

**T**here is no fear in LOVE. But perfect LOVE drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.

1 John 4:18

- ✓ Are you interested in understanding the developmental needs of your adolescent?
- ✓ Are you preparing for a child entering the adolescent world?
- ✓ Are you scared, uneasy, concerned - due to what others told you about parenting adolescents?
- ✓ How does adoption affect the parenting role of adolescents?
- ✓ Do you want to build your toolbox with effective and satisfying tools that will honor God and yourself while building a peaceful and authentic relationship with your adolescent?

Come join us to learn how our own fears affect the parenting process and learn how to move from seeing problems to finding solutions, and how to be a "peaceful" parent.

#### Sponsoring Agencies:

Christian Family Services  
Bethany Christian Services  
of South Carolina



Date: Saturday, November 12, 2011

Time: 8:30 Registration  
9:00 – 4:00 Program



Place: Westminster Presbyterian Church  
1300 India Hook Road  
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29732



Format: Parents hear speaker for the day, while the teens meet in a breakout group. At the end of the day, parents and teens meet together for wrap-up.



Limitations: Parents of children of all ages may attend, but teen participants must be no younger than 13 years of age.

#### Speaker for Parents:

**Debi A. Grebenik, Ph.D.**, the director of a foster care and adoption agency in Colorado. She is also a part-time adjunct professor and a licensed clinical social worker. She has a private counseling practice for adoptive parents experiencing challenges with their children. She and her husband reside in Colorado and have several children and grandchildren. Debi has been featured on *Focus on the Family* and has contributed articles for their publications related to adoption and parenting.

#### Facilitator for Teens:

**Yolanda "Bert" Fields, LMSW** of Bethany Christian Services. While working for Children Unlimited (CU), an adoption agency that specializes in recruiting, preparing, and supporting families for children from foster care, Bert pioneered CU's "Adolescent/Teen/Parent Support Group Weekend," the model for this workshop. She now serves as the assistant state director of Bethany Christian Services of South Carolina.



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**Registration Fee:**

\$20 per person  
\$50 maximum per family

**How to Register:**

Complete form and mail check made out to Christian Family Services no later than **October 31, 2011**.

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Teen Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Teen Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

(Please use additional sheets if needed)

Does your teen have any special needs?

Does registrant have any dietary restrictions?

Send to: Christian Family Services  
PO Box 36426  
Rock Hill, SC 29732

# It's NOT About Me!

Raising Adolescents  
with Peace and  
Not Fear



A Workshop for Families Who  
Adopted Infants and Young Children  
Who Are Now Teenagers

**Saturday, November 12**  
**Rock Hill, SC**

## Event Schedule

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Joint session with parents and teens, introductions and instructions for the day
- 9:30 Sessions for parents and teens
- 12:00 Lunch: Deli box lunch provided
- 1:00 Sessions for parents and teens
- 3:00 Joint session with parents and teens, with wrap up
- 4:00 Adjourn



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