

IMPACT YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

JUNE 24, 2011

Change of Date...Out of School Blast

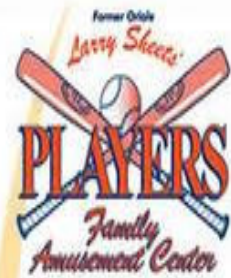
Friday night...June 24, 2011

We will be at players from 6-9 pm

Meet at the church at 5 pm and be back at 10:30pm

We will be going to Players in Westminster! They have over 30,000 square feet of indoor fun, including Mini Glow-Golf, Laser Tag, Bounceland Inflatables, Bumper Cars, Batting Cages, Arcades & Prizes, and the Jungle Gym. We will meet at the Church 5 pm...we will be back at 10:30pm.

The Cost: \$10.00 for 3 hours of Unlimited Play



This Sunday Night after Youth!

Destination Unknown next Sunday Night

When: Sunday Nights after Youth Service... **June 26!**

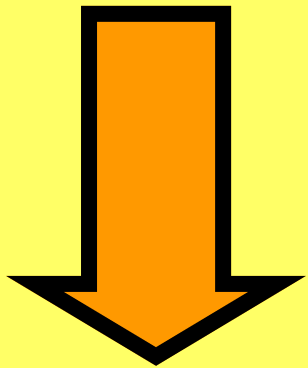
Time: After service....be back to the gym at 11pm.

Where: You have to come and find out!!!

Cost: Free

Youth Culture News

My
Favorite
Scripture
Verse for
Raising
Teenagers!



“The eye that
mocks a father
and despises a
mother’s
instructions
will be plucked
out by ravens
of the valley
and eaten by
vultures.”

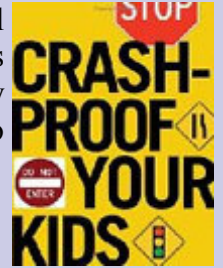
Proverbs 30:17
(NLT)



It's been said that the period between Memorial Day to Labor Day is the "100 Deadliest Days for teens." During the summer months, 10 teen drivers die a day behind the wheel in this country.

The Tire Rack Street Survival national non-profit teen driving program offers tips and guidance for parents and teens to stay safe behind the wheel this summer. Check out this quick video from a recent program.

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Views on Abortion

	Abortion should be...			N
	Legal in all/most cases	Illegal in all/most cases	Don't know	
	%	%	%	
Total Population	47	44	9=100	5,534
Ages 18-29	52	44	5=100	761
Ages 30+	46	45	10=100	4,679
Ages 30-49	48	44	8=100	1,627
Ages 50-64	48	42	10=100	1,664
Ages 65+	37	51	12=100	1,388
Religiously Affiliated	42	49	9=100	4,648
Ages 18-29	45	50	5=100	541
Ages 30+	42	49	10=100	4,039
Unaffiliated	68	25	7=100	807
Ages 18-29	67	28	5=100	210
Ages 30+	69	23	8=100	582
White Evangelical Protestant	23	71	6=100	1,266
Ages 18-29	<i>Sample size too small for analysis</i>			
Ages 30+	23	70	6=100	1,162
White Mainline Protestant	55	34	11=100	1,116
Ages 18-29	55	37	8=100	115
Ages 30+	56	34	11=100	980
Catholic	45	45	10=100	1,199
Ages 18-29	45	51	4=100	156
Ages 30+	44	44	11=100	1,025

Source: Aggregated Pew Research Center surveys, 2009

Question wording: Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases? [Response categories read in reverse order for half of sample]

Note: Most of the analyses in this report compare responses among Protestant groups as defined by denominational affiliation. In this table, however, Protestants are categorized as "white evangelicals" or "white mainline Protestants" on the basis of their race and their responses to a question asking if they think of themselves as "born-again or evangelical" Christians.

A new report called "The Millennials, Religion & Abortion Survey," by the Public Religion Research Institute, has been characterized as one of the largest surveys ever to measure the relationship between people's moral and spiritual values and their views on abortion. In addition to correlating young people's views on a b o r t i o n with demographic data such as their education, race, religious affiliation and the like, the researchers added a few new factors to the list, including whether the interviewee knew someone who'd had an abortion, whether they had seen an ultrasound

and whether they had watched TV shows that featured unmarried pregnant teens and women. **One finding from the study has been dubbed the "MTV effect."** Researchers found that young viewers of the cable network's shows 16 and Pregnant and Teen Mom are nearly twice as likely to say that health care professionals should provide abortions, with 65% of viewers in favor and 34% of non-viewers opposed.

[usatoday.com, 6/9/11 stats, c&e]

Movie Review From Plugged In

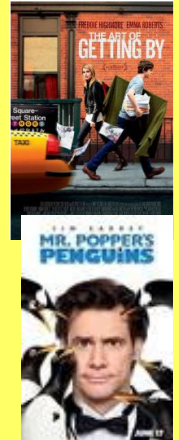
Green Lantern PG 13

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The Art of Getting By PG13

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Mr. Popper's Penguins PG

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Thus He (God) blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals ... and only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the Ark.
Genesis 7:23

Computer security: Parents, teenagers take risks online

By Associated Press / June 16, 2011



Computer security survey found that more than half of all parents with infected computers had had their computer security violated more than once. A quarter of teens had visited adult sites, which often spread malicious software.

NEW YORK – Big companies such as Citigroup and Sony have been the targets of major hacking attacks. Yet a new survey finds that regular people are also prime and often unsuspecting targets.

Parents and their teenage children regularly engage in risky online behavior, according to the survey of U.S. Internet users commissioned by computer security company GFI Software.

