THE PULSE 1031 Youth Ministry Newletter

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Can you feel it? Can you smell it? Love is in the air! This time of year many people, especially students, go crazy over Valentine's Day! Everyone wants to be loved. Unfortunately, many of our students put far too much of themselves into romantic relationships way too soon. As parents, you must be involved in and aware of all aspects of your students' lives, including their dating relationships. Our students are being influenced and manipulated to think that their dating relationships are what defines them and should be most important in their lives. What we see is happening is that while our students should be continuing to grow and develop into the men and women God is calling them to be, our students are being more impacted and molded by the emotions and stress of a relationship far too serious for their current mental, emotional, and spiritual maturity. As your youth pastor, I would like to give you three points of importance in regards to students and dating relationships.

1. Set Standards

Every aspect of your student's dating relationships should be dictated by you. Yes, students deserve privacy, responsibility, and trust. However, the damage being done to our young men and women through dating relationships with no standards set forth by parents is astounding. You set standards and make them adhere to them.

2. Ask Questions

As much as we want our students to always share everything with us, they usually don't. Ask questions. Ask lots of questions. Ask tough questions. Solely relying on the information students willingly give usually leaves parents needing much more to effectively parent. Make sure you know what is really going on in their lives, not just what they want you to know.

3. Be Nosey

You have every right and responsibility to know everything about your student and their life. God has given you the responsibility to raise your student as He has called you to raise them. One day you will stand before God and answer for how you raised that child. Don't let their temporary unhappiness with you hinder your fulfillment of what God has called you to do.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



YEC is right around the corner. Final reservations will be made Thursday Feb. 10. If your student is interested in attending and has not signed up, contact Tyler BEFORE Feb. 10.

SPRING BREAK SERVE



DATES: MAR. 29–31 TIME: 1PM–8PM LOCATION: FBC COST: \$25

Lunch & Basket Auction Fundraiser

Date: Apr. 3 Time: 11:45am Location: FBC Fellowship Hall Cost: \$5 per plate (BBQ & Trimmings)



GBA DNOW Weekend

