

Scott's Thoughts by Scott Deneen, Pastor to Youth and Families

Dear Parents,

Our young people are growing up - and growing up fast! Think through the following statistics for your parental benefit...

What Parent's Need to Know About The Millennial Generation

- * As children of the Baby-Boomers, the Millennial kids includes those born after 1980. They will become the largest generation ever.
- * The Millennial kids are also known as "Remote Control Kids" (they face unprecedented and constant change), the "Salad Bowl Generation" (marked by racial, experiential, and attitudinal diversity), "The 14th Generation" (the 14th generation born after the American Revolution), and "Bridgers" (bridging the millennia).
- * They seem confident and comfortable because they've been born into a time of peace and economic prosperity. Consequently, they have been lulled into a false sense of security.
- * They are the first generation raised in the new "postmodern" world with the accompanying postmodern world view. For them, feelings take precedence over reason, truth is relative, and everyone believes what's "right" for them. Consequently, they are feeling-driven, pluralistic, spontaneous, and without a transcendent moral compass.
- * Family stability, support, and guidance are fading away as the majority of millennials grow up in families marked by divorce, fatherlessness, and/or brokenness. Fully 1/4 to 1/3 of the kids born between 1989 and 1994 were born to unmarried women. They have been left hungering for relationships.
- * Without the support of loving and involved parents, many are being raised and nurtured on an expansive and growing media diet where options abound. Recent research indicates they are so media-savvy that they are able to process multiple streams of information concurrently!
- * Unprecedented economic opportunity and wealth leaves them vulnerable to marketers who are aggressively targeting them with advertising. As with previous generations, they are materialistic.
- * They are deeply interested in spiritual things. While they are keenly aware of the spiritual void in their lives, they tend to avoid Christianity as an option while pursuing spiritual answers down a variety of strange and unusual avenues. Their "faith" is personal and syncretistic (syncretism is the mixing of various belief systems).

What You Can Do As Parents...

- * Spend time reading to gain an understanding of Postmodernism and the post-modern world view. (Check out the CPYU website for more information on post-modernism - www.cpyu.org.)
- * Make an intentional effort to schedule regular inter-generational events where parents and teens have the opportunity to come together in settings for play, communication, and Bible study (supper, game night, tossing ball, and family devotions are a few options).
- * Parents' example is still the most powerful molding and shaping force in your teenager's lives - therefore, be intentional in your own spiritual journey with Christ.
- * Discuss ways you can strengthen your family - start with a list developed by your children concerning the qualities they long for in parents and family.
- * Parents can lower the influence of media by offering alternative activities and options to their kids.
- * Brainstorm on ideas for combating the powerful force of materialism in the home. Be mindful of the ways marketers use to tap into the materialism of the Millennial kids and preceding generations.
- * Develop ways to tap into the spiritual interest of Millennial kids. How can Christian faith be made more attractive and relevant without compromising the truth?

I hope these ideas help you in shaping your children lives for their good and God's glory!

Pastor Scott

Upcoming Youth Events

- **Youth Group**
Sundays 6:00—7:30pm
Middle & High School
- **Steven Curtis Chapman Concert**
Sunday, March 18th
4:30 - ??? Cost - \$10.00
- **Imagebearers**
Sundays 6:00 - 7:30pm
1st—5th grade
- **Youth Soccer**
Saturday March 31st
10:00am - 12:00pm
Ages 4.5—11



Tony Dungy *A Personal Story as published on www.theGoal.com*

Football is a profession that is judged by performance and results. However, those things come and go so quickly that as a coach, I have to base my career on something more. Don't get me wrong: I want the Colts to win, but if that were all we did, it would be pretty shallow. I want to win, but I want to do it with the right type of guys, role models for the children and families of Indianapolis. I want to help mold a team that the entire city can be proud of.

To do this, I've focused on

coaching the way I've wanted to be a coach all of my life. We don't go for a lot of rookie hazing or negativity. We try to be positive, a place where veterans help the rookies, where everyone helps each other, offense and defense.

The inspiration for my coaching model comes from Jesus, himself. He has taught me that my job is more than just showing my guys how to block and tackle. It's also about influence. I want to show both

players and fans that being a Christian and being successful are not mutually exclusive. We tend to think head coaches have to be cut-throat, squeezing everything possible out of their players. I disagree. Players want to win. If I provide them with a good environment, show them how it's done, and encourage them, we're going to have a team - and a record - that we can be proud of.

Parents — We're ALL coaches for our children. Let's try to let Jesus be our example, too!



Coach Tony Dungy leads the Indianapolis Colts in post-game prayer after winning Superbowl XLI, Jan 2007
Picture by Donald Miralle, Getty Images

Volleyball News

Ice Cream Social

Save room for a banana split on **Friday, March 9th!**

Ages 10-12 (after 6:30 game)
Ages 13-14 (after 7:30 game)
Ages 15-HS (after 8:30 game)

League Day

Sunday, March 11th.
Plan to attend one of our worship services with us! We have two services: an 8:30am or 11:00am. Players can wear their uniforms and sit together with their team!

Finale Info

15—HS Division
Friday, March 23rd @ 7pm
Finale expected to last 2-3 hrs

13—14 Division
Saturday, March 24th @ 9am
Finale expected to last 4 hrs*

10—12 Division
Saturday, March 24th @ 2pm
Finale expected to last 2-3 hrs

**We are excited to have our friends from the Lake Norman Volleyball Club join us again this year for a tournament with our 13-14 division.*

Adult Volleyball

Mondays, 7:00pm—9:00pm
Recreational, Skill Building

Thursdays, 7:00pm—9:00pm



Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



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- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship Service

Evening Service

- 6:30 Worship Service

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