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Youth Ministry Studies (pre-2000)

Effective Christian Education: A National Study of Protestant Congregations: 1988-89

Search Institute - A Quantitative Study

The Study: A quantitative study of youth in protestant congregations.

Focus: Who do 7-12 graders identify as the key faith formative influences in their lives?

The Results:

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| • Mother | 74% female | 81% male |
| • Father | 50% female | 61% male |
| • Pastor | 44% female | 57% male |
| • Grandparent | 29% female | 30% male |
| • Youth group | 30% female | 30% male |
| • Friends | 29% female | 22% male |
| • Camp | 28% female | 20% male |

Faith Factors, 1997

Dr. Wesley Black, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

www.faithfactors.com

The Study: A qualitative study of Baptist youth ministries

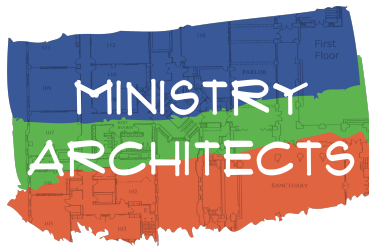
Focus: What are the characteristics of exemplary youth ministry congregations?

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The Results:

- Mission/service opportunities
- Youth in leadership roles
- Meaningful involvement of youth
- Strong youth workers
- Warm, caring ministry/fellowship that reflects warm/caring youth minister
- Formal and informal interactions
- High level of expectations
- Sufficient budget
- Pastoral support
- Family support
- Sense that God is doing something
- Strong inviter orientation
- Intentionally evangelistic

Eight Faith Factors, 1998

Dr. Roland Martinson, Luther Seminary

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The Study: A qualitative study of young adults in Lutheran and Baptist Churches.

The Challenge: approximately 10% of baptized children/youth continue in the life of the church and “grow in grace”/vocation leadership within the faith community and its mission in the world.

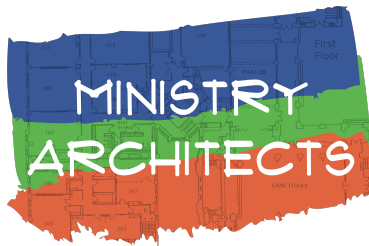
Focus: What are the key factors that positively influence college age

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students in their faith?

The Results:

- Faith integrated into family identity and practice
- Three or more adults of vital faith
- Service in Jesus name
- Apprenticed to leadership in church
- Engaging, meaningful congregational experience that involved youth
- Excellent Senior high/young adult ministry
- Strong Christian friends
- Support in personal crisis

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