



Youth Group Newsletter

We Are Strangers in a Foreign Land

It is comforting to know that this present world is not our home. We look for another to come which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. A continuing city.....

You and I have been called out of this present world of darkness and corruption into the Kingdom which is light and has a King who will reign forever. King Jesus!

Armed with this reality, we are called to fight the good fight of faith for ourselves, our families, and our children. This present culture, which is so saturated with blatant sex and perversion in its music and entertainment spheres, needs to know that there's a Kingdom that will not be shaken. And we, its sub-

jects, are called to demonstrate the 'otherness' of it.

We must live as strangers in this foreign land and be mindful of the words of the Apostle Paul when he wrote:

"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." Col 3:2

You and I are called out and equipped by the Holy Spirit to live a holy life in the midst of an unholy and sinful generation, that those without hope in the world may be drawn to the One who died for lost sinners of every age - 2011 being no exception!

As parents, and those who God has given influence over our children and young people, ought we also consider what

our lifestyles and choices are saying - or not saying? It is a sobering reality that the biggest influence on our children - for good or bad - is *us*. Survey after survey has pointed to Mom and Dad as being the number one shaper/modeler/influencer.

So let's pray for the strength to go against the tide and live as Strangers right here, right now!



"...He has prepared a city for them:"
Hebrews 11:16

Middle School Youth Group Meeting Time and Dates

All youth in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to attend our Middle School Youth Group!

We meet at the church *Every Other* Friday night from 6:30 to 8:30. There is a time of games, a Bible-

based lesson and thoughtful small group discussions.

Youth Group is an wonderful opportunity for your child to invite friends.

Please put the following dates on your calendar:

- September 23
- October 7
- October 21
- November 4
- November 18
- December 2
- December 16
- December 30

The Fleck's House

2 Narragansett Ave, Westerly (Corner of Jay St. and Narr. Ave)

Joy Fellowship Church

25 Railroad Ave, Westerly (Across from the Train Station)

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A Li'L Bit Podcast

QUESTION: I'd like to read my bible, but...I don't carry it with me everywhere I go. Besides, I like listening to my iPod more than just sitting down and reading. Can you help me?

ANSWER: A Li'l Bit.

A Li'l bit is a weekly podcast where teenagers can hear God's Word presented in a real and relevant way. Nothing crazy, nothing too hard to understand...just "a li'l bit" of scripture shared in fun, 10 minute, easy-to-understand segments.

From time to time I come across some cool websites or podcast that I will share and pass along.

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A Li'l bit podcast comes from veteran Youth Leader Jonathan McKee. It features different youth leaders who read

and present the Bible truths in a fresh and engaging style. Check it out and use it for discussion with your child throughout the week.

Here's the link to the iTunes podcast:

www.itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/a-lil-bit/id271776793

I also recommend checking out Jonathan McKee's website with many, many good resources for parents and youth workers.

Go to: The Source 4 Youth Ministry at

www.Thesource4ym.com

High School Youth Group

Our High School Youth Group is open to all youth in 9 - 12 grades.

We meet at the Fleck's House Every Other Tuesday Night from 6:30 - 8:30.

Youth are free to and encouraged to invite their friends. We have a living room discussion about anything and everything concerning life and spirituality as a Christian Teen.

Oh, and of course, we have snacks.

We understand your teen is involved in many extra-curricular activities such as sports, part-time jobs, Driver's Ed classes....We get it! We will try to be flexible on our Meeting Night as the different seasons change. Your input as a parent is greatly appreci-

ated as your teen's schedule changes. Don't hesitate to let us know!

We will begin meeting E/O Tuesday starting:

Sept 20.

Future dates are yet to be determined. Please check the website frequently for updates.

Cindy and Noel's House -

aka "The Flecks"

2 Narragansett Ave, Westerly

Free Music Download from K-LOVE

Our young people are being immersed in a culture of music that is hyper-sexual, profane, and live-for-the-moment saturated. As parent, we have a responsibility as 'gatekeepers' to help choose music that is responsible and healthy for our children.

We need to remind ourselves that we truly are Strangers in a Foreign Land, and that the Kingdom we are citizens of is

truly at odds with the culture and influence of this world we live in.

Did you know that K-LOVE radio station gives away a free music download each week? That's 52 FREE family-friendly songs a year!

Go to their website at



Get 52 Free song downloads each year from K LOVE

www.klove.com/music/store.aspx

which should bring you to the free song page...and Download!

Why not listen to K-LOVE when you are in the house, not just in the car? Set the tone for your family. Don't just be strange - be a Stranger (in a Foreign Land)!