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Top 10 Mistakes Christian Parents of Teens Make (2)

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6. Trying to be your teen's best friend. Your teen doesn't need another friend (they have plenty); they need a parent. Even through their teens, your child needs a dependable, confident, godly authority figure in their life. As parents we are called to provide a relational context characterized by wisdom, protection, love, support, and empowerment. As Christian parents we're called to bring God's flourishing rule into our family's life. That can't happen if we're busy trying to befriend our teen. Trying to be your teen's friend actually cheats them out of having these things in their lives.

Sometimes parents think that a strong relationship with their teen means having a strong friendship—but there's a fine line that shouldn't be crossed. You should be friendly to your teen but you shouldn't be your teen's friend. They have lots of friends, they only have one or two parents—so be the parent your teen needs.

5. Holding low expectations for your teen. Johann Goethe once wrote, "Treat a man as he is and he will remain as he is. Treat as man as he can and should be, and he becomes as he can and should be." All of us rise to the unconscious level of expectation we set for ourselves and perceive from others. During the teenage years, it's especially important to slowly put to death the perception that your teen is still "a kid." They are emerging leaders, and if you engage them as such, you will find that over time, they unconsciously take on this mantle for themselves. Yes, your teen can be moody, self-absorbed, irresponsible, etc., but your teen can also be brilliant, creative, selfless, and mature. Treating them like "kids" will reinforce the former; treating them as emerging leaders will reinforce the latter. ...

4. Not prioritizing youth group/church involvement. This one is one of my personal pet peeves (but not just because this is my professional gig). I simply do not understand parents who expect and want their kids to have a dynamic, flourishing faith, and yet don't move heaven and earth to get them connected to both a youth group and local church.

I'm going to let everyone in on a little secret: no teenager can thrive in their faith without these two support mechanisms. I'm not saying a strong youth group and church community is all they need, but what I am saying that you can have everything else you think your teen needs, but without these two things, don't expect to have a spiritually healthy and mature teen. Maybe there are teens out there who defy this claim, but honestly, I can't think of one out of my own experience. As a parent, youth group and church involvement should be a non-negotiable part of your teen's life, and that means they take priority over homework (do it the night before), sports, or any other extra-curricular commitments.

Don't be the parent who is soft on these two commitments, but pushes their kid in schooling, sports, etc. In general, what you sow into

SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am
 Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am
 Evening Worship & Classes 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

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determines what you reap; if you want to reap a teenager who has a genuine, flourishing faith, don't expect that to happen if you're ok with their commitment to youth group/church to be casual and half-hearted.

3. Outsourcing your teen's spiritual formation. While youth group and church is very important, another mistake I see Christian parents make is assuming them can completely outsource the spiritual development of their child to these two things. I see the same pattern when it comes to Christian education: parents sometimes choose to send their children/teens to Christian schools, because by doing so they think they've done their parental duty to raise their child in a godly way.

As a parent – and especially if you are a Christian yourself – YOU are THE key spiritual role model and mentor for your teen. And that isn't "if you want to be" either – that's the way it is. Ultimately, you are charged with teaching and modelling to your teen what follow Jesus means, and while church, youth groups, Christian schools can be a support to that end, they are only that: support mechanisms.

Read Deuteronomy 6 for an overview of what God expects from parents as it relates to the spiritual nurture and development of their children. (Hint: it's doesn't say, "Hand them off to the youth minister and bring them to church on Sunday.")

by Jeff Strong (read more of this top ten list next week)

YOU ARE INVITED...

You are invited to a Fourth of July party on Friday, July 4th at the home of Chris and Leasa Mulkey.

- * Come and eat at 7:00 pm (taco salad)
- * You can bring a dessert if you want
- * There will be a home-made ice cream competition and games
- * Bring your own lawn chairs
- * Fireworks after dark (you can bring some of your own if you wish)
- * You can park at the church building and walk about 2 blocks to their home which is two blocks east on 131st, you will need to cross a small ditch to get to their yard.
- * For questions see the Mulkeys



upcoming
work dinners
events fellowship
retreats picnics games parties meetings

Sunday, June 29th

5th Sunday fellowship meal at noon, with early 1:00 evening service - group Byers; also second collection for building fund

