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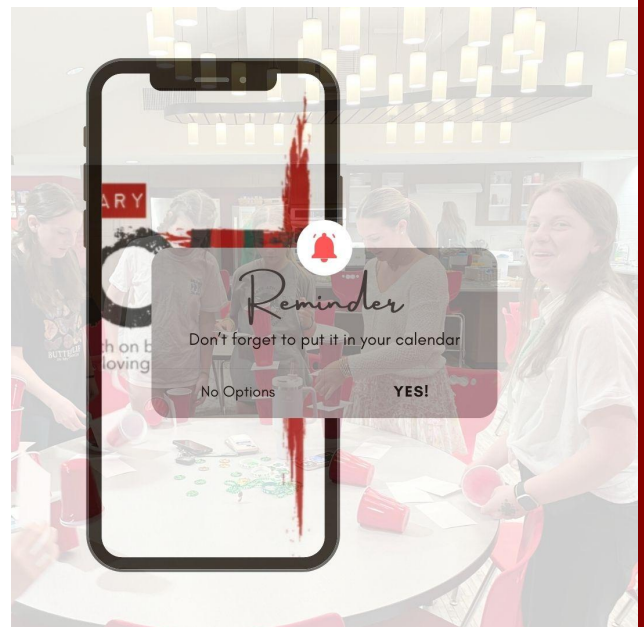
BE **HERE**
HEBREWS 10:21-25
YOU
EPHESIANS 2:10
LOVED
1 JOHN 3:1-2
BELONG
1 CORINTHIANS 13:2

THIS SUNDAY **February 16th**

- 9:00am Worship
(@Memorial Auditorium)
- 10:00am Youth Sunday school
(@Youth Commons)
- 10:00am CAYR (@112 CB)
- 10:00am Pathfinders (@307 EB)
- 11:00am In-person (@Sanctuary)
& livestream Worship
(via our **YouTube channel**)
- 5:00pm Middle School Youth group
- 6:15pm All youth dinner
- 6:45pm Senior High Youth group

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- February 20th:** Youth Leadership Team
- February 21st:** Sixers! Goes to Spare Time **Register here!**
- February 23rd:** 19th Annual Love Thy Neighbor Dinner & Auction **Register here!**
- April 25th & 26th:** Confirmation Retreat to Blowing Rock
- April 27th:** LISTEN event with Dr. Williams, author of 'Seen'
- May 11th:** Graduation Recognition Sunday
- May 18th:** Confirmation Sunday
- June 10th-12th:** Summer in the City



June 16th-20th: Vacation Bible School
July 19th-27th: YouthWorks! Senior
High Mission Trip
August 17th: Sunday school open
house & Fall Kick-Off



PAUSE & PRAY

"We love because he first loved us."

—1 John 4:19

Thoughts on Today's Verse:

As human beings, we like to think of ourselves as the center of our universe. We determine the greatness or validity of most things around us based on their impact on us. Some of us even consider ourselves great adventurers, inventors, and investigators. However, in our most important quest, we did not act first; God did. He loved us sacrificially. He loved us personally. God loved us first. Our love is a response to his grace of going first with love. Our love is simply sharing with others what has been lavished upon us. We love because he loved us first.

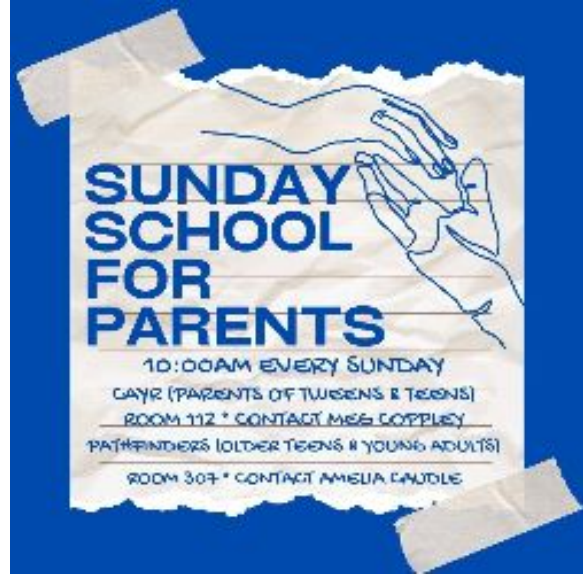
My Prayer:

Almighty God, I know that I don't fully understand the fullness of your love, but I know that you have blessed me with it in ways I could not have imagined. So please, dear Father, help me remember your great love for me when I am faced with temptation, led to doubt your grace, or wonder about my worthiness. I want your love to be reflected in my daily life. Thank you for loving me so completely. Thank you for loving me sacrificially. Thank you for loving me when I was a sinner and alienated from you. Most of all, thanks for loving first! In Jesus' name, I praise you. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PARENTS

We invite our parents to join one of our Sunday school classes. Come on up to the 4th floor Youth Commons, grab a doughnut (or Poptart!) & a cup of coffee and head down to a class of your choice. We know you will find love and community wherever you land. Our CAYR class is for parents of tweens and teens. And our Pathfinders class is

for parents of older teens and young adults. Check out all our Adult Formation offerings here:
CLASSES FOR PARENTS



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES JUST FOR YOU!

