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Our Foundational Principles

- We will advocate and protect the ideals of the traditional family as it is defined and established in the Holy Bible.
- We believe that truly healthy relationships can only be attained through a healthy relationship with Jesus Christ.
- We will feed the souls of individual family members by offering a daily diet of the Gospel in a variety of compelling ways.
- The context and content of all our offerings will intentionally and unapologetically be presented from a Christian world view.

Christmas Care Now Through December 6!

How much love can you fit into a shoebox?



Culver's of Darboy customers and friends donated 990 gifts for Christmas Care last year. Thank you!

Help us supply Christmas gifts to your neighbors in crisis at forty area shelters and emergency rooms.

Why do you give a gift? To meet a practical need? To show that you care for someone?

This Christmas our area shelters and emergency rooms will protect, counsel and treat thousands of people, of all ages, in need or crisis. When you donate a Christmas Care gift, you'll reassure someone that they are loved by God and worth remembering. **Shelter and ER staff tell us that Christmas Care gifts are often the *only* Christmas gifts people receive.**

Fill a shoe box with **NEW** gifts like toys, mittens, and candy for someone in need. Wrap top and bottom separately, put a sticker on top listing the age and gender of the recipient. *There's usually a shortage of gifts for boys 10 -12, all teens, and adult men.* Gift ideas and fliers are at thefamily.net.

Many ways to help! Glenda Woosley's crew and customers at Culver's of Darboy donated a whopping 990 gifts last year!

Filling Christmas Care boxes has become a Thanksgiving tradition for Janet Jepson's family in Seymour. Kevin Grondahl, youth leader at Christ the King Lutheran, got creative and offered a night off from lessons if students donated at least 500 gift items; more than 700 items were cheerfully donated!

Thanks to everyone who donated the 2700 gifts last year. The logistics can seem overwhelming, but YOU make it happen year after year. Thank you!

Gifts are destined for forty shelters and emergency rooms throughout our listening area where staff identify people in serious crisis or need. See thefamily.net for list of recipient organizations.



Gift Collection Sites:

Festival Foods Stores, Culver's of Darboy, Pet Supplies 'Plus' and Family Christian Stores in Appleton, and ReachOut Books in Fond du Lac

"Thank you for helping to make us feel like we are someone in this world - that maybe we might just be better than we've been thinking or feeling about ourselves until now."
- From a young gift recipient



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Six Reasons Young Christians Leave Church

The Barna Group, Sept 28, 2011

Many parents wonder how to cultivate durable faith in the lives of their children. Barna Group's president David Kinnaman recently led a 5-year research project to explore the opportunities and challenges that teens and young adults face in a rapidly changing culture. The findings are covered in Kinnaman's new book *'You Lost Me: Why Young Christians are Leaving Church and Rethinking Church.'*

The research consisted of eight national studies, including interviews with teenagers, young adults, parents, youth pastors, and senior pastors. The study of young adults focused on those who were regular Christian churchgoers during their teen years and explored their reasons for disconnection from church life after age 15.

The Stats:

No single reason dominated the disconnect, rather a variety of reasons emerged. Overall, the research uncovered six significant themes why nearly 3 of every 5 young Christians (59%) disconnect either permanently or for an extended period of time from church life after age 15.

- 1) Churches seem overprotective.
- 2) Teens and 'twentysomethings' experience of Christianity is shallow.
- 3) Churches come across antagonistic to science.
- 4) Young Christians' church experiences related to sexuality are often simplistic, judgmental.
- 5) They wrestle with the exclusive nature of Christianity.
- 6) The church feels unfriendly to those who doubt.

Visit Barna.org, *Teens/Next Gen* for detailed information about each of these themes.



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David Kinnaman, Author
President Barna Group

The Family intentionally offers positive, Christ-centered music, messages, and entertainment that everyone can appreciate. Our programs address contemporary issues head-on, and our music play-list stays fresh, including new bands like Royal Tailor and For King and Country, along with old favorites.

The Challenge:

The research points to two opposite, but equally dangerous responses by parents and faith leaders: either catering to or minimizing the concerns of youth.

- Some leaders ignore the concerns/issues of young adults, feeling the disconnect will end when they are older and have children of their own. This response misses the dramatic technological, social and spiritual changes occurring over the last 25 years, ignoring significant present-day challenges these young adults face.
- Others use all means possible to make their congregation appeal to teens and young adults. However, putting the focus squarely on youth and young adults causes the church to exclude older believers and "builds the church on the preferences of young people and not on the pursuit of God," Kinnaman said.

