

IMPACT YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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Is your teenager missing in action? Have they been missing Youth Service? Do you want God to move in their lives? Do you desire to see their Destine and Purpose fulfilled? **GET THEM IN CHURCH!!!!**



“These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie

down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.” Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Dates for your Teenagers

2011 Assemblies of God PARK DAYS!
The whole church family is invited to attend one of this year's Assemblies of God Days at an amusement park near you! It's sure to be a day filled with fun and memories for everyone!

Kennywood
Monday, June 13th
\$24.00 per person
Gate Price: \$35.99

Tickets purchased on this day are good on any Monday/Friday throughout the season. Pick up your tickets at the Group Sales office starting at 10:30 AM Monday, June 13th. The rides begin at 11:00 AM. The park will close at 10:00 PM (depending on weather).

Tickets will be available at the Hershey Stadium ticket window on Tuesday, June 8th, from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM. Rides open at 10:00 AM. These tickets are good for any time during the summer season.

Even if you can't make it on June 14th, you can still take advantage of the savings! Throughout the summer season, you can pre-order through the District office by sending a check (payable to the PennDel District Council) and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Park Days 2011
4651 Westport Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Please indicate the number of tickets needed for individuals ages 9-54 and the number of tickets needed for individuals 3-8 and 55+.

Hersheypark
Tuesday, June 14th
(and all season long!)

\$35.00 per person (ages 9-54)
\$29.00 per person (ages 3-8 and 55+)
Gate Price: \$59.95/person (ages 9-54)
\$31.95/person (ages 3-8 and 55+)

Tickets will be available at the Hershey Stadium ticket window on Tuesday, June 14th, from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM. Rides open at 10:00 AM. These tickets are good for any time during the summer season.

Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom
Thursday, June 16th
\$24.00 per person (over 48 to 61 years)
\$21.00 per person (under 48)
Gate Price: \$41.99 per person (over 48 to 61 years)
\$21.00 per person (under 48)

Tickets will be available at the Assemblies of God table located at the main entrance of Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom on Thursday, June 16th from 9:30 AM-11:00 AM. The park opens at 10:00 AM and closes at 8:00 PM. Wildwater Kingdom will open at 11:00 AM and close at 6:00 PM.

2011 parkdays

Where:
Dorney Park
Allentown, PA

When:
Thursday
June 16th.

Cost:
\$30.00 per Person...need to bring spending money!

Please sign up in the Gym!

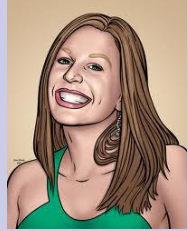


Parents often talk about the younger generation as if they didn't have anything to do with it."

"Truth for its own sake can be a deadly weapon in family relations. Truth without compassion can destroy love. Some parents try too hard to prove exactly how, where and why they have been right. This approach will bring bitterness and disappointment. When attitudes are hostile, facts are unconvincing."

Written by:
Haim G. Ginott
(1922–1973) was a school teacher in Israel, a child psychologist and psychotherapist and a parent educator.

Youth Culture News



Between 2002 and 2006, the number of plastic surgery procedures performed on 13- to 19-year-olds doubled, rising to about 244,000. In 2010, the number of teens seeking plastic surgery dipped slightly, to 220,000. The No. 1 cosmetic surgery with teens is rhinoplasty—a "nose job," in street vernacular—a procedure that accounts for 74% of the total. Talking about the trend, cosmetic surgeon Dr. Marc Salzman said, "I think ... plastic surgery has become more generally accepted by the populace at large. It's been passed down to teens. So many teen magazines where they're showing their teen idols touched up or had things done. And it's more accepted now than it was 15, 20 years ago."

[msnbc.com, 5/17/11 stats, c&e]



A new study by psychology professors Dr. Sarah Murnen and Dr. Linda Smolak of Kenyon College finds that nearly a third of tween girls' clothing is sexualized, in that it's either revealing, has a sensual print and/or emphasizes sexual body parts. The researchers' conclusions were based on looking at 5,666 items of clothing from 15 popular clothes merchants. Murnen described the marketing of sexy clothing to young girls as an example of the "pornification in the culture" and, in a separate study, found that girls who wear more sexualized clothing are at greater risk for body image problems. They're also perceived as less intelligent and less moral.

[msnbc.com, 5/19/11; sciencedaily.com, 5/9/11; UPI, 5/10/11]

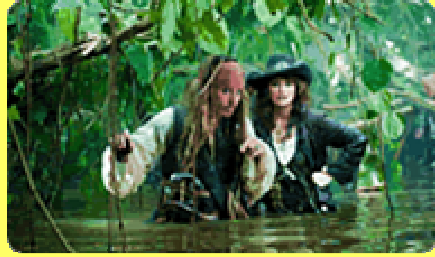


"It is a religious experience. But it's like a pop cultural church. I never intended for the Monster Ball to be a religious

—Lady Gaga, responding to *Guardian* interviewer Simon Hattenstone's observations that her concerts resemble revival meetings. When Hattenstone described Gaga as "the Billy Graham of pop," she responded, **"It's more self-worship, I think, not of me. I'm teaching people to worship themselves."** And when asked whether her broad influence scares her, Gaga said, "No, but it does put me in an interesting position as an artist whose fan base is commercial and widening. If you were to ask me what I want to do, I don't want to be a celebrity, I want to make a difference. I never wanted to look pretty on stage and sing about something we've all heard about before. I'd much rather write a song called 'Judas' and talk about betrayal and forgiveness and feeling misunderstood, and talk to the fans and figure out what it is society needs. If I can be a leader, I will."

