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Monthly Newsletter of
Woodland Hills Baptist Church
| September 2016

the connection

weekly schedule

- SUNDAY**
8:45am Coffee & Donuts
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship
6:00pm Children's Choir Practice
6:00pm Worship & The Word
- MONDAY**
5:30pm Meal
6:15pm Celebration Place
6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
- WEDNESDAY**
5:15pm Fellowship Meal
6:00pm AWANA
6:00pm HillsPraise Choir Practice
6:15pm Youth
6:15pm Adult Bible Study

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SUNDAY MORNING
WORSHIP SERVICE
AT 10:30

SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11

FRIEND
-DAY-

WOODLAND HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

9/11 SERVICE
SUNDAY EVENING
AT 6:00

When we follow God's design,
we don't just survive, we thrive!

**THRIVING
NOT SURVIVING**

PARENTING & FAMILY
CONFERENCE

Saturday
September 17
9:00am-1:00pm

Heather Payne
of Point of Grace

Please Register Online
at www.whbchurch.com

This is a free Conference
Lunch will be provided

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BIG DADDY Weave LIVE
BEAUTIFUL OFFERINGS TOUR

PLUMB
JORDAN FELIZ

Coming to Woodland Hills October 2 at 7:00pm
visit transparentproductions.com for tickets

**HOT TOPICS
Sermon Series**

GUARANTEED TO MAKE YOU UNCOMFORTABLE
SERIES
HOT TO HANDLE

Sundays at 6:00pm

SHANE & SHANE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
7:00PM

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CRISMAN SCHOOL

KidsPraise Children's Choir
Kickoff Sun, Sept 11
4:30pm in the Choir Room
Bounce House, Games,
Food & much more!
Questions?
Contact Susan Avery

Annual Widow's Banquet
Saturday, September 24
5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

NOMAD DINER
50'S MYSTERY DINNER



Someone has described the evening news as the program where the announcer says, "Good evening," and then proceeds to tell you why it isn't! Can you imagine an evening news program that only ran the good news?

Three thousand planes took off and landed as scheduled today, without any incidents.

The economy seems to be doing fine.

No politicians were indicted for corruption today.

Crime is down, and families are gathering for a wonderful Labor Day holiday.

Thanks for joining us on the evening news!

I suppose that would be a surprisingly refreshing broadcast, but we all know that it would not be realistic. Sticking our heads in the sand and ignoring reality is not a helpful way to solve problems or to face the future. So as pessimistic as it may be, we need to know the problems that we are up against so that they will not hit us broadside to discourage and disorient us.

One of the greatest problems in the church today is "EMPTY RELIGION." In 2 Timothy 3, Paul gives us the outcome of having "empty religion."

Those with empty religion are lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. What a description of our culture and, sadly, even of much of the evangelical church of our day! Many churches today are mimicking the world by bringing comedians into the church to entertain the saints! I've heard sermons where the pastor sounded more like Jay Leno than a steward of the mysteries of God. Frankly, much Christian music falls more into worldly entertainment by glamorous stars, rather than worship.

Almost 70 years ago, Dr. H. A. Ironside said about the church in that time "The church of God has gone into the entertainment business! People must be amused, and as the church needs the people's money, the church must supply the demand and meet the craving!"

He was prophetic about the philosophy of the modern "seeker" church: Find a need and fill it. If the people like drama better than sermons, then give them more drama and less preaching! If people want 15-minute upbeat talks that help them towards personal fulfillment, but don't mention sin, then that's what you should give them!

The ironic thing is, genuine, lasting pleasure is not to be found in all of the forms of entertainment that our culture pursues. David had it right when he proclaimed in (Psalms 16:11), "In Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand are pleasures forever." As John Piper has rightly pointed out, "it's not wrong to pursue pleasure. What's wrong is to pursue pleasure outside of God. We are commanded to pursue and maintain our greatest joy in God Himself."

So Paul shows us that empty religion means having the form without the power. Today, more than ever before, our world needs to see a church that is full of God. So full of God, that we make a difference in the society in which we live. Lord, send the old time power...

Preparing People For The Coming Lord,
Bro. Charles

first impressions ministry team in the spotlight



THERE'S A NEW MINISTRY TEAM AT WOODLAND HILLS!

First Impressions Ministry Team

Mike and Barbara Taylor are leading this team. They are responsible for making sure that the first impression that every visitor gets when they come to Woodland Hills is a good one! This team began ministry September 4. Pray for them and if you are interested in helping, please see Mike or Barbara Taylor.

