

# Why You Should Not Trust Your Children To A Youth Pastor

Here is a comment on Facebook from a parent who trusted her 12 year old daughter to a 30+ year old youth pastor:

*XXXXX (name-omitted), I will be posting your picture here every day so that nobody forgets the horrible things and all the hurt that you put on so many innocent people including all the mind games that you played on my precious daughter, YYYYY (name-omitted) who at the time of these atrocities was not even eighteen years of age. I hope that you are charged by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with every maximum charge allowable by the law. I will not stop posting this until you are convicted, and you will be. May God show as much mercy on you as you showed on all of your victims as well as all of the adults who trusted you. You were a fast talker then, can't wait to see how you fast talk your way out of this one. I will stare you down at every court proceeding until the proceedings come to a conclusion. One thing you didn't think about when you were hurting all these innocent children and some of their parents is that God's punishment and wrath is far worse than anything that a human being can think of doing to you. I hope you don't sleep at night knowing what you have done. You have robbed me and many of our peace and security since 2010 and i pray what you did haunts you every day of your life. I hope you remember and see each and every person you hurt as you walk thought life. No amount of punishment that the courts can do to you will ever equal the pain you have caused to me and so many. God help you, you will need all the help you can get. - written by the mother of a girl victimized by a youth pastor.*

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NOTE: The above referenced youth pastor apparently committed suicide while out on bail, rather than face the consequences of his actions.

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## Is It Just A Few Bad Apples?

Regarding the above horror story you may say "Well, that's just one bad apple. Most youth pastors are not like that." To that I would ask **How in the world would YOU know?** And also, take a good hard look at Appendix A below for just a truncated sampling of news articles about youth pastors charged with criminal behavior, sexual and otherwise. And how many bad apples is **too many** for parents with vulnerable children who could be violated and then traumatized for a lifetime?

## Cause & Effect Of Living In A Grossly Immoral

## **Society**

First of all, we live in a world full of sexual temptation including massive amounts of Internet porn, sexually explicit TV shows, news programs, movies, commercials, and a world FULL of promiscuous men and women, immoral role models, schools that preach moral relativism, and ever more scantily-clad and makeup-laden girls and women. In fact, today's mothers have no clue as to how immodest they are themselves. You can go on Facebook and see photos of pastor's wives showing as much makeup and as much cleavage as anyone outside of the Church. Women around the world have been desensitized - to their own immodesty - for decades by the media and the world around them.

Living in an immoral society of course does not justify the actions of sexual predators by any means... but it does in fact show the law of cause and effect.... a godless society cannot and SHOULD NOT expect to find very many godly youth pastors. Parents need to STRONGLY warn their daughters about the dangers of dressing immodestly and the even greater dangers of being alone around men. It would help the children to read stories (minus all the gory details) about how children just like them got hurt by people and how those situations can happen - by being alone with someone of the opposite sex for starters. Parents also need to repeatedly teach their children, not only when to say "no" or "stop", they also to REPORT to their parents any violations of standards of behavior towards their children, especially the most serious violations, by other children as well as by adults.

## **The Problem - Unbiblical Methods Of Hiring**

Second of all, the typical church leadership does not even have ANY IDEA of the moral character of their fellow church leaders, since they SELDOM - if ever - raise up leaders from within the local congregation and when they do chose leaders from outside the church their main criteria is rarely "moral character" but rather, what scholastic accomplishments do the candidates for leadership have and where did they preach or teach previously and how good are they at attracting youth, at attracting new members and at keeping tithe-payers in the pews.

### **The moral of this story is simply this:**

If you don't teach your children how to survive in a predatory world, they will undoubtedly become victims of predators... predators disguised as boyfriends, youth pastors, school teachers and even aunts, uncles and cousins. Who do you think is locked up in so many of the sexual crimes wards of today's prison system?

Likewise, if a church is selfish and lazy when it comes to locating staff, they too will become victims, especially the congregations of these lazy and selfish churches.

