



## EVENT REPORT

### The Kairos Winter Conference

From January 2-4 over 400 students gathered in Columbus, Ohio, for the annual Kairos Winter Conference. This year we pressed into the theme of Hope for the World. We were blessed to have John Keating, the keynote speaker, address what hope is and how to grow in hope for our personal lives. Of the most noteworthy highlights was the transformation of the hotel foyer and conference room into a house of intercession Saturday evening. For one hour the students did a pilgrimage of prayer, stopping at various intercession stations to pray for the needs of the world -- through him who *is* the hope for the world. Sunday Ryan O'Hara and Rosemary Thornton issued a clear call to go forward as missionaries of hope to our families, friends, campuses and to the whole world. May the Lord help us to respond to that call with *all of our lives for the rest of our lives.*

~ Brian Fischer

HOPE  
FOR THE  
WORLD

## "THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT"

That phrase usually is used as a light excuse to avoid personal responsibility for something.

But what if it isn't just an excuse? In the Gospel of Mark Jesus brings freedom to a boy by dealing with the real issue the boy was facing: the devil.

Although this newsletter primarily is concerned with helping youth workers and parents understand the youth "world," it is important to consider the one who is the power behind the world.

What role does Satan play in the youth culture world?

### HOW DARK DOES IT GET?

In music, especially within certain sub-genres of heavy metal music, things can get very dark. The key words to describe the heavy metal genre are nihilistic, loud and distorted. It is described by those who like it as "the sensory equivalent of war." The primary themes are violence, sex and the occult. Characteristic behavior of concert-goers include head-



banging, moshing (shoving each other) and thrusting fists into the air to a strong, pulsing beat.

Get into heavy metal further, into the sub-genres of death metal and black metal, and the lyrics get darker, more clearly blasphemous,



anti-Christian, satanic and suicidal. These forms of heavy metal use high-pitched screaming and a vocal technique called *death growling*. Bands like Gorgoroth use corpse-paint makeup (white face-paint with black highlights) to intensify the imagery of evil, inhumanity and corpse-like decay. Satanic symbols (inverted crosses, the pentagram and impaled goat heads) characterize many bands.

Some successful bands include Cradle of Filth, Slayer, Bullet for My Valentine and Megadeth.

### HOW WIDESPREAD IS IT?

The new album, *Death Magnetic*, by the heavy metal band Metallica came out in September 2008. It sold 490,000 copies the first week. It was the **seventh** best-selling album in the world in 2008, even though it was on sale for less than four months. Heavy metal music outsold Christian music by nearly two to one in the USA in 2008.

According to the [New York Times](#), 68% of Americans believe in Satan, 28% believe in evolution.

## Deliver Us from Evil

The Lord's prayer might be better translated from the Greek as "deliver us from the evil one." At least some of the temptation we encounter comes not from the world or the flesh but from the devil. As parents and youth workers we personally experience the slings and arrows, the lies and temptations, of the evil one. The same is true for our youth.

They too are under the attack of the evil one, but when was the last time they received prayer to be delivered from his work?

There are at least four good reasons to believe your children are under spiritual attack from the evil one: because the Lord said so, because they are Christians, because they are human and because the evil one is, well, evil. We can help youth be delivered from evil by praying with them.

### PRAYING WITH YOUTH

When praying with your children or the youth in your youth group, it is helpful to keep a few things in mind.

Some temptations, possibly most, are **attacks on the mind**. They are lies from the Father of Lies. The three most helpful things we can do are 1) expose the lie, that is, bring it into the light 2) rebuke the lying spirit in the name of Jesus and 3) pray for strength for the person not to believe the lie anymore.

Some temptations are **attacks on the emotions**. Often discouragement, anger and fears faced by youth are magnified by the evil



one. Simply identifying that this is the case can help youth deal with their emotions better, but praying with them is important to do also.

Some temptations are **attacks on the will**. In such cases it is important for the person to renounce the spirit at work on their will and reclaim their freedom in Christ. It is then possible to bind the spirit in prayer and to ask the Lord to strengthen the person's resolve not to yield again.

When youth workers and/or parents pray with youth for deliverance two good things result. First, the devil is bound and limited in his power over them. Second, those receiving the prayer experience a support alliance with those who pray with them. Together they have faced and defeated a common enemy.

Have you prayed with your youth lately?

For more information on praying with youth for deliverance [click here](#) or go to: [www.kairos-na.org/supportdocs.htm](http://www.kairos-na.org/supportdocs.htm).

***"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." ~1 John 3:8***

## SEARCH ME LORD

WORDS SEARCHED ON GOOGLE  
RESULTS ARE IN  
MILLIONS OF HITS

SATAN	35
HEAVY METAL	52
DEVIL	135
CHRIST	135
BIBLE	152
JESUS	209
PORN	250
LORD	277
OBAMA	350
CHURCH	394
CHRISTIAN	445
GOD	539
SEX	768
MUSIC	2,000

### *If You Seek Amy*

Britney Spears' latest song is entitled: *If You Seek Amy*. Some think it is her most catchy tune ever. The lyrics **read**:

*All of the boys and  
all of the girls want to  
if you seek Amy.*

When you **hear** the song it says:

*All of the boys and  
all of the girls want to  
\*.\*.\*K. me.*

A few stations have refused to air it. Some are editing it. Many are playing it as is.

Most news stories just cover parents who are angry. Internet bloggers almost all say the song is great, censoring it is wrong and parents should just get over it.