National Day of Student Prayer
September 28, 2016

SEE YOU AT THE POLE

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For Everyone!
Woodland Hills Flag Pole
September 28 at 9am
Donuts & Coffee Provided



THRIVING NOT SURVIVING



Guest Speaker Heather Payne of Point of Grace will be the Keynote speaker. Her husband, Brian Payne, is senior pastor of FBC of Fisherville, Kentucky and

an Associate Professor of Christian Theology and Expository Preaching; program coordinator, Church minister.

Heather has an extraordinary passion for serving and worshipping the Lord Jesus and she is living out His calling not only by serving Him through music, but also striving diligently to be a godly wife and mother. This is going to be a FANTASTIC conference.

Please register for the conference online at whbchurch.com or call the church office. We need a to be sure to plan for enough childcare and lunch.

Saturday, September 17 Schedule:

Keynote: 9:00-9:45am

Breakout Session A: 10:00-10:30am

Break out Session B: 10:40-11:10am

Lunch: 11:15am-12:00pm

Final Keynote: 12:15-1:00pm

Topics include:

- **Working through Anger -** Sarah Tunnell
- **Hope for the thriving parent's heart and home -** Tracy Jones
- **Family Time...is that even possible -** Christy Mayfield
- **Red Flags/Hot Topics**
- **Managing Finances with Kids -** Bro. Kase Kuykendall
- **Parenting the Whole Brained Child**
- **Advocating for your child and navigating section 504**
- **Being a 24/7 Dad**
- **Children of Divorce**

1-Jason Heaton	8-Ashley Warren	16-Melba Stevenson	23-David Hillis
1-Lee Hopkins	10-Isabelle Hunt	17-Sloane Dillard	23-Perry Huntley
1-Michelle Stewart	10-Syrenthia Rice	18-Marty Daniels	23-Brant Lackey
2-Neveah Amos	11-Max Cross	18-Ashley Hunt	23-Glenda Owen
2-Darlene Courliss	11-Nicole Worsham	19-Conret Allen	24-Pat Wisdom
2-Janice King	12-Ruby Simmons	19-Cassy Ambern	24-Peggy Worsham
2-Jodie Smelley	13-James Hopkins	19-Sidney Pierce	25-Annie Fanguy
4-Caden Perkins	13-Gracie Purifoy	20-Phyllis Dozier	25-Tyler Townsend
5-Canyon Fondren	13-Lonnie Stanley	21-Jody Day	27-Janet Ellis
5-Donisha Hudson	14-Mike Eubank	21-Kent Mullikin	27-Stephanie Hale
7-Joyce Donnell	15-Bentley Barker	21-Save Smallwood	27-Radley Locke
7-Braden McNeal	15-Alyssa Gibson	22-Danna Fowler	28-Max Ambern
7-Brooklyn Poss	15-Kim Wilson	22-Caylee Mayfield	28-Elizabeth Hudspeth
8-Sharon Copeland	16-Janice Albritton	22-Dan Rogers	29-Bill Hatfield
8-Alison Logan	16-Lynnette Smith	22-Bobby Wells	29-Mozelle Strain



ANNIVERSARIES

- 3-Dale & Sondra Freeman
- 4-Jody & Rene Wilkinson
- 9-Jack & Jan Medrano
- 10-Dan & Lois Templin
- 11-Nolan & Sandra Smith
- 14-Kevin & Denise Lassen
- 15-Seane & Ginger Richardson
- 23-Mark & Jodi Cross

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Hilltoppers

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Kids and Their Grandparents

BY CHERI FULLER

In many ways, it's a difficult time to be raising kids. Parents struggle in an unpredictable economy to balance work with family and teach values in an "anything-goes" culture. Kids have new stresses and new levels of old stresses: violence at school and in the news, negative peer influences, pressure to perform and substance abuse at very young ages, to name just a few.

Grandparents are an often overlooked asset for the modern family. Indeed, grandparents are needed today more than ever — not only to support fatigued parents, but also to be trusted allies who provide a much-needed sense of stability, security and unconditional love to kids, whether those kids are 2 years old or 18. Here are a few "first steps" that can help you build strong relationships between your children and their grandparents:

Passing the baton. Each of us has skills we pass on to the next generation. Teaching these skills and introducing our kids to new experiences are key privileges we enjoy as parents. But why not let grandparents be involved in sharing their skills and talents with your kids, too? Learning a skill from a grandparent can have a powerful influence on your children, and even little things can build memories. When possible, allow your kids to have the time and space with a grandparent to learn how to whistle or tell time, make cookies or fix a bicycle tire. Whatever the lesson, kids will remember who they learned it from.