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## APPENDIX A

### Sample Of Search Results For The Phrase “Youth Pastor Charged”

#### **Youth pastor charged with murder in fight outside Las Vegas ...**

A California youth pastor has been charged with murder after a man he allegedly put in a coma during a violent confrontation in a Las Vegas parking lot died.

#### **California pastor Robert Cox arrested for killing father in ...**

A California youth pastor has been charged with murder after a fight with a Las Vegas man last year ultimately led to his death. Robert Cox of Manteca, California was ...

#### **Youth Pastor Charged, Accused Of Having ... - CBS Pittsburgh**

A local youth pastor has been arrested for allegedly having a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old girl.

#### **Robert Cox, California youth pastor, faces murder charge in ...**

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LAS VEGAS - A California youth pastor faces a murder charge after an altercation outside a Las Vegas pub last summer that led to a man's death months later.

#### **Former Oakville youth pastor charged with alleged sexual assault**

A 28-year-old former Oakville youth pastor has been charged in an alleged sexual assault of a teen. The Halton police Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Unit received a ...

#### **SEXUAL ABUSE: Youth Pastor Arrested | whotv.com**

Des Moines police arrested a former youth pastor and charged him with sexual abuse. “This has been going on for a brief period of time, but I can't go into ...

#### **Bastrop youth pastor charged in sex assault case | KXAN.com**

A former youth pastor is facing sex assault charges after he was accused of having sex with a 15-year-old girl. Bastrop Sheriff's Office said they arrested

25-year ...

### **Youth pastor accused of sexual relations with young girls ...**

A youth pastor at a Rowan County church has been fired and charged after he was accused of having sexual relationships with young girls.

### **Youth pastor charged with sexual abuse | Local News - KCCI**

Ryan McKelvey, 27, of Des Moines, is charged with two counts of third-degree sexual abuse and two counts of sexual exploitation by a counselor or therapist.

### **Youth Pastor Charged Over Alleged Sexual Activity With Teen ...**

A youth pastor in Westmoreland County has been arrested for allegedly engaging in sexual activity with a 15-year-old girl.

### **Youth pastor accused of having inappropriate relationship ...**

MARTINSVILLE, Ind. (June 29, 2015) - A Martinsville youth pastor has been charged with four felonies involving a girl in his youth group. Twenty-six-year-old Jeremy ...

### **Pastor charged with murder after man dies - NY Daily News**

A California pastor has been charged with murder after a man died following an altercation with the pastor and a group of his youth ministry interns a year ago in Las ...

### **Former Youth Pastor Charged with Rape - WBKO**

HANCOCK COUNTY, Ky (WBKO) -Police say a youth pastor in Hancock County is charged with rape. Monday morning, Kentucky State Police arrested Joshua Whicker of ...

### **Garland youth pastor arrested for sex assault at church**

A Garland youth pastor was arrested Friday for sexually assaulting a 14-year-old, possession of child porn, and online solicitation of a minor, Sachse police say.

### **Youth pastor arrested on sex abuse charges - kgw.com**

Detectives on Wednesday arrested a Marion County youth pastor on sex abuse charges.

### **Pastor Arrested: Derek Hutter Minister Charged With Sex Abuse**

Derek Hutter, youth pastor and minister of a Texas church, has been arrested for sex abuse, along with two other charges, KHOU reports today. According to

### **Wyckoff youth pastor charged with sex assault - News ...**

A youth pastor in a Wyckoff church has been charged with sex assault and

child endangerment in connection with alleged physical contact and text messages ...

### **Canaan youth pastor charged with sexual abuse of a young girl ...**

CANAAN, Maine (NEWS CENTER) — Maine State Police have arrested the youth pastor of a youth ministry group and charged him with sexual abuse of a young girl.

### **Youth Pastor Charged With Sex Assault - ABC News**

Justin Amoroso, the former youth pastor of a Colorado Springs, Colo., church is charged with sexual assault on a 14-year-old girl, and police say they fear there may ...

### **Youth pastor charged with raping teenage girl | www.ajc.com**

A youth pastor at a Pennsylvania church has been charged following accusations that he forced a teenager to have sex with him on more than one occasion.

