

**FBCR  
DNow 2012**

**Disciple Now  
Weekend XXVI**

**Feb 2 thru 5  
For Grades 7-12**

**\$55 Due by Jan 15  
\$65 after Jan 15**

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**Discipleship** takes place when students dedicate themselves to learning about Jesus and then putting into practice what they have learned in a Christ-like manner.

**DISCIPLE NOW XXVI  
BASIC INFORMATION**

**REGISTRATION:**

Visit [www.fbc.org/students/disciplenow](http://www.fbc.org/students/disciplenow) to register online. In addition, registration forms are available in the church office or on the Student Ministry floor. They will not be mailed. For More info contact the Student Ministry office at (972) 235-5296, Randy Johnson (x138), [rjohnson@fbc.org](mailto:rjohnson@fbc.org) or Terry Bodwell (x122), [tbodwell@fbc.org](mailto:tbodwell@fbc.org). Some full and partial scholarships are available on request.

**THURSDAY EVENING (6:30):** Students should arrive a little early for the Banquet. We will serve at 6:30 sharp. Each student will discover who is in their group and who their guest leader/host family will be. After eating, family groups will meet for orientation. The evening will conclude at 8:30.

**FRIDAY EVENING (7:00):** Students arrive at their host family house (eat dinner before you arrive). Students will spend the weekend with their host family and will need a sleeping bag.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON (1:30):** Each group will be taken to their assigned location for their Mission Project.

**SUNDAY MORNING (New @ 10:30):** All groups will come together for a light breakfast and a Celebration Rally in the Loft. Students may store their luggage in the youth area, if needed. Everyone will return to their own homes following the Rally.

**SUNDAY EVENING:** There will be no activities at the church Sunday evening. Stay home and rest, catch up on homework, or watch the Super Bowl.

**REQUESTS...**

**Time Away Cards:** These will be provided for those who must miss a portion of the weekend. Students should plan to attend as much of this event as possible.  
**Friend Request:** When you register, you may request 3 friends for your group. We promise to honor at least one or your requests. So be sure to list only those you really want to be with for the weekend.

**Life Groups Resume on Sunday, Feb. 12  
6:15-6:45 Snacks \* 6:45-7:45 Life Groups**

**Leaders for Girls by Grade**

- 7-8** Gayle Red
- 9** Dara Ake
- 10-11** Ivy Lassiter, Jordan Murphy  
Hayley Wiggins
- 12** Jennifer Sanders  
Casi Carriker

**Leaders for Boys by Grade**

- 7-8** Sam Musabyimana  
Jesus Jimenez
- 9-10** Drew Lassiter  
Clark Red
- 11-12** Carlos Rousselin



**Study of  
Radical  
By  
David  
Platt**

## Sexual Standards

By Walt Mueller, President, CPYU

If there's one sentence I've consistently uttered more than any other over the last 22 years of my work with CPYU, it's this: "The world is changing. . . And changing fast." It seems like not a day goes by without the TV, Internet, or Newspaper reporting on some unfolding trend in the world of human sexuality. Just last month, "Dear Abby" featured some guest advice from a supporter of "Polyamory," defined as "having more than one open romantic relationship at a time." This advisor recommended the practice within marriages, encouraging couples and other family members to consent and approve. Have you ever asked your kids what they think of the practice? I'm guessing many wouldn't like it, but don't be surprised if those attitudes quickly change over the years in our culture as standards continue to loosen in a direction that's moving away from God's gracious and good parameters for His gracious and good gift of sex.

While these stories may leave us shaking our heads, we need to respond with something more than disbelief and a nod of disapproval. We must fulfill our parental calling and responsibility as sex educators! The sex education that our kids so desperately need will lead them into understanding that God created sex to be marvelous, wonderful, and fulfilling when experienced within the bounds of his plan. Research has actually shown that teens want to learn about sexuality from their parents! Here are some suggestions on how and what to teach your children about sexuality.

**First, give your children truthful answers to their questions in an age-appropriate manner.** Discuss reproduction using accurate and correct terminology. Even though you might feel uncomfortable with the types of questions young children are asking these days, give them answers.

**From the Word** Overwhelming. . . that's a good word to describe how so many of us feel as we ponder what it means to follow Jesus as a concerned and active Christian parent in today's world. We wonder, how will our children ever hear the still small voice of God with all these other high-volume and attractive voices inviting them to "come and follow?" And then, when our kids choose to follow voices in dangerous and destructive directions, it's even more overwhelming. Where can we turn when we are left standing in helpless ignorance with our arms at our sides saying to God, "Ok, I've got nothing." In John 16:33, Jesus reminds us that things that are impossible with man are possible with God. This promise from the Creator and Lord of the Universe allows us to "take heart" because the world that so easily overwhelms us has already been overcome. This doesn't mean that things get easier and "fixed" right away. In fact, difficulties may continue. What we must remember is that God is bigger than it all and He is at work in and through it all.

If you remain silent, you risk being the last to be heard. Studies show that the more parents talk to their children about sexuality, the less sexually active their kids are.

**Second, take time to understand and discuss God's design for sexuality.** Spend time reading and studying God's Word, making note of passages dealing with sexuality that you can discuss with your kids. Be sure that they know that the Bible affirms sex as a beautiful gift from God for a man and woman to experience within the context of marriage. Sex is not dirty! God created sex and gives it to married couples as a way to pleurably enjoy themselves, show their love for one another, and have children.

**Third, teach your children that God's guidelines for sex don't result from some divine desire to take all the fun out of life.** Rather, they are given to make our sexual lives as fulfilling, safe, and enjoyable as possible. God has reasons for condemning fornication, adultery, and homosexuality, and those reasons flow from his perfect love. Teach them that living a pure life is pleasing to God.

