

# PARENT LINK

January 2015

The Youth Ministry of First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, FL.

# 8

**Family  
Friendly  
New  
Years  
Resolutions**

## HOT TOPICS

**RACIAL TENSION  
IN THE NEWS  
AND  
HOW JESUS  
FEELS ABOUT IT**



**NEW  
MOVIE  
SHOWCASES  
CHRISTLIKE  
QUALITIES**

**JANUARY'S  
CALENDAR  
OF  
EVENTS**

**PLUS** FIND OUT WHEN  
**THE BIG REVEAL  
IS HAPPENING!**

# BE IT RESOLVED

## 8 Family Friendly Resolutions for the New Year

Everyone is resolving – and like Congress, resolutions are usually just hot air.

But in 2015, as a family we will attempt to:



**LAUGH** – loudly and often. And not at each other....unless it's really, really funny.

**LISTEN** – openly and fearlessly. The best part of being a family is the opportunity to hear one another.

**SPEAK** – freely and with courage. The best communication is seasoned with love so liberally that the heart is always heard before the words.

**DO** – to each other as we would have done to us... including practical jokes and pranks, but not limited to that.

**THINK** – before acting. Putting ourselves in the other person's shoes helps us catch a glimpse of what they may be seeing.

**JUDGE** – slowly. Because even in a household, it can be easy to rush judgment.

**PRAY** – continually. No greater conversations happen in our house than the ones we have with our creator. Big or small, we're talking to him about it.

**SERVE** – others and one another. There is a great satisfaction and peace that comes along with serving. So serve your family on a daily basis but also seek to serve others.

**It's a new year. Be intentional.  
Be courageous. Be family.**

# IN THEIR WORLD

The blockbuster series, The Hunger Games, has rolled out the first installment of the finale with Mockingjay. Under the oppression of The Capitol, twelve districts have been forced to send tributes to a high tech Coliseum to dual to the death – the winning tribute bringing the favor of the Capitol to their district.

Katniss Everdeen has found herself an unsuspecting heroine and de facto leader of a rebellion against the merciless Capitol. And after two rounds of The Hunger Games, she is physically depleted and emotionally bankrupt. But as she realizes the importance of her mission and how it may benefit those she loves the most, she summons the fortitude to rage against the persecution of Panem, her country. She decides to risk self-sacrifice in order to bring freedom to her captive comrades and countrymen.

**Read Matthew 16:24-26.**



**How does her 'mission' inspire her sacrifice?**

**Have you ever felt compelled to sacrifice for something or someone you loved?**

**Have you ever been willing to give up everything for a cause that's important to you?**

**How were you called to sacrifice?**

**In what ways are sacrifices rewarded?**

**In what ways are they difficult?**

**What is one sacrifice you have made – or have considered making - for your relationship with God?**

# THE RACE RIOTS

It's all over the news.

Accusations of police exercising undue authority based on the color of a person's skin.

People rioting and protesting for equality. Even before Ferguson claimed the limelight, the race conversation dotted our landscape like snowflakes just beginning to fall against the dark of night.

Remember Trayvon? Or how about Clippers owner, Donald Sterling? It seems that racism is alive and well – and it means having thoughtful, reflective conversations with your teenagers.

Consider looking at some verses about how God defines us.

*Galatians 3:28, Colossians 3:8-14, or 1 John 2:9-11* might be great places to start..

**DO YOU AGREE WITH THE PROTESTORS ACTIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD?**

**HAVE YOU EVER FELT YOU WERE BEING TREATED UNFAIRLY BECAUSE OF YOUR RACE?**

**HOW DID YOU RESPOND?**

**HOW CAN YOU STAND IN THE GAP FOR PEOPLE BEING OPPRESSED OR TREATED UNFAIRLY?**

**“People look at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart.”**

1 Samuel 6:17

# The Big Reveal



**Disciple Now** also know as **DNOW** is a very big deal among our youth.

Many of them have been anticipating this event for months in advance.

Well the wait is over!  
Our **BIG REVEAL** is going to let everyone know just what to expect.

What's it going to be like?

What is our theme at DNOW?

Where are we going for camp?

**All Your Questions Will Be Answered on  
JANUARY 7th!**

# SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY@10AM

## January 4th

**Act 1: The Warning Sentinel**  
Ezekiel 3:16-5:17

## January 11th

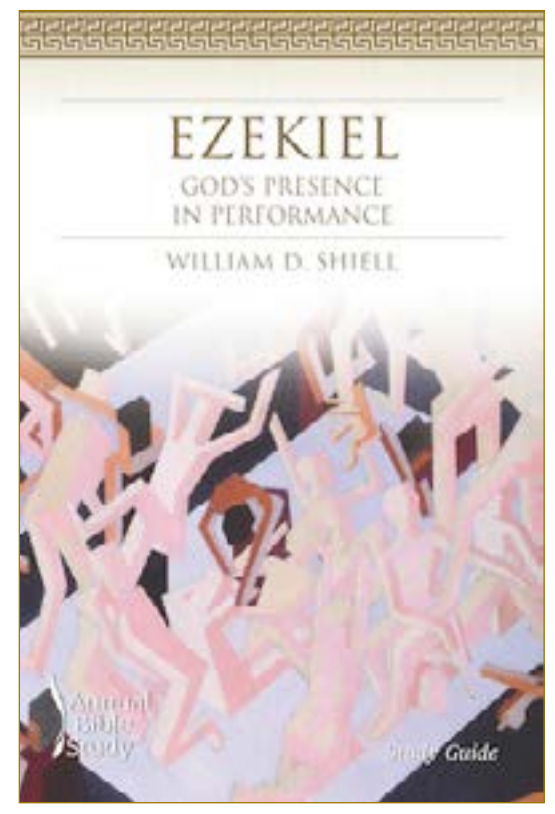
**Act 2: Perform the Message**  
Ezekiel 17:1-18:32

## January 18th

**Act 3: Shepherd the People**  
Ezekiel 34

## January 25th

**Act 4: Re-member God's Presence**  
Ezekiel 37



**COLLIDE @7PM**

**COLLIDE IS OUR MID-WEEK GATHERING THAT MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:00PM IN THE QUAD ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER.**

**JANUARY'S THEME IS:**

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# ON PURPOSE

# JANUARY

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3
4 SMBS @10am Ezekiel	5	6 School Starts	7 Snack Rack @5pm Choir @6pm Collide @7pm <b>THE BIG REVEAL</b>	8	9	10
11 SMBS @10am Ezekiel	12	13	14 Snack Rack @5pm Choir @6pm Collide @7pm Here On Purpose	15	16 >Youth	17 Choir
18 Reunion< SMBS @10am Ezekiel	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	20	21 Snack Rack @5pm Choir @6pm Collide @7pm Here On Purpose	22	23	24
25 SMBS @10am Ezekiel Lunch @Buffalo Wild Wings Right After Church!	26	27	28 Snack Rack @5pm Choir @6pm Collide @7pm Here On Purpose	29	30	31

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