### **Grandville youth pastor arrested on sex charges | Fox17**

GRANDVILLE, Mich. - A former youth pastor at a Grandville church was arrested on sex charges this week. The following is a news release by the Grandville ...

### **'Decent guy' youth pastor charged with sexually abusing 5 ...**

The arrest of a Maine youth pastor on child sex abuse charges has shocked some congregants — but at least one neighbor suspected he “seemed a little different ...

### **Youth pastor charged with child porn possession - WESH**

A youth pastor in Titusville has been charged after authorities found several videos on his computer of young girls performing sex acts, the Florida Department of Law ...

### **Muscle Shoals children's minister charged with child sex ...**

MUSCLE SHOALS, Alabama - A youth pastor arrested Tuesday on 35 counts of child pornography and sex abuse has been on the staff of Highland Park Baptist for 16 years ...

### **Youth pastor arrested for sexually abusing a child ...**

Authorities said a youth pastor has been arrested on charges of sexually abusing a child twice in the last three months.

### **Youth pastor accused of having sex with teen - WTSP.com**

Youth pastor accused of having sex with teen. A former youth minister at a Lakeland church has been arrested for allegedly having sex with a 15-year-old

girl sometime ...

### **Plum youth pastor charged with raping teenage girl - WTAE**

A man who was a youth pastor at Amplify Church is accused of raping a 16-year-old girl, then having consensual sex with her several more times, according to police.

### **Hot Springs youth pastor arrested in rape investigation**

A Hot Springs youth pastor accused of rape has been arrested, according to the Garland County sheriff's department.

### **Local youth pastor charged with rape appears in court - WPSD ...**

Local youth pastor charged with rape appears in court - WPSD Local 6: Your news, weather, and sports authority

### **Brooks former youth pastor charged with 1st-degree rape**

A former youth pastor for the Brooks Assembly of God church made his initial appearance in court today and was formally charged with 10 counts of first-degree rape.

### **Canaan youth pastor charged with sexually abusing girl ...**

Maine State Police have arrested and charged a youth pastor with unlawful sexual contact.

### **Former Anson youth pastor arrested for indecency with a child**

A former youth pastor in Anson is out of jail and out of a job after police say he had an inappropriate relationship with an underage girl in his youth group. 26 year ...

### **Married Youth Director Charged With Raping 16-Y-O Girl ...**

A former youth pastor from Amplify church in Plum, Pennsylvania is facing multiple charges associated with the rape of a 16-year-old girl he was charged ...

### **Canaan youth pastor charged with sexual abuse of a young girl ...**

CANAAN, Maine (NEWS CENTER) — Maine State Police have arrested the youth pastor of a youth ministry group and charged him with sexual abuse of a young girl.

### **Kannapolis youth pastor arrested on child sex charges - WCNC**

Kannapolis youth pastor arrested on child sex charges. A former youth pastor at a church in Kannapolis is behind bars on charges of statutory rape and indecent liberties.

### **Kannapolis youth pastor charged with sex offenses against 13 ...**

A Kannapolis youth pastor has been arrested and charged with sex offenses against a 13-year-old church member. Benjamin Ross Hollifield, 25, of Salisbury, is in the ...

### **Garland Youth Pastor Arrested for Sex Assault at Church**

GARLAND - A Garland youth pastor was arrested Friday for sexually assaulting a 14-year-old, possession of child porn, and online solicitation of a minor, Sachse ...

### **Youth pastor charged with child seduction - wave3.com ...**

In June, Indiana State Police detectives were asked by the Scott County Division of Family and Children to conduct an investigation about a child seduction ...

### **NYPD Cop and Pastor Arrested, Charged With Rape of 16-Year ...**

Officer Vladimir Sosa is also a pastor at ... An officer with the New York City Police Department has been arrested and ... met the 16-year-old at the youth ...

### **Md. Youth Pastor Charged With Child Porn After Police ...**

A youth pastor was arrested and charged with possession of child pornography after police found thousands of images of female babies, toddlers, prepubescent girls and ...

