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Hello Everyone!

*Just a Thought*

December is one of my favorite times of the year, even more so over the past few years since Jennifer & I have been married. The reason being is it has been great creating new traditions for our family to do during the Christmas season. For instance, before any other decorations go up, the Nativity is set up first (with the 3 Wise Men on the other side of the room working their way to Jesus of course....lol). With all of this in mind, I have already started to get emails and see news stories on the "War on Christmas". It is a shame that our society has decided to go back to the Winter Solstice/Holiday season view of the Christmas Season. I believe that it is important that we remind others of the reason for the season, but most importantly we need to make sure that we as Christians don't find ourselves all wrapped up in the wrong kind of traditions that society has instituted. Instead, we should be teaching/instilling in our children the true meaning of Christmas and creating Christ centered traditions that they will carry on to when they start their own families.

Have a very Merry Christmas!  
& a Happy New Year!  
Pastor Lee

*In Theaters*



The *Enchanted* that has finally made its way to the big screen is a charming, deconstructionist fantasy that's filled with just the right balance of music, warm wit and plucked heartstrings. The cast is terrific—particularly Amy Adams with her spot-on depiction of an animated Giselle brought to live-action life. The six musical theater numbers by Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz are whimsical and flow in and out of the spoken scenes brilliantly. And the story is simple but captivating.

A small slug appears on this blooming flower in the form of a couple of toilet humor gags. And there are a few tense moments when a villainous henchman tries to poison Giselle before Edward can reach her. Also, as is typical of the far-far-away-land genre that inspired this adventure, the vainglorious Queen Narissa (complete with form-fitting black gown and bulging cleavage) casts spells and morphs into a gigantic dragon.

That slug is nearly flicked away, though, by the movie's solid support for keeping a level head in romance and avoiding the folly of mindless infatuation. It speaks of the healthy tension between accepting things as they are and dreaming of something better. And it strongly affirms lifelong marriage and points to the painful consequences of divorce. (Not to mention Edward's bravery and magnanimity, Giselle's quintessentially desirable naiveté, and Robert's patience and kindness.)

Unlike the *Shrek* movies, then, *Enchanted* is an endearingly gentle riff on past princess tales that is equal parts parody of and homage to Disney's classics.

RATED: PG  
DISTRIBUTED BY: Walt Disney/Buena Vista  
DIRECTED BY: Kevin Lima (102 Dalmatians, Tarzan)  
STARRING: Amy Adams as Giselle; Patrick Dempsey as Robert; James Marsden as Prince Edward; Susan Sarandon as Queen Narissa; Timothy Spall as Nathaniel; Rachel Covey as Morgan  
REVIEWED BY: Bob Hoose ( Plugged In, Focus on the Family)

For more info:  
<http://www.pluggedinonline.com/movies/movies/a0003511.cfm>



*Stats*

## Deadly Messages

According to a recent survey by AAA and *Seventeen* magazine, 61 percent of teens admit to engaging in risky driving habits. Nearly half said they sometimes text while driving, and 51 percent said they talk on their cell phones. Four out of 10 said they speed, and 11 percent confessed they've used drugs or drunk an alcoholic beverage or two before driving.

It's serious business. This summer, five teens in western New York were killed in a car crash; and officials suspect the car's driver was texting at the time of the accident. On average, 10 teens die ever day in auto accidents caused by them or other teen drivers.

(Youth Worker Journal, USA Today, ABC News)

## America's Top Party Schools

1. West Virginia University
2. University of Mississippi
3. University of Texas, Austin
4. University of Florida
5. University of Georgia

## "Stone Cold Sober" Schools

1. Brigham Young University
2. Wheaton College
3. Thomas Aquinas College (Calif.)
4. College of the Ozarks (Mo.)
5. Grove City College (Pa)

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## Sexy Dolls Trend

NEW YORK -- Many parents of little girls are finding themselves torn this holiday season as to whether or not to buy a new, popular breed of sexy and sassy dolls -- like "Bratz."

"This is like Hustler to me," said one mother.

"They look like streetwalkers to me and I don't think it's a good image for a 12-year-old to see, let alone a 6-year-old," said another woman. "I like them," said another mother. "Anything she likes and will keep her quiet, it's fine."

The girls, however, seem to like the dolls. "I, like, love their clothes," said a girl.

Sales and competition are fueling the trend, NewsChannel 4 reported. After the wildly popular Bratz came on the scene, giving Barbie a run for her money, toy manufacturer Mattel responded with a new line of Barbie,

known as the "My Scene" line, which mimics the pouty lips, heavy eye makeup and scant clothing of the Bratz dolls.

For example, one "My Scene" doll is called "My Bling Bling Bikini." The dolls' makers said they were marketing to "tweens," but the National Research For Women and Families said parents are buying them for little girls, and sending their daughters a dangerous message.

"They all have the bodies of babies or young girls, but they have a ton of makeup, provocative clothing," said Dr. Diana Zuckerman. "Their whole demeanor and presentation is very sexualized."

Most disturbing to Zuckerman is the Bratz Kidz and Babyz lines -- which feature decked out and heavily made up toddlers and girls.

"When you have dolls that are supposed to be infants or young children, and act like that, it sets an example for young children of how they want to look," Zuckerman said.

The manufacturer of Bratz responded in a statement that, "When you ask a little girl what they like about Bratz, they say, 'They are pretty and beautiful.' You never hear the word 'sexy.' Bratz are popular, multicultural fashion dolls for today's girls around the world."

Parents who want more wholesome options when buying dolls have a wide variety of traditional dolls, as well as many interactive dolls. 2007 by WNBC.com. <http://www.wnbc.com/news/10571300/detail.html>



(n)Fusion Student Ministry Dec 2007 (Eastern Time)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 6pm - Bible Study Co...	26	27 6:30pm - Awana	28	29	30	1
2 6pm - Bible Study Co...	3	4 6:30pm - Awana	5	6 6pm - nFusion	7	8
9 6pm - Bible Study Co...	10	11 6:30pm - Awana	12	13 7pm - Cool Beans Co...	14	15
16 6pm - Bible Study Co...	17	18 6:30pm - Awana	19	20 6pm - nFusion	21	22
23 6pm - Bible Study Co...	24	25	26	27 nFusion Caroling 6:30pm - (n)Fusion C...	28	29
30 6pm - Bible Study Co...	31	1	2	3 6pm - nFusion	4	5

Help Needed!

CALENDER  
OF  
EVENTS

I need persons interested in helping manage the Scrip Fundraising Program.

\*\*Donations of yummy goodies are needed for Friday nights. (examples: chips, cookies, etc.)

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(n)Fusion- Friday Nights 6-11pm  
Awana- Wednesday nights 6:30-8pm  
Bible Study- Sunday Nights (HS & College) 6-8pm

14<sup>th</sup> - Cool Beans Coffee House- 7pm  
26<sup>th</sup> & Jan 2- Awanas Canceled  
21<sup>st</sup> - Caroling (n)Fusion 6:30-8:30pm  
\$5 or Less Gift Exchange  
**(if you can help w/ transportation please join us)**

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