our kids need us to help them navigate the potential difficulties of life. In our diligence, it's important to realize that kids who make poor choices in one area of their lives, are statistically more prone to make poor choices in other areas of their lives. If they are having trouble in one area of life, we need to become more alert by looking to see if there might be trouble in another area. For example, the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System tells us that high school students who attempt to control their weight by engaging in unhealthy behaviors like fasting, purging, or using diet aids, are also more likely to have substance abuse problems. In other words, the discovery of one problem, might indicate a variety of additional problems. God has stewarded us with our children. Good stewardship includes diligence.

## Featured Film: Newly Released in Theater

### SYNOPSIS— Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales — Opens May 26

**Starring: Cast:** Johnny Depp, Javier Bardem, Orlando Bloom, Brenton Thwaites, Kaya Scodelario

Rated PG-13 – sequences of adventure violence and some suggestive content.



Thrust into an all-new adventure, a down-on-his-luck Captain Jack Sparrow finds the winds of ill-fortune blowing even more strongly when deadly ghost pirates led by his old nemesis, the terrifying Captain Salazar, escape from the Devil's Triangle, determined to kill every pirate at sea...including him. Captain Jack's only hope of survival lies in seeking out the legendary Trident of Poseidon, a powerful artifact that bestows upon its possessor total control over the seas. For more information on the movie check out [www.pluggedin.com](http://www.pluggedin.com)

Check out <a href="http://www.pluggedin.com">www.pluggedin.com</a> for more information on new	Title	Rating	Red Flags	Genre	Starring
	Other Movies in Theaters	Snatched Opens May 12	R	Language Throughout, Crude Sexual Content and Brief Nudity	Comedy
Diary of Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul Opens May 19		PG	Some Rude Humor	Comedy	Alicia Silverstone, Tom Everett Scott, Chris Coppola
Baywatch Opens May 25		R	language throughout, crude sexual content, and graphic nudity	Comedy	Dwayne Johnson, Zac Efron, Alexandra Daddario, Priyanka Chopra, Kelly Rohrbach

## **Personal**

Have a daily quiet time each day. God gave us His Word to help us survive in a hostile world. As Psalm 119:105 says, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." His Word is truth. If we are to experience change in our families, we must admit we are lost and need to find our way to the truth of God's Word. I often hear Christians complain that the Bible can't be read in public schools. But do we faithfully read it in our own homes? The Bible cannot light a dark pathway if it's lying on an end table in the family room covered with dust.

## **Family**

Fast from television for one month. I want to challenge you to take one small step toward slowing down your life by taking one month and "fasting" from TV. I know this won't be easy—especially as central as television is in our culture, but fasting from TV will limit isolation in your family and give you time to do all those little things you have been putting off. It will cause you to take a close look at the amount of time your family sits in front of the TV and to think through better ways to use that time.

Get to know your neighbors. I believe the needs of the family today will not be met by relying only on professionals and counselors, government officials, ministers, or parachurch organizations. The need is for Christians who have growing marriages to begin to reach out and influence other families. Many couples have started Bible study groups like the HomeBuilders Couples Series® right in their own neighborhoods and invited people they would otherwise only occasionally see. People who have no religious affiliation or background feel comfortable in these groups because they are formed around the felt need of marriages. But none of this can happen if you don't get to know your neighbors first.

## **Parenting**

Hug and kiss your kids. As a child grows up and develops physically into a young woman or man, a concern may grow in you about how much

physical affection should be given to your child of the opposite sex. The tendency is to think he is grown and doesn't need the affection. Don't stop lavishing your child with physical affection; he needs those hugs and kisses more than ever! A mom hugging her son and a dad hugging his daughter will send the message to both—you are a young man or a young woman who is worthy of attention and affection from someone of the opposite sex. How many times have you heard about young women who say that they sought affection from boys because they never received it from their fathers? Don't make that mistake with your child.

