

(n)Fusion Parent Newsletter

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Just a Thought

I am excited to present you with the first monthly parent newsletter. This newsletter is packed full of tid bits that you might find interesting about your teenager's culture. Monthly, I will change things up to keep it interesting. The newsletter will be emailed and copies will also be available at the information desk located at the rear of the fellowship hall. If you have comments, questions or something you would like for me to research and add to next months issue email me. I hope you enjoy!



Lifehouse Who We Are

Lead singer Jason Wade embraces life's uncertainties on "Disarray," while "Who We Are" notes that the revelations from those ups and downs can strengthen relationships. Eager to turn around a struggling romance, Wade pledges to do "Whatever It Takes" ("I know that I've let you down/ And if you give me a chance, believe that I can change/I'll keep us together"). "First Time" expresses how it feels to be reinvigorated by true love. Several tracks contain spiritual overtones. While they may refer to a woman, "Storm," "Broken" and "Make Me Over" are more likely addressed to God—pleas for strength, support and healing. "Easier to Be" praises someone for remaining consistent through a difficult time ("You didn't give up on me/Let myself go/You were still there"). Although suicidal thoughts end on a positive note ("Turn around/Don't throw it away").

New Music

OBJECTIONABLE CONTENT

The preceding misery is slathered on thick on "The Joke" ("Here's to unhappy endings ... My life is for the taking ... I'm ending all this pain ... Think to myself, Will I ever be missed? ... This is my last day").

SUMMARY ADVISORY

Despite changes in personnel since the band's 2000 debut, Lifehouse has remained consistently positive. With one caveat, *Who We Are* is no different.

Plugged In "Focus on the Family"
<http://www.pluggedinonline.com/music/music/a0003367.cfm>

Stats

- Nine out of ten parents of children under age 13 (85%) believe they have the primary responsibility for teaching their children about religious beliefs and spiritual matters, while 11% said their church is primarily responsible. (2003)
- Nearly all parents of children under the age of 13 - 96% - contend that they have the primary responsibility for teaching their children values. (2003)
- About two out of three parents of children 12 or younger attend religious services at least once a month and generally take their children with them. (2003)
- One out of every five parents of children under 13 (19%) has ever been personally contacted or spoken to by a church leader to discuss the parents' involvement in the spiritual life and development of their children. (2003) *Barna Research Group* www.barna.org

Blogging

What is Blogging?

"A blog is a personal diary. A daily pulpit. A collaborative space. A political soapbox. A breaking-news outlet. A collection of links. Your own private thoughts. Memos to the world."

As well as text, blogs often contain audio, music, images and video.

They're also really easy to make, so you can have one even if you aren't very technical.

Anything can be posted instantly to a blog.

Blogs (or Weblogs) are basically online journals or diaries which are great for sharing information and ideas. (Blogger & Web Wise)

Some of the most popular blogs are ZANGA, MYSPACE, BLOGGER.....etc

Alternative: try FAITHFEAKS.com

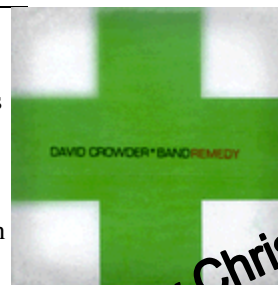
Teen Culture

REMEDY by: David Crowder Band

The band truly turned up the heat on its last proper studio album, *A Collision*, and *Remedy* is the next natural step—bridging the vertical direction of yesteryear with a progressive new means of presentation in both spiritual content and sound.

From a pure production standpoint, this new disc bounces between super charged plugged-in rockers, dance-laden throw downs and sparse but spine-chilling ballads. -CCM

<http://www.cmmagazine.com/music/reviews/11552561/>



New Christian Music

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Oct 2007 (Eastern Time)						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 6pm - Bible St...	1	2	3 6:30pm - Awana	4	5	6
7 Worship at the	8	9	10 6:30pm - Awana	11	12	13
14 6pm - Bible St...	15	16	17 6:30pm - Awana	18	19 6pm - n)Fusion	20
21 6pm - Bible St...	22	23	24 6:30pm - Awana	25	26 ScareMare Retreat 26th-28th @ L... 6pm - n)Fusion	27
28 ScareMare Retr... 6pm - Bible St...	29	30	31 6:30pm - Awana	1	2 6pm - n)Fusion	3

Special Events

ScareMare Retreat

October 26-28

Cost \$80 (Student scholarships are available)

Weekend retreat to Lynchburg, VA.

ScareMare is a ministry created by the Youth Ministry Dept at Liberty University. The students will have the opportunity to go through the haunted hose and then do service projects on the site Saturday and Sunday. Some students might get the opportunity to dress up in character on Saturday night and act in the house. For more info or permission forms see the Youth bulletin board across from the church office.

(n)Fusion- Friday Nights 6-11pm

Awana- Wednesday nights 6:30-8pm

Bible Study- Sunday Nights (HS & College)

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