

2022 AFLC Youth Ministries' Resource Guide

WEBSITES

www.allprodad.com and www.imom.com – Family First group encouraging/equipping parents to be spiritual leaders in their home.

www.cadreministries.com – Training group, who were past presenters at Youth Workers Weekends (YWW). They pursue Jesus-ministry priorities in a local congregation or youth ministry.

www.cpyu.org – Center for Parent Youth Understanding: Understanding Culture to Impact Culture. Director is Dr. Walt Mueller, who was at FLY 2015 (& intentions for FLY 2023). Helpful materials with a blog, a weekly email alert, and a podcast. CPYU Parent Page is useful for monthly tool that can be given to parents.

www.group.com/category/ministry-resources/church-safety/shepherds-watch-background-checks.do – Shepherd's Watch Background Checks provides information on protecting teens and kids through volunteer background checks.

www.lead222.com – national youth leaders coaching network; valuable 9-month mentoring training guide.

www.prayformecampaign.com – the national inter-generational prayer movement that engages adults of three generations to be praying for teens and kids in their local congregation. Director Tony Souder was at YWW 2017.

www.stickyfaith.org – Fuller Youth Institute's ongoing research and practical tools coming out of the Sticky Faith study for integrated efforts for youth and family ministry.

BOOKS

Almost Christian by Kenda Creasy Dean – approach of building in three “Arts” to congregational life in passing on the faith: (1) Translation; (2) Testimony; and (3) Detachment from their normal world.

Boys Adrift and Girls on the Edge by Leonard Sax – these two texts directly speak to adolescent boys and girls.

Engaging the Soul of a Youth Culture by Walt Mueller – guidance for leaders coming alongside today's teens in this age by the president of the Center for Parent Youth Understanding (CPYU).

Handbook on Counseling Youth by Josh McDowell & Bob Hostetler – good text to have on-hand for crisis care.

Ministry Mutiny by Greg Stier of Dare 2 Share – useful parable for thinking through training teens as Gospel ministers

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction by Eugene Peterson – studying the psalms of ascent for spiritual renewal

Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus by Ann Spangler & Lois Tverber – cultural context for reading Scripture.

The Collapse of Parenting by Leonard Sax – uncover the cultural struggles with parenting and finding a way forward.

The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer – classic on discipleship via the Sermon on the Mount.

Youth Ministry Nuts & Bolts by Duffy Robbins – 400 pages of concrete ideas for the local congregation.

Youth Ministry that Lasts a Lifetime by Richard Ross – balance through youth ministry, family, and congregation.

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PODCASTS

cpvu.org/resource_category/podcast/ - One-hour podcasts that brings Christian leaders and cultural experts together to think Christianly about culture and passing on the faith to the next generation.

d6family.com/podcast/ - Tips and practical ideas for families growing in following Jesus. The conference ones are around 5 minutes in length, while the long form version are 30-60 minutes.

paultripp.com/podcast/ - Proactive on staying Christ-centered and Gospel-focused. Many podcasts address the challenges of parenting.

wng.org/podcasts - "The World and Everything In It" is one of WORLD magazine's podcasts for caring adults and teens. Compact form covering news and notes from a biblical worldview. Fridays are especially of interest focusing on culture.

TOOLS & TRAINING

ambassadorpublications.org – our AFLC family of parish education and publications. Newer Acts youth study.

aflc.org/evangelism – AFLC Commission on Evangelism has a tool box of good resources including the updated “Discipleship Manual” as a free download.

aflc.org/youth – AFLC Youth Ministries department offers training events like Youth Workers Weekends in January and tools through monthly emails.

bakerpublishinggroup.com/books/everyday-prayers/327820 – "Everyday Prayers: 365 Days to a Gospel-Centered Faith" by Scotty Smith.

biblegateway.com and blueletterbible.com – Two examples of online translations with passage, keyword, and topic searches; also lexicons, commentaries, and dictionary aids by each verse.

cpvu.org/resource_category/family-tabletalk/ – 99 free, single-paged, devotional ideas for families with Scripture, discussion, and prayer.

dare2share.org – Greg Stier’s organization. Emails, training, and regional events. *The Cause Circle* describes the goal of pray for lost, pursue relationships, and persuade to Christ (or present the Gospel).

d6family.com/d6conference/ - family-aligned curriculum for all ages to study content at age-appropriate levels.

downloadyouthministry.com – games, slides, videos, and more. Subscription-based DYM memberships.

<https://www.leadertreks.org/pray-for-me/#resources> - Pray For Me Prayer Guide with versions for parents and leaders. Brand new Grandparent edition is now available.

pluggedin.com – The spot for media review on content of movies, music, etc. from Focus on the Family.

NOTE – AFLC Youth Min has a separate info guide on curriculum that is available upon request.

As with most “Christian” websites and books, **not everything** you'll find on these pages are useful, practical, or even sound theologically, but there is a lot of excellent, practical, Biblical items available. Therefore, I encourage you to use everything with discernment (just like we train teenagers to do!) and to adapt as necessary. *Do you have a tried and tested favorite resource?* Let me know about it! I'll add it to the list and others will be aided by your efforts and experience.

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