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At only 22 years old, FAC's very own Amanda Barratt recently released her second novel – My Dearest Dietrich. Set in Nazi Germany during World War II, the book chronicles the life of world-famous theologian, pastor and unlikely spy Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the woman who changed his life. It's a must read! The book is available at bookstores and online retailers.

Congratulations Amanda!

Dad's - Lead by Example

By Pastor Chad Deerman

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."
Proverbs 22:6 NIV

What does this mean? It doesn't mean we should make all the decisions for our kids. Many fathers want to make all the choices, but this can hurt their children in the long run.

My Master Study Bible says, *"When parents teach a child how to make decisions, they don't have to watch every step he or she takes. They know their child will remain on the right path because they have made the choices themselves. Train your children to choose the right way."*

Children have incredible gifts and abilities. Parents should discern what those are to help guide them. Each child is different and we must be careful to guide them uniquely to their gifts and try not to clone them to be exactly like us and each other. Parents must prayerfully consider and use discernment to discover special abilities in each child and help guide them to be everything God has called them to be.

Make sure you're not forcing your child down a path that God may not want them to go.



How do fathers train their children to be Godly?

It is a journey and we must be committed to what God is asking of us as fathers. It can feel overwhelming, but we must learn to help our kids become everything God wants them to be.

How can we as fathers lead our children if we are not very good at leading ourselves?

We must be an example that others want to follow. If you can't lead yourself why would anyone want to follow you? God has called us to train our children, and if we can't train ourselves, we certainly will do a poor job with our kids.

Some simple ideas on leading self. Make sure your priorities are in order. *Make church attendance of utmost importance.*

Don't compromise on this.

If corporate worship is important to you, it will be important to your kids when they are older. Even if the church is average and is not exactly what you want, go anyway. Do it for your family, in the long run your kids will be better off.

I remember always going to church as a kid, my parents were there Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday night for the mid-week service. If the doors were open we were there.

I know people are busy with all kinds of activities on their schedule, but we must remember that church is important, and if it's important to us, it will be important to them.

Also, when it comes to leading yourself, *read your Bible every day.* Let your family see you study the Bible and learning from God's Word. It will make a difference in their lives and have a huge impact on them. God's Word makes us wise.

Wisdom only comes from God's Word and from us allowing what God teaches to guide us in our everyday life. Angie and I have done this for years, first thing every morning. We get up early and study Scripture while we drink our coffee.

The kids are getting ready for school, but they observe what we are doing, and I believe it's teaching them the importance of daily devotions. Also, it has created good family discussion as we interact together throughout the day.

Lastly, when it comes to leading yourself, *spend time in prayer every day.* Our schedules are busy every week, but as fathers we must continue to make prayer the highest priority. Find a place in your house that you can be alone with God and spend time seeking him on behalf of your family. It will bless your family and teach them the importance of prayer.

Pray as a family as well. Jesus not only taught us how to pray, he encourages us to pray together.

Matthew 18:20 says "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Remember, kids don't always do what you say, but they will become what you are.

It is so important that father's model for their kids what it means to seek God.

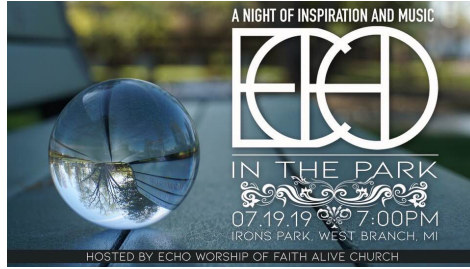
Lead by example - Happy Father's Day!

Echo Worship to perform in Irons Park

"Music is universal...it is something that connects us to God and touches people's hearts. Music is scriptural and we learn scripture by the music we sing." – Brian Adams, Worship Pastor, Faith Alive Church

Grab your lawn chair, invite your friends and join the Echo Worship Team for a night of inspiration, fellowship and great music.

To make "God's glory resound and to echo his praises," the group is hosting a free concert, 'Echo in the Park' on Friday, July 19, at 7 p.m., in Irons Park.



The band will play a mix of old standard hymns, contemporary worship music and cross-over songs from various artists, including Rascal Flatts and Dolly Parton.

"We want to reach the world...the unchurched," said lead singer and

Worship Pastor Brian Adams. "To share everything that Jesus has for us. We want them to feel closer to God to those who already know him. And, to those who don't to give them a sense of urgency to get to know him."

Performing, in addition to Brian, will be his wife, Beth; Joe and Brandy Nashatka; Rich Casanova; Jim Beck; Megan Heintz; Julisa Westheim; Johnny Kler and Glenn Gutierrez.

For more information, including corporate or individual sponsorship opportunities, contact Brian at 989-390-1508



"He's funny, cares about me. I can't think of anything else." – Nathan, 10, son of Mike

"Because he's nice and funny. He loves me and I love him." – Isabella, 3, daughter of Mike

"My daddy goes golfing with me. One time we went putt-putt. He helps me and lets me help him make breakfast." – Katie, 8, daughter of Matthew

"He helps me. He loves me. He's really awesome." – Sydney, 6, daughter of Matthew

"He lets me go hunting with him. He does let me ride around on the four-wheeler. He always makes me happy when I'm sad and that's it." – Monika, 11, daughter of Bryan

"Because she lets me watch horror movies with her. She lets me walk the dog, Hugo. She takes me to Busters. She's just really cool." – Emma, 10, daughter of Britney, who serves in the role of mom and dad

"Lots of reasons. He's really funny and likes to play with us. He works at UPS, which is really cool. He's the best dad

ever." – Abigail, 10, daughter of Matthew

"Because he helps pay the bills and feeds me. He bought me a dirt bike. That's all I can think of." – Logan, 8, son of Lucas

"Well, he's really strong. He owns a gun and has a lot of swords. He's really nice. He's the best dad I would ever want." – Nathan, 12, son of Matthew

"Because he's nice, sweet and gets me Kinder Eggs sometimes. He does nice things for my mom like massages her back and scratches it when she's itchy. That's it." – Annabelle, 7, daughter of Bradley

"Because he takes me to see my grandfather. He gets me Kinder Eggs. Yeah, that's it." – Vanessa, 6, daughter of Michael

"Cuz he takes me to church, takes me to the park and that's it." – Logan, 7, son of Darrell

"Whenever I ask him to do something, he does it. He's there for me when I need him." – Robbie, 10, son of Carl

"I have two dads. One lets me work on race cars with him. My (other) daddy works for the Army and I love him a lot." – Cailyn 7, daughter of Bobby and Andy

"(I have two dads). My (dad) lets us buy any games we want on our tablets. I love him a lot. My other dad lets us drink whenever we ask him. I just love him a lot." – Ava, 7, daughter of Brandon and



Recently, a group of FAC volunteer set out to beautify downtown West Branch by planting flowers up and down Houghton Avenue. Next time you're in town, be sure to check out their handiwork. See more photos on the App.

Gone Bowling

The Crossfire Teens go for strikes. See bowling photos on the App.



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Wed: Life Groups®

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FAC Crossfire teens recently held a going away party for one of Crossfire's volunteer youth leaders and iron group leader, Andrew Barna at Hi-Score Lanes.

The kids had a great time bowling a few frames and enjoying some cake with Andrew. Crossfire wishes you well at your new job downstate.

