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Just a Thought

Hello everyone,

I hope that you enjoyed the first edition of my newsletter. This month its packed full of articles that I hope you will find interesting and helpful.

Last month we took a group of teens on a fall retreat to Lynchburg, VA. Over the course of the weekend the students stayed at Masters Inn (a Christian camp), went through ScareMare (a haunted house ministry that Liberty Universities Youth Ministry Dept that is in its 35th year), had the choice of horseback riding or paintball, toured Liberty University, performed as characters at ScareMare Saturday night, attended Thomas Road Baptist Church Sunday morning and did a service/work project at ScareMare Sunday afternoon. It is needless to say that they had a very busy weekend. Did I mention that the night the students helped with ScareMare over 3,400 people attended and 300 people were SAVED!

I would like to thank Kim Frazier, Mike O'Neal and my lovely wife Jennifer for their help as chaperones.

Coming Soon



In a Major Motion Picture Release

Ben Stein exposes the frightening agenda of the "Darwinian Machine" in "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed"

It's a movie that Ferris Bueller would take the day off to go see. What freedom-loving student wouldn't be outraged to discover that his high school science teacher is teaching a theory as indisputable fact, and that university professors unmercifully crush any fellow scientists who dare question the prevailing system of belief? This isn't the latest Hollywood comedy; it's a disturbing new documentary that will shock anyone who thinks all scientists are free to follow the evidence wherever it may lead.

Ben Stein, the lovable, monotone teacher from "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and "The Wonder Years" is on a journey to answer one of the biggest questions ever asked: Were we designed or are we simply the end result of an ancient mud puddle struck by lightning? Stein, who is also a lawyer, an economist, a former presidential speechwriter, author and social commentator, is stunned by what he finds on his journey. He discovers an elitist scientific establishment that has traded in its skepticism for dogma. But even worse, along the way, Stein uncovers a long line of biologists, astronomers, chemists and philosophers who have had their reputations destroyed and their careers ruined by a scientific establishment that allows absolutely no dissent from Charles even fired Darwin's theory of random mutation and natural selection.

"Big Science in this area of biology has lost its way," says Stein. "Scientists are supposed to be allowed to follow the evidence wherever it may lead, no matter what the implications are. Freedom of inquiry has been greatly compromised, and this is not only anti-American, it's anti-science. It's anti-the whole concept of learning."

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Stats

## Many teens are unconcerned about the dangers of sharing personal info online.

- A majority of teens (58%) do not think posting photos or other personal info on social networking sites is unsafe. They should read the news.
- Nearly half of teens (47%) are not worried about others using their personal info in ways they do not want (although that represents a 10-percentage-point improvement over 2006). About half (49%) are unconcerned posting personal info online might negatively affect their future. (Most employers now do a search for their prospective employees. With some of the information and pictures I have found on MySpace, they should be concerned.)

<http://www.onlinesafety.com/P1/Teenstats.htm>

FOOTPRINTS

## Top 10 Popular Songs

1. Soulja Boy Tell'em (Crank That (Soulja Boy))
2. Chris Brown Featuring T-Pain (Kiss Kiss)
3. Timbaland Featuring OneRepublic (Apologize)
4. Alicia Keys (No One)
5. Colbie Caillat (Bubbly)
6. Kanye West (Stronger)
7. Baby Bash Featuring T-Pain (Cyclone)
8. Kanye West Featuring T-Pain (Good Life)
9. Rihanna Featuring Ne-Yo (Hate That I Love You)
10. Timbaland Featuring Keri Hilson (The Way I Are)



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"Expelled" uncovers that educators and scientists are being ridiculed, denied tenure and in some cases for the fact that they believe there is evidence of "design" in nature, challenging the idea that life is a result of random chance. For example, Stein meets Richard Sternberg, a double PhD biologist who allowed a peer-reviewed research paper describing the evidence for intelligence in the universe to be published in the scientific journal Proceedings. Not long after publication officials from the National Center for Science Education and the Smithsonian Institution where Sternberg was a research fellow began a coordinated smear and intimidation campaign to get the promising young scientist expelled from his position. This attack on scientific freedom was so egregious that it prompted a congressional investigation.

Unlike some other documentary films, "Expelled" doesn't just talk to people representing one side of the story. The film confronts scientists such as Richard Dawkins, author of *The God Delusion*, influential biologist and atheist blogger PZ Myers and Eugenie Scott, head of the National Center for Science Education. The creators of "Expelled" crossed the globe over a two-year period, interviewing scores of scientists, doctors, philosophers and public leaders. The result is a startling revelation that freedom of thought and freedom of inquiry have been expelled from publicly-funded high schools and universities.

"The incredible thing about 'Expelled' is that we don't resort to manipulating our interviews for the purpose of achieving the 'shock effect,' something that has become common in documentary film these days," said Walt Ruloff, co-founder of Premise Media and co-Executive Producer. "People will be stunned to actually find out what elitist scientists proclaim, which is that a large majority of Americans are simpletons who believe in a fairy tale. Premise Media took on this difficult mission because we believe the greatest asset of humanity is our freedom to explore and discover truth."

"Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed" is scheduled for release in February 2008. For more information on Ben Stein's journey visit [www.expelledthemovie.com](http://www.expelledthemovie.com).

# CALENDER of EVENTS

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Scraps/Ann Betmar 26 6pm - Bible Study Co...	29	30	31 6:30pm - Awana	1	2 6pm - nFusion	3
4 6pm - Bible Study Co...	5	6	7 6:30pm - Awana	8	9 6pm - nFusion	10
11 6pm - Bible Study Co...	12	13	14 6:30pm - Awana	15	16 6pm - nFusion	17
18 6pm - Bible Study Co...	19	20	21 6:30pm - Awana	22	23 6pm - nFusion CAN...	24
25 6pm - Bible Study Co...	26	27	28 6:30pm - Awana	29	30 6pm - nFusion	1

## Help Needed!

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

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

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

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