[guardian.co.uk, 5/14/11]

Movie Review From Plugged In



“Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides

Rated: PG 13

www.pluggedin.com/movies/intheaters/piratesofthecaribbeanonstrangertides.aspx

This is the truth...

“Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children; now I have six children, and no theories.” ~John Wilmot

Coming This Summer

Destination Unknown Coming this Summer

When: Sunday Nights after Youth Service

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

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

Cost: Free

Youth Culture News Part 2

Teen Talk: When parents cheat, kids face a mountain of potential trouble

By Kelly Richardson...Published: Tuesday, May. 24, 2011



Separation and divorce happen. It's a sad but simple fact of life. In an age in which divorce seems so normal, it is situations like the ones facing the children of [Arnold Schwarzenegger](#) and [Maria Shriver](#) that make us stop to ponder not only the question of "How could it happen?" but also "How are they handling this?"

Being a teenager is tough. Being the teenager of two well-known and very public figures grappling with news that their father has a son with a former housekeeper is even more difficult.

Imagine feeling like the whole world knows your personal business and all the intimate details of what happens in your family.

It must be difficult when things are great and the painted picture is one of harmony and closeness.

It must seem almost unbearable when times are hard and one or both parents' character is being criticized and attacked so publicly.

Every family goes through jarring events, with separation or divorce of parents being at the top of the list for hardest things to deal with. When your entire life has been spent being a part of a "family," especially a very famous one, the idea of this foundation collapsing beneath you must feel overwhelming.

The multitude of emotions the four Schwarzenegger children face must be suffocating at times and saddening at others. And while normal teenagers get to escape with their friends or act like nothing has really happened, Arnold and Maria's children don't get this luxury. Their life is public and their parents' struggles are all over the news. Escape for them must feel impossible.

Teenagers facing separation (and possibly divorce) often respond to the question "How are you doing?" with the very honest answer of "I don't know."

The truth to this is so poignant because the emotions are so crushing and confusing that they really don't know from one minute to the next how they feel. I can only imagine the Schwarzenegger children feel angry, hurt, betrayed, devastated, confused and scared for what the future holds for their family unit.

That is just the tip of the tremendous iceberg of emotions they must be experiencing as they navigate through this period in their life.

Teens turn to friends

Helping teenagers through this period is difficult because most teens turn to their friends instead of their parents. They assume their parents are weighed down by their own personal issues and so they turn to friends for support, advice and a sense of belonging.

Watching their parents yell at each other or crying causes feelings of frustration and helplessness. In situations like the Schwarzeneggers', the pain their father has caused their mother or the embarrassment to the family because of their father's actions only makes the circumstances more difficult.

Not only are they sad for their mother, but enraged at their father for breaking up the family and acting immorally. In situations in which one parent has been unfaithful, children lose respect for that parent and often question what kind of person they are. Someone who was once immortal now seems imperfect.

As more details of what happened or as the reality of how life will change sets in, so too does the grieving begin. Teenagers need to be reminded that everyone grieves differently and that there is no set time as to how long grieving will last. The only way to get to acceptance is to go through the painful feelings and be open about how it has affected and hurt them.

Grief has been described as a cycle in which people experience emotions such as denial, bargaining, anger, sadness and acceptance. We know that death is not the only event that creates grief – people facing bad news such as losing their job, their home or the breakup of their family also experience the roller coaster ride of emotions. In recent years, the extended cycle has been created, adding such stages as the shock stage and the testing stage.

With teenagers, the testing stage can be about understanding and facilitating the changes they face. This is often when parents reach out to family counselors to assist their teens and make sure the tests they are experiencing are healthy and safe ones that do not put the teen in danger.

Seeing a counselor can also help with giving a voice to all the inner feelings that teenagers often internalize instead of verbalize. Venting emotion in a healthy manner can be a productive tool in learning how to communicate in other areas of their lives.

Siblings as a team

Let's hope the Schwarzenegger children have a strong sense of support from good friends and close extended family. The four of them also need to bond as a team and be there for one another as the difficult days come. They need a safe place to talk about how they feel and to share their fears. They need to feel comforted and allowed to share their anger at their father for his lies and deception. Someone close to them should get them each a journal so they can write or draw how they feel privately without worry of being judged for what they say or feel. Those around them should show compassion and understanding for the crisis their lives have suddenly been thrust into. The days ahead are that of restructuring their lives: Getting a new reality on who their family is and who has entered their lives. Routines may change and time with each parent must be shared. Holidays will be changed, traditions altered.

Separation is never easy. No matter how famous your parents are, the emotions and feelings are still the same as with any other teenager. The confusion, shock and fear are the same. The emotional earthquake they have experienced has rocked their world. Life as they knew it is gone.

www.sacbee.com/2011/05/24/3648609/teen-talk-when-parents-cheat-kids.html