And how about a grandparent's hobbies and passions? Children, especially young children, enjoy doing what grown-ups are doing — they love having a chance to join in. Recently, I've encountered several grandparents who use all manner of hobbies and interests to stay connected with their grandkids. From sharing a passion for photography or the history of the Civil War to ongoing lessons in gardening and hospitality — the time spent with grandparents can strengthen relationships and be educational for kids. Whenever possible, encourage your kids and their grandparents to develop hobbies and interests together, and support those passions by making time for them in daily family life.

Online and engaged. Modern technology has helped bridge the

distance between kids and grandparents who live in different places. In recent years, I've noticed a surge of improvements in terms of reliability, convenience and ease of use, and this allows grandparents to use technology not just for occasional chats, but to be a regular voice in the lives of their grandkids. Personally, I'm a big fan of using the webcam on my smartphone to Skype, so I can chat with my grandkids, see their smiling faces and listen to their stories.

Parents can harness the power of technology to provide opportunities for their kids to connect with Grandpa and Grandma. Younger kids can chat with grandparents over homework or read stories together over the phone or via Skype or Facetime. Older kids can share photos via email or apps and follow each other through social media. Social media, such as Facebook, helps keep both up to date on what the other is doing and kids accountable with their posts when they know their grandparents will be reading them.

The handwritten connection. There's something special about real mail. Yes, modern technology makes communication easy, but children of all ages still love to receive mail. While postage is more expensive these days, letters, cards and printed pictures are still a great investment in a relationship with grandparents. Regular contact is important to maintaining these relationships, and handwritten messages can create a special and supportive bond.

Give your kids writing supplies, including bright paper, pencils, stickers or markers, and encourage them to write a note or draw a picture to send to their grandparents. Tuck in a recent photo. If your kids say, "I don't know what to write!" make simple, specific suggestions about events from their daily lives, such as, "Why don't you tell them about last Saturday's soccer game?" or, "Draw a picture of the bunny we saw in the backyard."

When the grandparents send letters and cards, let them read their mail alone, if they like, or share them with you. If they don't yet read, you can read the letters or cards to your child and put them up on the refrigerator or bulletin board. If grandparents send a gift, encourage your child to call or write a thank-you note. You'll not only be helping their writing skills improve, but also instilling gratitude and good manners — and you'll be helping your children send little bits of sunshine into Grandpa's and Grandma's lives.

I am so excited to announce that we have a new fall schedule for HillToppers. We are still meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month but we will now be having a time of hymn singing and devotion, followed by an amazing meal and fellowship with dessert and coffee after. Please plan on joining us in the Chapel as we Worship our Lord together and enjoy the journey of life together. What an exciting time to be a part of HillToppers and Woodland Hills Baptist Church.

SAVE THE Dates

Tuesday, Sept 13 & Tuesday, Sept 27
New Schedule
11:00am - Hymn Sing and Devotion
11:45am - Meal in Fellowship Hall
followed by games

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the upper room

Woodland Hills Children's Ministry



new to preschool ministry: Sundays & Wednesdays!

Sunday Mornings: Preschool will begin The Gospel Project for babies through preschool age. We are so excited about the new content. All children, babies through 5th grade, will be on the same curriculum and timeline.

Wednesday Nights: NEW! Puggles for 2 years old and Cubbies 1, 2, 3 for ages 3 through PreK.

Please contact Rosio Newton for questions concerning Preschool Ministry's Wednesday night activities. rosio@whbchurch.com

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- September 7**
AWANA Opening Night (Time Capsule Night)
- September 14**
Riddles & Giggles Night
- September 21**
Bubble Gum Bash
- September 28**
Public Servant Night

BLAST: We are in need of Bus Monitors and Playtime Monitors for Wednesday Evenings. If you are interested in serving in either of these areas please contact Christy at the church office

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Christy Mayfield
Children's Director
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Children's Choir Begins September 11

a special THANK YOU

Thank you to Jennifer Koenig and Jennifer Spruiell for doing our Wednesday night summer cooking. We appreciate you taking the time to plan and prepare meals for our children and youth during the summer months. Thank You!!!

