

PARENT QUARTERLY

CRUX JR. HIGH MINISTRY @ HARVEST

Who Is That in My House?

Have you ever wondered what happened to your teenager? You wake up one day and think, who is that stranger in my house? It has been said that raising kids is part joy and part guerilla warfare. The adolescent ages can be difficult, but they can also be some of the best years of parenting. We want you to know that although you may feel alone sometimes as a parent, you definitely are not alone.

I am occasionally asked, "What happened to my sweet son or daughter? Their moods, desires, and interests have changed." As learning parents, we must remind ourselves of what God has called us to do: train up our children (Proverbs 22:6)! One of the ways we can train our children is to instill the importance of going to church.

I ran across an article that was titled "Five Ways to Make Your Kids Hate Church."

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Summer Surf Retreat

This summer, we will be going to Surf Camp YMCA, which is in Imperial Beach, California. It will be four days of fun in the sun, while getting to know God's Son. We will be camping right on the beach, where the sound of the crashing waves will lull us to sleep. You don't need to know how to surf because

instructors will be available. There will be many other activities to keep you busy as well. For more information, please pick up one of the flyers at any of our services or check out www.harvestjrhigh.org.



Beach Trips:

We are hosting three beach trips this Summer for your Jr. High child to enjoy. The dates of these trips are listed on the back



Movie Nights:

Over the Summer CRUX: Jr. High will be hosting outdoor movie nights for your Jr. High child.



Wild Rivers Trip:

July 21st we are going to Wild Rivers in Orange County. This will be a great trip for your son or daughter to have fun and make new friends!

Five Ways to Make Your Kids Hate Church



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1. MAKE SURE YOUR FAITH IS SOMETHING YOU LIVE OUT ONLY IN PUBLIC.
 2. PRAY ONLY IN FRONT OF PEOPLE.
 3. FOCUS ON MORALS.
 4. GIVE FINANCIALLY, AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T IMPEDE YOUR NEEDS.
 5. MAKE CHURCH A PRIORITY...AS LONG AS THERE IS NOTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO DO.

These were written to show that what we do as parents will impact our children in how they will be raised. In contrast, we can give five ways to help our kids see the importance of church.

1. Make sure our faith is lived out at home and in public.
2. Pray for your children daily.

3. Focus on how God hates sin and we need to have the same desire, as followers of Christ (Psalm 97:10).

4. Show the importance of tithing and giving as unto the Lord, even when it is hard (2 Corinthians 9:7).

5. Make church a priority, making sure that it is what the family does on Sunday.

Paul told the church to imitate him as he imitated Christ, and as parents that should be our ultimate goal—imitating Jesus. Will our children be perfect? No, but at least they have a model to demonstrate what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

We, as a ministry, pray for you as parents. We know the struggles that you may face and the fears that you may have. We know that it is a challenge sometimes just to bring your son or daughter to church, but remember: it starts with you being the example. Please let us know if there is anything we can do or pray for you. You can grab Pastor Jon, Adam, or Brad after any of the services or e-mail us at CRUX@harvest.org.

Upcoming CRUX: ignited Concerts

6-10-11 Sky Pilot
7-15-11 The Ives

Upcoming Events

6/11/11 Beach Trip #1
6/24/11 Movie Night #1
6/28/11 Summer Retreat
7/21/11 Wild Rivers Trip
7/22/11 Movie Night #2
7/30/11 Beach Trip #2
8/20/11 Beach Trip #3
8/26/11 Movie Night #3

A Note from the Pastor:

CRUX Jr. High: It's for the parents too!

I would love to meet you. Feel free to come and introduce yourself to me at any of our weekly services. Also please let me know how we can serve you best. If you have any thoughts or ideas for the ministry on how to best serve the junior highers, I would love to hear them.

RESOURCE RECOMMENDATION:

Teenology: The Art of Raising Great Teenagers by Jim Burns

Available now at the Harvest Bookstore.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

CRUX: Sundays – 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.
CRUX: community - Wednesdays – 7:00 p.m.
CRUX: ignited - Friday's – 7:00 p.m.