### **Aliso Viejo Youth Pastor Charged With Sexually ... - CBS Local**

A youth pastor for an Aliso Viejo church pleaded not guilty Thursday to charges of sexually assaulting five boys at church-related events.

### **Former youth pastor charged with abuse - Baptist News Global**

By Bob Allen. A Southern Baptist church in Alabama pledged to cooperate with police following the arrest of a former youth minister charged with sexually abusing a ...

### **Marion County youth pastor arrested, faces 15 counts of sex ...**

A Marion County youth pastor was arrested and charged with sex abuse Wednesday morning, authorities said. Peter Bass, 36, of Brooks was taken to Marion County Jail ...

### **Youth Pastor Charged with Child Rape and Molestation |**

## **KTLA**

CARPENTERIA — A youth pastor at a Carpinteria church is in custody on child sex charges. Louis Joseph Bristol, 28, is charged with multiple counts of

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## **Pekin Youth Pastor Charged | Newsradio 1240 & 107.5 FM WTAX**

Pekin Youth Pastor Charged. 2 years ago in Local. Photo: Newsradio WTAX. Authorities have charged a former youth pastor with sexual abuse of a young child in Peoria ...

## **Titusville youth pastor arrested on child porn charges**

Titusville youth pastor arrested on child porn charges Lucas Dillon Brandenburg, 30, of Titusville was arrested Thursday on 10 counts of possession of ...

## **Tolleson PD: Youth pastor Robert Jerez arrested for having**

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TOLLESON, AZ - A Tolleson youth pastor has been arrested for having a sexual relationship with an underage member of his church. Court records show 35-year ...

## **Youth pastor, school volunteer charged with sex crimes ...**

A youth pastor at the New Banklick Baptist Church in Walton is facing sexual abuse charges, church officials confirmed to FOX19 NOW.

## **Youth pastor arrested on allegations of raping 13 year old | KATV**

A Hot Springs youth pastor was arrested after rape allegations by a 13-year-old girl in his youth group. Hot Springs police say Andrew Jackson, 28, was arrested ...

## **Director of Youth Ministry in Canaan Charged with Unlawful**

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A Canaan youth pastor accused of sexually abusing a young girl has posted bail. State Police say 37-year-old Lucas Savage of Clinton was arrested Friday evening and ...

## **Former Jefferson County youth pastor charged with ... - AL.com**

Former Jefferson County youth pastor charged with sex abuse; alleged incidents happened 30 years ago in 3 Alabama counties

## **Grandville youth pastor arrested on sex charges | WOODTV.com**

GRANDVILLE, Mich. (WOOD) — A former Grandville youth pastor was arrested after allegedly touching a teen girl inappropriately. Police say



Jeremiah Behrens used his ...

### **Former youth pastor charged; - The Union Democrat**

A former Sonora church youth pastor is accused of having a multi-year sexual relationship with a young teen. The District Attorney's Office has charged Ember Dawn ...

### **POLICE: Scott Co., Indiana youth pastor arrested on child ...**

Brien Stout is accused of having an inappropriate relationship with a member of a youth group over which he was a pastor.

### **Arkansas youth pastor arrested for rape of 13-year-old**

Arkansas youth pastor arrested for rape of 13-year-old. LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (KTHV) - On Monday, a Hot Springs youth pastor was arrested for rape of a 13-year-old girl.

### **Youth pastor arrested; foster child described 3 years of ...**

Investigation into youth pastor charged with rape . Joseph Niemeyer, Jr. is accused of abusing a foster child. (Kenton Co. Police)

### **Wentzville school worker, youth pastor charged with child ...**

Cameron Patterson, of Lake Saint Louis, was charged with two counts of child molestation. He is an employee of the Wentzville School District and a youth pastor at a ...

### **Youth pastor fired by California church and arrested for rape ...**

A youth pastor in Orange County, California, has been arrested by the police Friday after several women surfaced and accused him of rape.