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. Colossians 3:23

items needed for FALL FESTIVAL

- Candy
 - Sheets (fitted or flat - Full, Queen or King)
 - Builders for several small carnival type games
- See Christy for details

what we are studying in SUNDAY SCHOOL

- September 4 - Elijah confronted Evil Ahab
- September 11 - Elijah ran from Jazebeel
- September 18 - Elisha & Naaman
- September 25 - God called Isaiah



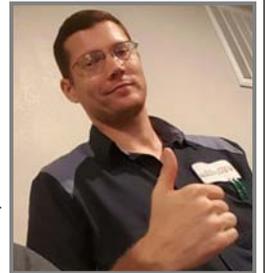
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September 28 at 6:00pm
1pm-4pm

Meet at Illuminate Building as the bus will be leaving at 6:00pm. We will join other local churches in a time of prayer/worship.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE™
WE CRY OUT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Volunteer of the Month Kyle Roadcap



Kyle works with our Junior High Guys both on Sundays & Wednesdays. Kyle also runs the youth sound board on Wednesday nights. Thankful for people willing to pour into our students! Great job Kyle!

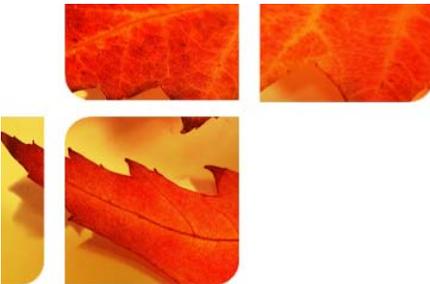
Adolescence: A Season of Pressure

Doug Fields - Author of Intentional Parenting

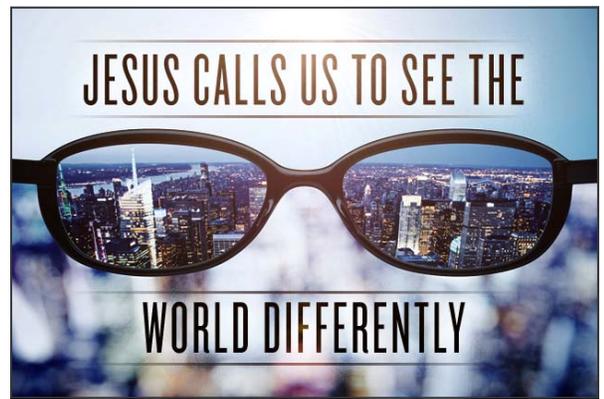
On the outside, most young people seem happy-go-lucky, but inside each adolescent is a complex network of potentially explosive pressures. Adolescents with a strong parental and social support system are the least likely to experience the painful effects of the pressures they face. When parents become aware of the typical sources of pressure that kids face, they are better able to provide their kids encouragement and support. Here are five common pressures adolescents face:

1. *The Pressure to be Perfect.* Teens repeatedly talk about their parents wanting them to be perfect, particularly in the areas of behavior and school. No kid is perfect and when they fall short of their parents' expectations, they feel more pressure.
2. *The Pressure to Succeed.* The pressure to succeed elicits the attitude that life is a perpetual performance. To fail is to feel stupid. When kids fail, they fear that others will reject them.
3. *The Pressure to Conform.* Kids find it extremely uncomfortable to be different from their peers; so, they work hard to fit in *and be accepted by one of the subcultures on their school campus.*
4. *The Pressure from Body Changes.* Since consistent change is part of the developing adolescent body, teenagers are in a continual state of stress over what's happening or what's not happening.
5. *The Pressure from Emotions.* Adolescence is a time of emotional development. For many teens, the strength and frequency of their emotions is much like having new emotions altogether. They are often not sure where the emotions have come from, and they are equally unsure what to do with them.

Pressure is simply going to be part of the adolescent experience. Learning to process pressure and stress is actually an important part of preparing kids to face the pressures and stresses of adulthood. Rather than trying to eradicate all pressure, the wise course for parents is to help kids manage and moderate the pressures they face so that they do not become overwhelmed as they journey toward adulthood.



By Ken Costa



We learn a great deal about discovering our callings and making an impact from Caleb in the Old Testament. He was an extraordinary man. Five times it is said that Caleb “served the LORD wholeheartedly” and that he had a “different spirit.”