The Solution:

Between these extremes, the just-released book *'You Lost Me'* points to ways in which the various concerns being raised by young Christians (including church drop-outs) could lead to deeper connections in families and revitalized church ministry. Kinnaman observed that many churches approach generations in a hierarchical, top-down manner, rather than deploying a true team of believers of all ages.

"Cultivating intergenerational relationships is one of the most important ways in which effective faith communities are developing flourishing faith in both young and old." In many churches, this means changing the metaphor from simply passing the baton to the next generation to a more functional, biblical picture of a body – that is, the entire community of faith, across the entire lifespan, working together to fulfill God's purposes.

22 year-old Michelle writes... *"I listened to your station this morning. It really relaxed me and made my morning go great. I think I'll be listening a lot more."* Then weeks later *"I listened to some of my old favorite stations today - I hadn't realized how negative they were!"*

We're 'right here' now too! Our new live streaming App for 91.9/91.5 The Family is now available for all Apple devices and smart phones at thefamily.net, click listen on-line, select Apple & Mobile Apps



Sweet Pumpkin Dip from The Recipe Lady

Wow your family and friends with this new *easy* twist on an old favorite!

- 4 cups powdered sugar
- Two 8 oz. packages reduced fat cream cheese, softened
- 16 oz. can of packed pumpkin (NOT pumpkin pie filling)
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg

Combine sugar and cream cheese—beat until well blended. Beat in remaining ingredients. Chill and serve with ginger snap cookies or graham cracker sticks.

Terri's notes: Wonderful treat to take to a party, serve to friends with tea or hot cocoa, or share with your helpers while decorating for Christmas! Makes enough to serve twice! Cover tightly and store in the fridge.



Special Christmas Programs



Christmas Music Begins November 25

The Shepherd's Prayer A young man orphaned at birth discovers his true identity in Christ. Dec. 3 at noon, Dec. 8, 6:30pm.

Behold The Lamb Music artist Andrew Peterson's Special Christmas Project chronicling the coming of Christ from Old Testament through the birth of our Savior. Dec. 10 at noon, Dec. 15, 7:00 pm.

A Christmas Carol The perennial favorite by Charles Dickens, in a classic 2-hour dramatization from Focus on The Family Radio Theater. Dec. 17 at noon, Christmas Eve at 10am.

New Artists, New Music:

As usual, The Family loves to introduce you to some new bands and sounds!



Royal Tailor

You've been hearing their debut single 'Hold Me Together'. From Granite City IL, these guys met as youth pastors in Bible college. *"We feel like there's an identity crisis in our generation,"* says guitarist, D.J. *"Sometimes you hear really cool music, but there's not a lot of meaning to the words. We feel if people are going to be listening to the music and singing along, why not be singing along with songs that build you up in your faith and give you strength and hope."*

For King & Country

'Busted Heart' is the debut single from this new band. Odds are, that with Rebecca St. James for a sister, this pair would end up with a band of their own. That's right, Joel and Luke are her brothers! The family of course is from the Outback country, Australia!!



Pay it Forward

Have you been encouraged in your faith here at The Family? Please consider making a year-end gift and 'pay it forward' knowing that at any moment your support is bringing *"just the right song or message at just the right time"* to someone who really needs to hear it. We're \$2,050 away from Spring Fundraiser goal. We'd be honored to have your help in crossing that finish line, or to be remembered in your planned giving. Consult with your tax attorney or financial advisor for details.

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What are *you* planning for January?

It's About *Life*.



The Community Blood Center Inc.



Weight Loss? *No problem!* We know where you can lose a whole pound in just twenty minutes, and after that a nice lady named Nancy will offer you juice and a cookie. *Know any other health clubs that can make an offer like that?*

Visit thefamily.net this January and sign up to donate blood at the Community Blood Center during our annual "Make a Heart Beat" campaign. We're looking for 40 donors in 30 days. Every pint of whole blood donated can save 3 lives!

Donate blood, save a life, get a cookie. Now **THAT'S** a health club!

'Save the Date' Super Heroes!

Help for the Homeless is coming up March 1-25. Help us collect personal hygiene items for 45 area shelters and crisis agencies. Encourage your church, school, or employer to participate. Questions? Call us at 800-236-9364 or visit thefamily.net for details. Click on the Community tab, then Station Events.



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