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Learning to Love

Ourselves, Each Other, and Our Father

Jesus promotes love. The Bible shows us over and over again the importance of love above all else. During February, the month of love, it can be easy to see this as solely a time to recognize the love we already have for those around us. Our time and special thoughts are usually devoted to our children, spouse, other family members, and friends, and these are all marvelous and worthy. However, the greatest love of all is often left unconsidered: the love of our Father.

Building a relationship with God first is the only way we can truly love others unconditionally. His love for us is eternal, and as humans we often struggle to love like Jesus, unconditionally. Through the strength of Christ, He empowers us with the ability to love each other to the fullest extent, the way he intended.

Let us recognize the One who shows us what true love is, the One who is eternally in love with us no matter what mistakes we make along the way. When we learn to love like Christ, forgiveness becomes second nature, honesty is the only option, and praying for our enemies becomes a priority. John 15:12 says, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

Free Counseling

Free counseling is available to individuals, couples, and families at Pathways to Change. The clinic is located in Smith Hall and is open Sunday through Thursday, 2-9 p.m. For more information, call: (509) 527-2654

Presidents' Day

February 15, 2016

Yearly, President's Day is honored on the third Monday in February. Take a minute to recognize efforts of past and present Presidents who have made this nation what it is today. Remember, schools and many businesses and offices will be closed this day, so plan accordingly!

Quick Trivia (answers below):

1. Where is Mount Rushmore located?
2. What are the President's names, left to right?
3. When was the building of this historical monument completed?
4. What type of rock was carved?



1. South Dakota 2. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln
3. October 31, 1941 4. Granite



Vacation Bible Camp 2016

Vacation Bible Camp this year will be Monday, June 13, through Friday, June 17. Vacation Bible School will take place in the mornings from 9-12 a.m., with daily camp field trips in the afternoon from 1- 4 p.m.

We need adults to help us make this possible! **PLEASE VOLUNTEER** if you are available. Volunteers can help with every facet of this experience for the kids: cooking, chaperoning, leading, you name it! If you are willing to help, please contact Pastor Jenn ASAP at: (682) 229-7737 or jenn.ogden@wallawalla.edu

Calendar of Events

Sabbath, February 6 (6 p.m.)

Roller Skating Night (Youth Center)

Sabbath, February 13 (9 a.m.)

Pancake Breakfast (Jr. High Room)

Sabbath, March 5 (7 p.m.)

Roller Skating Night (Youth Center)

Sabbath, March 19 (7 p.m.)

Open Gym Night (Rogers)

What We believe for Teens

by Seth J. Pierce



Cake is good. Luscious layers, delicate frosting, crumbles of chocolate, all make cake good. Cake shop windows create smiles of happiness. Blogs and magazines and friends Instagram accounts all serve as indicators that cake is good. And I know cake is good due to my extensive experience with cake. Cake is indeed delicious. So, like cake, can I know that God is good, that the Sabbath is precious, and my church family can help make me a better person? Can experience be an enriching factor in

our beliefs as it is in our daily lives? What must be added to experience to aid our faith?

Seth Pierce, a pastor in the Washington Conference, writes with humor and insight that helps teens understand why both solid Biblical foundations and personal experience can help make a faith journey one of delight. Taking on deep theological issues, Seth examines the 28 fundamental beliefs of the Adventist faith in narratives that delight and provoke thought. Combining both a strong Biblical framework and experiences, Pastor Pierce encourages teens to think about why and how

their beliefs affect their lives.

This would be a great family worship book. It is now available for loan from the Book Nook! -Pastor Jenn



Spreading Affection

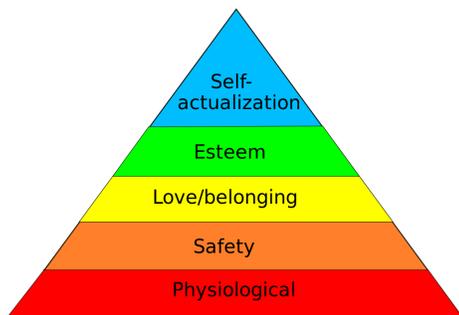
Valentine's Activity

Famous psychologist, Abraham Maslow, developed a pyramid of human needs, with the most essential at the bottom and progressing to most difficult to achieve at the top. Just after levels of Physiological (food, water, sleep), and Safety (shelter), is Love

and Belonging. All people need to feel deep connections with other people. Showing children that they are cherished and important helps them grow into loving people themselves.

One way to share your love with them is to write characteristics you admire or appreciate about them on paper and spread them

around the house. Send them on a scavenger hunt looking for the special notes (if you have more than one child, you can use different colored paper for each child). Make the notes personal, and maybe add a Hershey's kiss to each one. Kids love to be acknowledged for their accomplishments, and reassured that they are loved.



Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

JUST FOR SPROUTS:

Snap a shot of your completed puzzle (along with your name) and send it to Pastor Jenn. A special prize will be yours the following Sabbath. (682) 229-7737, or jenn.ogden@wallawalla.edu.

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- Love
- Red
- Pure
- Savior
- February
- Flowers
- Chocolate
- Devotion
- Sweet
- Angel
- Doves
- Hugs
- Kindness