

Parents of 7th and 8th graders,

We're excited to serve you and your students through an event that we hope will supplement and cement some of the most important conversations you'll ever have with them.

On Saturday, **September 22**, from 9am to 5pm, you're encouraged to accompany your 7th or 8th grade student to BAFBC's first annual **Purity for Life** event. This day will serve you as one piece of the puzzle of guiding your son or daughter toward Milestone 4: Purity for Life. The most crucial aspect of that journey happens away from the BAFBC campus, during Faith Talks and through God Moments that you utilize over time to sow the seeds of God's design for purity in your student's heart. The all-day event at church, where you and your student will gather to be challenged with other students and their parents, will be most valuable if it is only one step in that more private journey toward your student's commitment to God's design for sex.

We want you to know ahead of time that the sessions that day, which will include break-outs for guys and girls, will be blunt and candid as we join you in ministering to students who are part of a "perverse generation" and live in a tragically sex-saturated culture. Topics such as **STDs, pornography, homosexuality, oral sex, and masturbation** will be referenced with sensitivity, but in an effort to present the truth about God's plan for sexuality and the "way out" of temptation that He promises (1 Corinthians 10:13). We'll balance the discussion of sexual sin and consequences with the beauty of God's design for sexuality, the depth of the grace and forgiveness He offers us in Christ, and practical tips for pursuing purity in a radically impure culture. Because of the nature of the information that will be covered at the event, **your prior, foundational conversations about sex with your student will be important.** (*A Faith Talk has been included with this letter that we encourage you to discuss with your student before Purity for Life.*) If you haven't already picked up a copy of *Preparing Your Son for Every Man's Battle* by Arteburn or *Preparing Your Daughter for Every Woman's Battle* by Ethridge, there's still time to do so and engage in several conversations with your student before the event. You will have time throughout the day at the Purity for Life event to talk and pray privately with your student, for the purpose of further applying what he or she is learning. You'll also be equipped that day with resources for further discipleship of your student on the topic of sexual purity.

Please note that **students must be accompanied by at least one parent, grandparent or guardian** to the Purity for Life event. You can **register online** at www.bafbc.org/purity4life. Registration closes after **September 15**. The cost to attend is

\$15 per person and does **not** include whatever activities you choose to purchase for your student at Main Event during our afternoon activities.

Saturday Schedule:

9:00 - 10:00	Opening Session
10:00 - 11:30	Breakout 1 (Separate Sessions for Guys and Girls)
11:30 - 12:00	Panel Discussion
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch (Separate Parent Session)
12:45 - 1:45	Breakout 2 (Separate Sessions for Guys and Girls)
2:00 - 2:30	Time of Commitment
2:30 - 5:00	Main Event Bash
	<i>(Your family may decide what activities you want to pay for at Main Event. Games of bowling with shoe rental are \$6.50-7.50/hour. Games of laser tag are \$7 and last 30 minutes. Billiard tables can be rented for \$12/hour.)</i>

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In Christ,
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