Date your kids. Pursue a relationship with each of your children. Rules without relationships can make children angry. That's why the Apostle Paul admonishes fathers in Ephesians 6:4, "And, fathers do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." If our children are to receive our "discipline and instruction," we need to build and maintain a relationship with them. One way to do this is to take each of your children on a date. By doing this, you not only give undivided attention to that child, you show him that he is important to you and that you are willing to sacrifice your time to be with him.

Becoming a family of purpose is not easy. It begins with individual sacrifice. It's time to return to God's Word, experience Him on a daily basis, and change the way you are living. If you can implement these ideas in your home and in your personal life, you will see a change in your family that would spill over into the lives of your children and someday, into the lives of their children. I pray that the Lord gives you strength to fulfill the task that He has set before you.

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

# Youth Group News

## Events

**Grad Banquet**– We will be holding our second annual graduation banquet on May 20th at 6:30 pm. This is to honor our graduating seniors. We will be having a special theme that is a surprise to the graduate. We will be working most nights that week to set up and decorate. Please try to block as much of the week out for your teen to help with set up and plan on being there on the 20th. Cost is \$5 to non-graduates. It is formal evening.

**Promotion Sunday**– Grade and class promotions will be held on Sunday, May 21st. That Sunday we will transition all 5th graders to the Jr. High class and all 8th graders to the High school class. Also, all 5th graders will be able to start attending youth group that night! We encourage as many youth to be at youth group that night to welcome the new 6th graders!

## News

Mission Trip will be here soon! We will be adding a few fundraisers to the schedule. To discuss this we will be having an informational meeting after the service on May 7.

The Rummage sale will be taking place on May 13. We will be releasing a schedule of times to come help on May 7 at youth group.

## On the Horizon

**Mission Trip– June 18-23**- We will be leaving for mission trip to Nashville, TN.

**Mission Trip Report–June 25**– We will be reporting about our trip to the congregation at 6 pm at FFC.

## Youth Group Teaching Schedule

May 7: **Study of Psalms**– Psalm 51

May 14: **Study of Psalms**– Psalm 119 Part 1

May 21: **Study of Psalms**– Psalm 119 Part 2

May 28: **Study of Psalms**– Psalm 121

# Youth Culture Music Artists Top Ten

All information for Radio Airplay was for the week of 4/4 from Mediabase.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Radio Airplay</u>
1	Ed Sheeran – Shape Of You
2	Bruno Mars – That’s What I Like
3	Zayn/Taylor Swift – I Don’t Wanna Live Forever
4	The Weeknd – I Feel It Coming
5	The Chainsmokers – Paris
6	Rihanna – Love On The Brain
7	Clean Bandit & Anne-Marie – Rockabye
8	Katy Perry – Chained To The Rhythm
9	Shawn Mendes – Mercy
10	Kygo X Selena Gomez – It Ain’t Me

# M A Y 2 0 1 7

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	6
7 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Youth Group @ 5:00pm	8	9	10	11	12 Rummage Sale	13 Rummage Sale
14 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Youth Group @ 6:00pm	15	16	17	18	19	20 Grad Banquet
21 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Youth Group @ 6:00pm	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Sunday School @ 9:30 am Youth Group @	29	30	31			

## Youth Trends: Multiple dating partners

As adults, we become aware of the radical nature of youth culture change when we talk to our kids about what we used to call dating. In the old days, if you were dating, you were dating someone. And if you started to date more than one person at a time, that was a sneaky trick known as cheating. A new study from Australia shows just how much the nature of dating has changed, which is a reality you may have already discovered through a conversation with a young person you know.

The new study from eHarmony says that it's now normal to date six people at once. The results show that people are hesitant to commit to one person. Instead, people want to keep their dating options open. Experts are saying that dating apps might be what's behind this trend, as potential love interests are only a swipe or two away. Parents, we need to teach our kids that biblically, love is commitment, and that commitment is necessary for a God-honoring relationship.

Source: CPYU