

GBUMC Youth

April 2011

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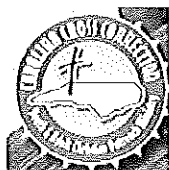
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Because of our students' fundraising for the **30 Hour Famine**, they raised over \$3,000! Thanks to the church for supporting this mission!

Weekly Schedule!

Mission Trips!

HSers are joining Carolina Cross Connection!
July 2 – 9



The Jeremiah Project
MS Mission is full!
Join the waiting list today!
July 24 – 30

During Spring Break...

I'll be in town towards the middle of the week and would love to shoot pool, play manhunt, throw the Frisbee...

HS Prayer Breakfasts!

April 1st @ Erin Clark's
912 Meadow Trail Rd.

April 15th @ Addy Hawkins'
317 Cheshire Forest Dr.

April 29th @ Erin Clark's
912 Meadow Trail Rd.

Middle School

Wednesday Night Youth!

6:30 – 8 PM in Room 105*

*Ending time/location changes are in emails/texts/bulletin

*No Middle School WNY on April 20th

High School

Refuge!

Girls' Wednesdays 7-8 pm Room 111

Guys' Thursdays 7-8 AM City Deli

*No High School Refuge on April 20th or 21st

High School

Sunday Night Youth!

6:30 – 8 PM in Room 105*

*Ending time/location changes are in emails/texts/bulletin

*No High School SNY on April 17th or 24th

Special Events!

HS's Receipt Scavenger Hunt – Sunday,
April 10th -- 6:30 – 8:30

MS's Cookie Mission Impossible –
Wednesday, May 4th -- 6:30 – 8:30 PM

With No Boundaries, It's Impossible to Go Too Far

Al Menconi at www.TheSource4Parents.com

A short while ago, I received a call from a panicked father. He had been in his daughter's bedroom and found half a dozen CDs that were obviously immoral. "What can you tell me about them?" he pleaded.

He didn't get offended when I asked personal questions regarding his family, because a child's poor entertainment choices are often a reflection of a deeper need. He couldn't understand why his daughter had such awful albums. What should he do about them? Let me share my answer.

Have you set guidelines for what is acceptable in your home? Is it fair game to listen to secular music? Do you allow only certain kinds of secular music? How about concerts? Posters on the wall? What television programs, videos, games, and movies are acceptable? In other words, have you developed—or even discussed—entertainment guidelines with your children?

- Without question, your children will always go to the limit of any rule you set. If your limits are confusing, it's no wonder your children may have gone "too far." You never told them what too far is!
- Children behave irresponsibly because they are children. Most children are irresponsible unless they have been taught how to be responsible. You teach someone to be responsible when you give them guidelines and then give them the freedom to exercise their judgment within your guidelines.

If you are setting guidelines for teens who have never lived with guidelines, proceed with caution. There is something worse than your children listening to the wrong kind of music and playing the wrong games—and that is your inability to communicate the love of Jesus to them.

You could impose your will on your child, but what will be the end result? A child who wants to live for Jesus? Or one who fights your every move?

- You must realize the negative influence of secular entertainment is not a worldly problem that can be corrected with clever solutions or manipulations. Correcting improper influences on your children should be seen as a spiritual problem with a spiritual solution.
- Don't panic. Tell your child you are praying about what to do with the offending entertainment. If you believe it is openly an affront to your values, you may want to ask your child to eliminate or put a hold on the questionable entertainment while you pray for wisdom for 30 days.
- Make certain this discussion takes place with a spirit of love and respect, not a punitive attitude. If you can't speak to them in love, say nothing at all.