**Finally, remember that the most effective teaching tool of all is modeling.** Provide your children with an example of living out God's sexual will and way.



If you are married, remain faithful to your spouse and work at building a strong marriage. If you are a single parent, don't give in to sexual temptation. Avoid engaging with media that promotes sexual values and practices that are beyond the bounds of God's plan for sex and sexuality. Kids need to see that it is possible to live a life that is faithful to God's sexual plan.



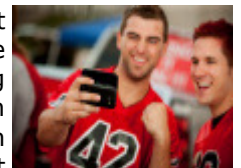
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YOUTH CULTURE  
CPYU **eUpdate**

## In the News: Media Withdrawal

Lately we've been hearing more and more talk about addiction to the Internet and other new technologies. A study conducted by the University of Maryland found that college students who go without media for twenty four hours exhibit symptoms of withdrawal, including feelings of isolation, boredom, and confusion. Here in the United States, twenty three percent of those surveyed were susceptible to symptoms of withdrawal.

Researchers report that the results may be inaccurate due to the fact that some students actually dropped out of the study before the end of the twenty-four hour period. It seems that imagining a full day *without* being tethered to their media was too much for them. Many youth workers can confirm this reality. They report more and more kids protesting or even melting down when told to turn off their phone during the weekend retreat or even during a one hour youth group meeting. We'll keep an eye on this trend, as anything that interrupts our ability to sit in silence before God is not at all good.



## In the News: Girls & Reality TV

As we grow up through the years of childhood and adolescence, our ideas about life and how to live in the world are shaped in powerful ways. Today's kids are saturated in a media world—that's playing a powerful role in shaping how they look at and live their lives. A new study from The Girl Scouts Research Institute says girls who watch lots of reality TV not only expect to experience more drama in their lives, but they also expect aggression and bullying. In addition, researchers found that our reality-TV-watching girls grow up expecting that their value and worth

will be measured solely by their appearance. One of the survey's lead researchers says, "Girls today are bombarded with media-reality TV and otherwise – that more frequently portrays girls and women in competition with one another rather than in support or collaboration. This perpetuates a mean-girl stereotype and normalizes this behavior among girls." Maybe we should be pointing our kids to media choices other than so-called reality TV.



## CPYU Trend Alert: The Choking Game

Law enforcement officials are warning parents that we need to be aware of a very dangerous and potentially deadly game that's being played by kids. The choking game, popular among middle school students, is a "game" where kids willingly choke others or themselves to cut off blood and oxygen flow, allowing them to pass out. The light-headed feeling is equated to a kind of high.

Of course, kids justify the game as being safe because the high is coming from something other than drugs or alcohol. The problem is that this very risky behavior is known to kill and damage brain cells. In some cases, the game has turned deadly. Some of the signs you should look for are locked bedroom doors, kids who seem disoriented, and bloodshot eyes. You might also monitor your kids text messages, Facebook pages, and YouTube accounts as technology has become a way to spread tutorials on the choking game. Be aware, and warn your kids.



### Sunday Curriculum

**8:00am - All Grades**

**Volume 6: Prime**

Ready to Live for God First

**9:15am - All Grades**

**Volume 6: Prime**

Ready to Live for God First

**10:50am**

**Grade 7 - Volume 1: Christ**

The Life of Christ – The Basis of Faith

**Grade 8 - Volume 2: Character**

OT People – Encounters with God

**Grade 9 - Volume 3: Community**

NT Church - The Essence of Fellowship

**Grade 10 - Volume 4: Reverb**

Our Lives Echo in the World as a Witness

**Grade 11 Volume 5: Linked**

Connections Between God, Each Other & Us

**Grade 12 Volume 6: Prime**

Ready to Live for God First

**Final Note:** This Curriculum is on-line, state of the art Bible study material designed to give our students an overview of the whole Bible by the time they graduate.

## Did You Know...

- Two-thirds (63%) of teenagers said that their church has helped them learn about forgiveness "very well," but 29% of teenagers indicated that they want to learn more about this topic: "Can I really be forgiven for all my sins, even the really bad ones?" (Group Magazine)
- Less than half (43%) of teenagers said their church has helped them know whether Jesus really rose from the dead. (Group Magazine)
- More than one-third (35%) of teenagers said parents have the most impact on their spiritual lives. That was followed by religious leaders (15%), friends (15%), teachers (4%), and others (32%). (beliefnet.com)

## 2012 Student Calendar

**February 2-5 (\$55-65)  
DNOW Weekend**

Register by Jan 15 & Save Money

**February 12  
Life Groups Begins**

9 Sunday Evenings

**Feb 25  
JH Pancake Day**

Grades 7 & 8

**March 12-16  
Spring Break**

**March 18 & 25  
Hear Richard Ross**

Expert on Teens & Their Parents

**April 5-6  
Easter Retreat**  
Friday is a student holiday

**May 27  
Baccalaureate Sunday**  
(senior recognition)

**June 1-7  
Garage Sale Prep**

**June 7  
Garage Sale for FBCR**  
Members & Friends

**June 8-9  
Garage Sale for Public**

**July 9-13  
Summer Camp**  
Howard Payne University  
(\$255-265)

**June TBA  
Student Choir Trip**

**July & August TBA  
Mission Trip to Latvia  
Mission Trip to England**

**August 15  
Back to School Event**

## Great Truths about Life from Children...

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.

## Opportunities for Your Teen

- **Student Choir... Sundays**  
5:00-6:15 pm, Choir Rehearsal Room
- **Intersection... Wednesdays**  
6:45-7:15 Jump Start (student lounge)  
7:15-8:15 Youth-led Worship/Fellowship