### **California Youth Pastor Arrested for Sex Crimes - ABC News**

A 28-year-old youth pastor in California has been arrested for sex crimes against young girls in his congregation and for possession of child pornography.

### **Youth pastor arrested after police find him in car with 13 ...**

A youth pastor in San Bernardino has been arrested after he was caught in the back of a car with a 13-year-old girl, authorities said Wednesday.

### **Youth pastor arrested in Boulder sex assault case | FOX31 Denver**

BOULDER, Colo. — A youth pastor at Vinelife Church in unincorporated Boulder County was arrested and charged with sexual assault. According to Boulder ...

### **Youth pastor and girls soccer team coach arrested in**

## **Williamstown**

A youth pastor and girls soccer coach from Williamstown is arrested after his home is raided, The News Center has learned.

## **Former youth pastor charged in church sex act enters guilty**

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MADISON COUNTY, Ind. (WTHI) – A former Vincennes, Indiana youth pastor charged with sexual misconduct with a minor entered a guilty plea Wednesday in a Madison ...

## **Pa. youth pastor allegedly performed sex acts with girl, 15 ...**

Youth pastor Brian Keith Smith of Westmoreland County is charged with aggravated indecent assault, indecent assault, corruption of minors and possession of child ...

## **Youth pastor charged with raping teenage girl |**

**www.wftv.com**

A youth pastor at a Pennsylvania church has been charged following accusations that he forced a teenager to have sex with him on more than one occasion.

## **Youth pastor charged with rape - MS Net News Now**

Joshua Whicker, former youth pastor at Mount Eden Church in Hawesville, now faces two counts of rape.

## **Florida youth pastor busted for sharing child pornography ...**

A Florida youth pastor has been busted for reportedly victimizing the same age group he set out to serve. Lucas Dillon Brandenburg, 30, was arrested ...

## **Plum youth pastor charged with raping girl, 16 - Yahoo News**

A Plum youth pastor is charged with raping an underage girl he met at Amplify Church and then continuing their relationship

## **Plum Borough youth pastor charged with raping girl, 16 | WPXI**

A youth pastor at a Plum Borough church has been charged following accusations that he forced a teenager to have sex with him on more than one occasion.

## **Jason Roberson, VineLife**

### **Church Youth Pastor, Charged With ...**

VineLife youth pastor Jason Allen Roberson, 35, was arrested by Boulder police on Sept. 4, but it wasn't until this week that detectives began issuing ...

## **Youth pastor's arrest affects two churches - Baptist News**

## **Global**

By Bob Allen. Two prominent Southern Baptist churches in Oklahoma are cooperating with police after the arrest of a youth pastor charged with sending inappropriate ...

## **Youth pastor charged with soliciting minors - KARE11.com**

Youth pastor charged with soliciting minors. SAVAGE, Minn. - A children's pastor at a Savage church has been accused of soliciting a minor in Pope County.

## **Youth pastor, Wentzville School employee charged with child ...**

Youth pastor, Wentzville School employee charged with child molestation. A youth pastor and Wentzville school employee has been charged with child molestation.

## **Youth pastor arrested on suspicion of sexual assault - The ...**

News: Youth pastor arrested on suspicion of sexual assault | church, victims, aday, suspicion, county, orange, sheriff, youth, hallock, pastor

## **Brooks youth pastor fired, arrested for sex abuse - KOIN 6**

A youth pastor in Brooks, an unincorporated community north of Salem, has been arrested over claims of sexual abuse, the Marion County Sheriff's Office confirmed in a ...

## **Youth pastor charged in sex assault of girl, 13 | The ...**

The youth pastor at a southeastern Ohio church has been charged with sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl in the congregation.

## **Youth pastor arrested on sexual assault charges - KXII**

SHERMAN, Texas — An area church youth leader turned himself in to police after being accused of sexually assaulting a child.

## **Youth pastor in Irwin arrested on child porn charges | TribLIVE**

The youth pastor at a nondenominational church in Irwin, who was arrested Thursday in Monroeville, had the largest collection of child pornography seen in recent ...

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