In Numbers 13–14, we read that 12 people, including Caleb, were called to go on a journey to discover what the land of Canaan was like. This was no different from many of our tasks today. Consultants are asked to undertake “scoping exercises” or feasibility studies for complex business projects, or to conduct risk analyses to determine whether a project is financially viable. And anyone who has been to one of these “report back” meetings, PowerPoint at the ready, understands the opposition faced by Caleb and Joshua.

Twelve men visited the same site, met the same people, learned the same facts, saw the same topography and heard the same reports. On their return, 10 of them said, effectively, “You must be joking. We can’t go there. The people are giants. The cities are fortified. We’ll never make it.” (“The costs will overrun, the terrain is impossible, the technical feasibility is negative” and so on.)

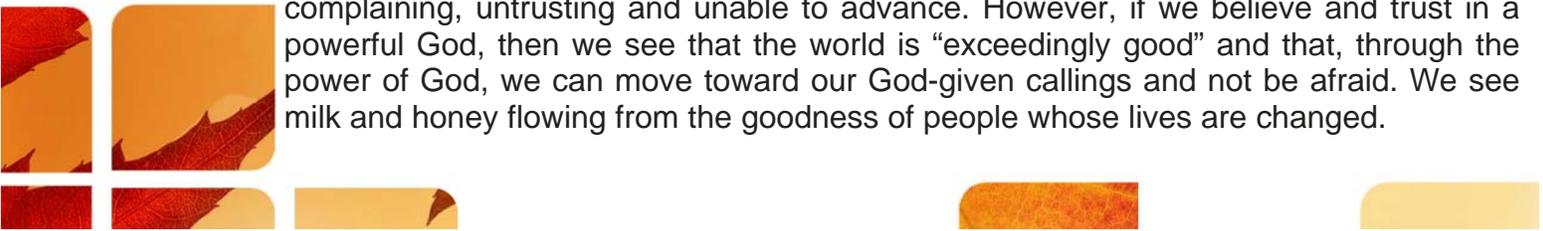
Yet Caleb, who followed the Lord wholeheartedly, agreed with Joshua and said, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us... The LORD is with us. Do not be afraid” (Numbers 14:7–9). **CALEB TRUSTED GOD. HE SAW THE WORLD THROUGH THE LENS OF GOD’S CHARACTER.**

There is a story of two executives who visited Indonesia to test the market for shoe sales. One reported back that few of the inhabitants wore shoes and concluded that there was no point in setting up a factory. The other executive looked at the same situation but saw the opportunity of selling shoes to the millions of shoeless Indonesians. Same place, same facts, different perspective.

I believe that our world—with all its tortuous opportunities to live independently of the original prospectus, the Bible—is a world that is “exceedingly good” because Jesus came to conquer all those forces that corrupt and to make a way for creation to become as God intended.

Jesus can make boredom bearable and toil tolerable for those who see their work and life through the lens of his goodness. Jesus also makes joy incomparable, far greater than any other experience of it in the world.

IF ONLY WE COULD SEE THE WORLD DIFFERENTLY, AS CALEB DID.



If we see it as the other spies did, we see giants who are too difficult to defeat. We are negative, complaining, untrusting and unable to advance. However, if we believe and trust in a powerful God, then we see that the world is “exceedingly good” and that, through the power of God, we can move toward our God-given callings and not be afraid. We see milk and honey flowing from the goodness of people whose lives are changed.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Eden Place Meal/Service Hosted by Catalyst Class 6:00pm	2 Adult Game Night 6:00pm	3
4	5 Labor Day	6 Men's Breakfast 6:00am Children of Issachar Bible Study 6:30pm	7 Arabella Service 10:00am Wednesday Night Meals Begin 5:15pm AWANA Kickoff 6:00pm	8 Hawkins Creek 10:15am	9 Kindermusik 10:00am	10 Shane & Shane Concert 7:00pm
11 Friend Day 10:30am Children's Choir 4:30pm 9/11 Memorial Service 6:00pm	12	13 HillToppers 10:30am Children of Issachar Bible Study 6:30pm	14 Arabella Service 10:00am	15 Hawkins Creek 10:15am	16 Kindermusik 10:00am	17 Parent Conference 9:00am-1:00pm
18	19	20 Shamgar 8:30am Children of Issachar Bible Study 6:30pm	21 Arabella Service 10:00am	22 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Page Place II 6:30pm	23 Kindermusik 10:00am	24 Widow's Banquet 5:00pm
25	26	27 HillToppers 10:30am Children of Issachar Bible Study 6:30pm	28 See You At The Pole at WHBC 9:00am Arabella Service 10:00am	29	30	

