

# IMPACT YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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## Group 1 Crew

## Oct. 14, 2011

## Gateway Ministry

## Williamsport, MD

## Price: \$10 Student / \$13 Adult

## Leave form the Church at 5:15pm

# Youth Culture News



Christian teens are often exhorted to wait to have sex until marriage, and many of them take virginity pledges or put on purity rings to mark their commitment to abstinence. But there's evidence suggesting that many faithful youth don't follow through with those vows. According to a story by Relevant magazine, 80% of young, unmarried evangelicals ages 18 to 29 have had sex—slightly less than the 88% of unmarried young adults as a whole. "It seems everyone in my life, older and younger, had 'done it,'" said a woman named "Maria," who lost her virginity with her boyfriend when she was 20. "In fact, I waited longer than most people I knew and longer than both of my sisters, even though we were all Christians and came from a good home." *Relevant* believes that some blame for this trend can be traced to the influence of pornography and increasing sexuality in the culture. But it also points to the fact that people are marrying later, requiring abstinence-minded youth to wait longer. "Sociologically speaking, the one big difference—and it's monstrous—between the biblical teaching and our culture is the arranged marriages of very young people," says author Scot McKnight. "If you get married when you're 13, you don't have 15 years of temptation." [Relevant, 10/11; cnn.com, 9/27/11 stats]

**My question is...Do you think that makes it ok? Is the Bible outdated and irrelevant? Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.**

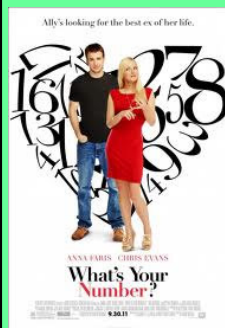


"Once a mop-topped, purity-ring-wearing Disney star alongside his brothers, Joe [Jonas] is moving into sleeker territory, from his physique to his piqued interest in fashion, food and other epicurean pursuits. ... [His forthcoming, parental-advisory stickered solo debut, *Fastlife*] presents the formerly virginal Jonas brother, now purity-ring-free, as a party-hopping authority." (*New York Times* contributor **Melena Ryzik**, from her profile article of the 22-year-old singer, "Joe Jonas Comes of Age")



In an interview with *Time* magazine, historian David McCullough was asked, "We often can't understand how people in the past could have owned slaves or not educated girls. What do you think people will wonder about us?" He responded: "How we could have spent so much time watching TV." [time.com, 6/20/11]

# Movie Reviews



## **WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER?**

Rated: R

Starring: Anna Faris, Chris Evans

- Profanity: Extreme
- Sex/Nudity: Extreme
- Violence: Minor
- Blood/Gore: Moderate



## **DREAM HOUSE**

Rated: PG-13

Starring: Daniel Craig, Rachel Weisz

- Profanity: Heavy
- Sex/Nudity: Moderate
- Violence: Extreme
- Blood/Gore: Heavy

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seth rogen

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## **50/50**

Rated R

Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Seth Rogen

- Profanity: Extreme
- Sex/Nudity: Extreme
- Violence: Extreme
- Blood/Gore: Moderate



## **MACHINE GUN PREACHER**

Rated R

Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Seth Rogen

- Profanity: Extreme
- Sex/Nudity: Heavy
- Violence: Extreme
- Blood/Gore: Extreme

## **Boys with absent fathers more likely to become young dads**

Author Alexandra Black / September 8, 2011

**Boys who grow up without a dad around are more likely to reach puberty later, but father their own children earlier, according to a new study.**

Researchers from the London School of Economics used data from the UK National Child Development Study to look at the relationship between the presence of fathers and the time their sons' voices broke.

**The study found that if the father left during their son's adolescence their voice broke later, when compared to boys with present fathers.**

**"It's particularly surprising to see that a boy's puberty can be delayed as a result of events that happen in adolescence,"** said Paula Shephard, a researcher from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

"We've previously assumed that these things are 'locked-in' in early childhood."

**According to the study, boys with absent fathers were less likely to be married by the age of 23 and more likely to have children by that age.**

**"These findings suggest that father absence exerts an influence on male reproductive decisions, even after controlling for other indicators of early life adversity,"** the authors wrote.

Dr. Richard Fletcher, leader of the Fathers and Families Research Program at the University of Newcastle, said that the rising proportion of single mothers has usually been the focus of investigations on child development but this research offered a new perspective.

"They're identifying an alternative explanation: that there's something about having a father in the family that influences children's development," said Dr Fletcher, who was not involved in the study.

Dr. Fletcher said the research has implications for governments when designing family policies.

"The state's responsibility might be seen as directing more resources to the separated mother instead of supporting families to stay together," he said.

"But this research suggests there might be a benefit to keeping the father involved that we shouldn't lose sight of." The paper was published in *Biology Letters* on Wednesday.

(<http://theconversation.edu.au/boys-with-absent-fathers-more-likely-to-become-young-dads-3287>)

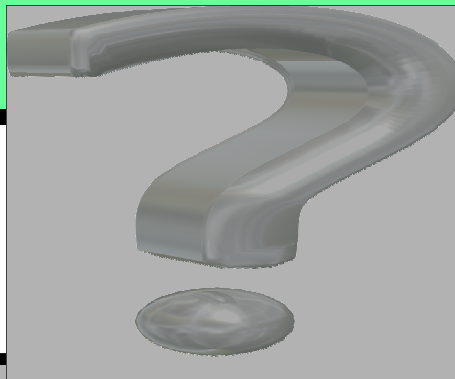
## Parents of Middle Schoolers

We have a 4 week Sunday School Class  
just for you!

When: This Sunday!

Time: 9:40 am

With: Pastor Mike



## Destination Unknown Coming in Sept.

When: This Sunday Night!!!

Date: **Oct. 16**

Time: We will leave at 7 pm....be back at 9 pm.

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

**Cost: Free!!**

## Youth Culture News Part 2



### How Teen Drinking Is Influenced by Romantic Partner's Pals

But in a twist, the study found that some second-degree relationships were more influential than close friends and romantic partners. Specifically, the authors report, teenagers with a new dating partner were more likely to adopt the drinking habits of their boyfriend's or girlfriend's friends, rather than those of the partners themselves.

<http://healthland.time.com/2011/09/29/how-teen-drinking-is-influenced-by-romantic-partners-pals/>



### Introducing Cull: A place to make your own MTV

By Whitney Matheson, USA TODAY

This is interesting: The idea behind Cull.tv is that you can make your own music video "channel." Just log in, pick some vids and Cull will, ahem, "cull" them from YouTube and Vimeo to create something for your viewing pleasure. (For instance, right now I'm watching a channel called "Alt Nation." Love that **Yo La Tengo** video!) Once you're finished, you can share your channel with your friends. If you feel like browsing, Cull lets you check out channels at random, too. Cull tells me it's incorporating some new features over the next couple weeks, so stay tuned. I feel the urge to make an **R.E.M.** channel ...

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/popcandy/post/2011/09/introducing-cull-a-place-to-make-your-own-mtv/1>





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