More than half of the parents whose home computers have been infected with a virus said this has happened more than once. And while 89 percent of parents said they have antivirus software on their computers, a quarter of them said they don't know if they update it. Without updates, antivirus software is useless against the latest malicious attacks.

Of the teens who responded, 24 percent said they have visited a website meant for adults. More than half who do so said they lied about their age to get into the sites. Such sites are often designed to spread malicious software, which can infect the computers of people who visit.

"Given the potential ramifications of improper Internet use today, it would seem to merit at least the same degree of educational vigilance as other lifestyle risk categories like sex, drugs and alcohol," the report said.

Five simple ways to protect yourself from identity theft

The survey of 1,070 adults and their teenage children was conducted March 22 to April 5, 2011 and had a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Among the survey's other findings:

— 11 percent of teens said they have been bullied online or by text messages. More girls reported being bullied than boys.

— 79 percent of teens said they own a mobile phone. Of this group, 29 percent said they own a smartphone.

— 76 percent of parents and 77 percent of teenagers said they are very confident or somewhat confident that their computers won't be infected by a virus.

— 65 percent of parents said their home computers have been infected.

— More than half of the households said both the parent and the teen had a Facebook account. Of these, 87 percent were "friends" with each other on the site.

• **83 percent of teenagers with Facebook accounts indicated that they understand how to use privacy settings, so they may hide content from their parents.**

Taken from: www.csmonitor.com/Business/Latest-News-Wires/2011/0616/Computer-security-Parents-teenagers-take-risks-online

Tips for Combating Bullying

Bullying remains a problem in schools, churches and other settings. School counselor and author Dr. Janell Dietz says one-third of teens currently experience some form of bullying, including name calling, manipulation, physical abuse, gossip, rumors, mocking and cyber bullying. Here are five practical tips for combating bullying.

Dr. Janell Diets offers these five tips on what to do if your kids are the victim of bullying:

- 1) Bullies pick out victims they see as weaker than themselves. When confronted, ignore the bully, walk away and show no facial reaction. The bully is looking for the entertainment of seeing your face turn red, angry expressions and yelling in protest. Do not give the bully the satisfaction of knowing he or she got to you.
- 2) Report the bully to your boss, school counselor, religious leader or basically anyone in an authority role.
- 3) If you are being cyber bullied, show the emails to your parents or guardian. Do not respond to the emails, and block the person from having contact with you on all social media sites. The cyber bully is trying to provoke you, and if you keep going back and forth with more anger each time, you will lose the battle.
- 4) You never want to show a bully that he or she stirred you up, but relieving that anger is important for your emotional health. Go to the gym, use a punching bag, talk to a friend, pray about it, do something to boost your self-esteem--whatever works for you.
- 5) Start a club or school organization, and make it known your school and community has a no-bullying policy. Bullies are going to find it harder to target kids who make it known they won't allow themselves to become a victim.

Dietz says bullying is a crime and has led to many deaths and suicides, and it shouldn't be taken lightly even at the smallest sign that it's happening.

[Dr. Janell Dietz](#), author of the new book [Motivation to Sensation](#) and has witnessed firsthand the devastating impact bullying can have on kids.

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How to Respond to Rapidly Changing Youth Culture

By Nathan Black | Christian Post Reporter

Most Americans are immersed in the influence of media but when it surrounds people 24/7, they usually start to forget it's there, a Christian author said. And the most targeted market demographic in the world is today's teenagers.

Five years ago, the most powerful media form in shaping the life of teens was music, said Walt Mueller, author of the new book, *Youth Culture 101*, according to Youth Specialties, a youth workers ministry. **Today, it's marketing.**

Research shows that most people in the United States see anywhere from 3,500 to 16,000 marketing messages a day, noted Mueller, who is also president of the Center for Parent/Youth Understanding. And today's generation is the most media-saturated and media-savvy generation there's ever been, he added. "Media runs their life," the author said.

Back when Mueller was young, the average American household had one television that families watched together. Today, more teens have their own television set in their rooms where they can engage it alone without the input of their parents or any other adult, he noted. Marketing doesn't just sell a product, Mueller commented. "It sells a worldview."

"What are you going to do to teach your kids to interact 'Christianly' and critically with the media?" he posed. *Youth Culture 101*, slated for release in June, provides an overview of popular culture for youth workers, parents and educators. It explores the dynamics of why kids are drawn into the culture and how it shapes their lives. The upcoming release comes out of Mueller's critically acclaimed book, *Understanding Today's Youth Culture*, which is widely recognized as one of the most thorough and comprehensive overviews of youth culture. (Mueller had already written two editions of the youth culture book in 1994 and 1999 and is now coming out with a third.)

"Culture's changing so quickly. A book like this has to be redone every few years just to pick up on the new tendencies, trends and changes taking place," said Mueller. "Because the rate of change is increasing so quickly, it's snowballing; it's really time for something new and something fresh."

Tackling the powerful role of media in his new book, Mueller stresses the need to raise awareness of kids to when and how they're being marketed to and to give them a sense of how to respond "Christianly" and how youth workers and parents can respond.

Oftentimes, when adults hear their kids listening to music or viewing images they don't like, the typical reaction is to tell the kids to turn it off. "[That] doesn't hold water with kids when we just say 'turn it off,'" said Mueller. "We need to know enough to have credibility."

Explaining that culture and media can function as a mirror, Mueller said parents or adults can stand over kids' backs into the 'mirror of the media' which can reflect specific cares, concerns and issues that the youth may not want to or be able to express themselves. That clues the adult in on how to respond to their kids. Mueller clarifies that he is not trying to be an "alarmist" in the book. Rather, he says the book is practical, mainstream and a "state it as it is in a hopeful way" resource.

Other issues addressed in *Youth Culture 101* are materialism, depression and suicide, peer pressure, and suggested responses to each.

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