Friday, July 4th

Fourth of July party at the Mulkey's home at 7 pm

Saturday, July 12th

Marriage Seminar - details coming soon

Sunday, July 13th

Elder's and Deacon's meeting 3:30

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, July 23th-25th

Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 27th

Fellowship meal after evening service, group Hill

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Beverly Wooley is home from the hospital, she was feeling better but had a relapse. We hope she improves soon.
- Betty Jo Heltzel fell a few days ago, she is able to be up and walking and plans to be here on Sunday.
- Chris and Leasa Mulkey and Lainey are requesting prayers for them and their family for strength to cope with some really difficult family issues they are facing.
- Mary Causby is requesting prayers for her two sisters; Laura Tilley who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and Maggie Saul who fell and crushed her heel. Mary has gone to help take care of them and needs prayers for herself too.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear; Josh Triay (Becky's nephew)
- **Our friends and family:** Dan Jones; Shelia Byers (cancer); Suzanne Stamps; Sue Gilbert (Leasa's mother); Linda Patterson (stroke); Jeannene Thomas (cancer); Barbara Vaughan; Eric Vaughan (heart); Sylvia Paddubny (rehab); & others.

THANK YOU

We have received a Thank you card from the Pinkston family thanking us for all that was done for their family during Barbara's illness and passing. (I misplaced the card and I apologize for the delay.) It has been posted on the bulletin board.

VBS CRAFTS

The Craft Ladies are needing shoe boxes for VBS. Please leave them on a table in the fellowship room. Thanks!

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

We will have a noon fellowship meal today with an early 1:00 evening service (no 5:00 service). Group Byers is responsible for setting up and cleaning up.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Today we have an opportunity to give to the building fund. The collection plate will be passed twice, the second time for the building fund.

LETTER

We received a very encouraging letter from Jacob Littlebear, it is posted on the bulletin board along with his new address. He has found a congregation in Okinawa, Japan and lets us know how grateful he is to the Glenpool congregation -- you just need to read the letter....

FOURTH OF JULY

Everyone have a safe 4th of July! Here are some facts about this day:

- The Declaration of Independence was first adopted by Congress on July 2, 1776, but then it was revised and the final version was adopted 2 days later.
- Presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826; James Monroe died July 4, 1831 and Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4, 1872.
- Full support of the Declaration of Indep was not supported by all members of the Continental Congress and a representative of Congress rode horseback 80 miles to reach Philadelphia and break a tie in support of independence.
- King George threatened those who signed the Declaration with death by hanging, it was considered to be an act of treason.
- The "Star Spangled Banner" wasn't written until Francis Scott Key watched the British attack Ft McHenry during the War of 1812. It was later put to music and became the National Anthem in 1931.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Megan Parker, June 29	Michael Brown, July 6	Jenna Sullivan, July 22
Eddie & Renee Whitchurch, July 1	Jack & Earline Lierly, July 7	Stephanie White, July 26
Bill Hamrick, July 3	Sara & Chris Bennett, July 9	Alex Tuggle, July 26
Jacob Littlebear, July 3	Wes & Jennifer Wadkins, July 14	Larry & Jane Potter, July 27
Ralph & Mary Causby, July 3	Becky Byers, July 15	Karen Myrick, July 29

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Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes
Sunday AM Worship
Sunday PM Worship
Wednesday Bible Classes

118
151
81
68

Contribution

Sunday Contribution \$3,859.75
Budget \$4,185.00
Under Budget <\$704.90>
Building Fund \$30,829.48

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader Bill Path
Opening Prayer Steve Rucquoy
Scripture Reading Sonny Pulliam
Closing Prayer Jeff Bullinger
Lord's Table Jesse Byers
Ryan McCafferty
Chris Patterson
Doyle Tuggle

Ushers

Scott Lack
Randy Crawford

Greeter

Johnny Riggs

Lock Building

Bob Simmons and Jim Yeager

Sunday Evening

Song Leader Bill Path
Opening Prayer Jerry Morgan
Closing Prayer Harry Reeve
Lord's Table Jesse Byers
Ryan McCafferty

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader Jerry Buller
Opening Prayer Randy Brown
Closing Prayer Jerry Morgan

Communion Preparation

6/1 Selene Williams
6/8 Bayla Burrus
6/15 Lilia Rothell
6/22 Becky Byers
6/29 Debbie Whitchurch
7/6 Rosalie O'Neal
7/13 Rothell Ladies
7/20 Susan Yeager
7/27 Kay Robinson

Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Sunday, Sept 14th
3:30 pm



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Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB
TV47 or Cable Channel 7

Search Programs:

June 29 - Will God Hear My Prayer?
July 6 - Do We Need God?
July 13 - Seek Ye First
July 20 - Angry at God
July 27 - Come Home

Sunday Morning Sermon

The Courage of Ananias
Acts 9:10-15
Matt Caldwell

Sunday Evening

Our Father's Nature Revealed in Jesus
Romans 5:8
Matt Caldwell