FEBRUARY 28TH - MARCH 1ST 2025

UPDATE

trust A RETREAT FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS

IN A WORLD THAT CONTINUES TO SPIN IN UNCERTAINTY AND CHAOS, WE INVITE ALL OUR JUNIORS AND SENIORS TO RETREAT AWAY FOR A WEEKEND IN THE BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINS AT BLOWING ROCK CONFERENCE CENTER NEAR BASS LAKE.

WE WILL SPEND THE WEEKEND REMEMBERING OUR CONFIRMATION & HOW WE CONTINUE TO LIVE TRUSTING THE LORD IN ALL THINGS. TOGETHER WE WILL REST, REMEMBER, AND RECOMMIT OURSELVES TO THE ONE WHO REACHES OUT TO US IN LOVE.

COST OF THE TRIP IS \$150 PER PERSON.
 REGISTRATION IS OPEN IN REALM.

TRUST:

noun. Reliance on the integrity, strength, ability, surely, etc of a person or thing; confidence.
verb. To rely upon or place confidence in someone or something. Hope.

Due to the snow last weekend, we have rescheduled our retreat for **ALL** our juniors and seniors to retreat away for a weekend in the mountains at Blowing Rock Conference Center

February 28-March 1st, 2025.

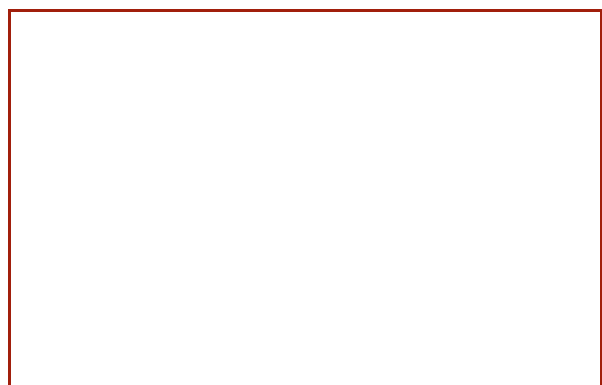
We will spend the weekend remembering our Confirmation and how we continue to live trusting the Lord in all things. Let's rest, remember, and recommit ourselves to the One who reaches out to us in love. Cost of the trip is \$150 per person (includes lodging, food, t-shirt, and transportation).

Register here!

With questions, contact **Tammy Pollock**, Director of Youth Ministries.

28 DAYS OF LOVING MORE

DAY 01 Smile at a stranger.	DAY 02 Pick up three pieces of trash by your neighborhood.	DAY 03 Leave food out for the animals.	DAY 04 Dress up for no reason.	DAY 05 Don't break one song, full volume.	DAY 06 Give a word commitment. "You're so good at parallel parking!"	DAY 07 Recreate an old photo you love.
DAY 08 Drop off dinner for someone you love.	DAY 09 Have a whole conversation in ghs.	DAY 10 Buy fresh. Browse at the grocery store.	DAY 11 Send a random "I love you" text to someone who can't hear it.	DAY 12 Learn a secret note in a book at a free little library.	DAY 13 Meet someone with a hobby. Get coffee while you're at it.	DAY 14 Buy a coffee for the person behind you in line.
DAY 15 Host a dinner for your people.	DAY 16 Put them a friend or family member, just because.	DAY 17 Go for an "oh walk" - leave the phone at home.	DAY 18 Lemon a note for someone you love where they'll find it, pocket, car etc.	DAY 19 If you know someone is having a hard time, show up both ways.	DAY 20 Send someone a note that makes you think of them.	DAY 21 Lemon your favorite local business a thoughtful Google review.
DAY 22 Make a bed in the living room and put on a movie marathon.	DAY 23 Say "no" to something that doesn't fill your cup.	DAY 24 Not easy, but substitute your dinner apple for the year.	DAY 25 Cook that recipe you've just pinned for months.	DAY 26 Choose a book from your TBR list and read before bed.	DAY 27 Invite a friend to join you on a walk.	DAY 28 Send someone "surprise" - remind them they don't need to be from scratch.



28 Days of Loving More!

It's February, the month of candy hearts and corny greeting cards, when love gets dressed up like it belongs in a Hallmark movie. But if you've lived even a little, you know the truth: real love is less "grand gestures" and more "accidentally stepping on a Lego at 2 a.m."

Love—real love—is inconvenient, awkward, and sometimes feels like trying to hug a porcupine. But it's also the thing that can keep us from unraveling.

This month author, Kate Bowler, is challenging us to **28 Days of Loving More**, and no, it's not about grand gestures or giant teddy bears. It's about the weird, small ways we show up for each other. Compliment someone's parallel parking. Recreate an old photo just because it makes you laugh. Dance to one song at full volume. (You'll feel ridiculous. Do it anyway.)

See more about Kate Bowler [here](#).



Love Thy Neighbor

The 19th annual Love Thy Neighbor Dinner, Live Auction and Paddle Raise

Sunday, February 23rd at 6:00 pm in Memorial Auditorium.

This annual event supports our Love Thy Neighbor ministry -- which builds relationships and loving care with our community in downtown Winston-Salem. Reserve your seat for a yummy dinner prepared by Chef Donald and served by our youth. Our Love Thy Neighbor leaders will share their heart and stories of this ministry so that you might know how you, too, can help us love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Tickets are \$50 per seat or \$500 to sponsor a full table of 10 seats.

**Gluten-free meals are available with your registration.*

Sign up to volunteer to help with this amazing event!

JUST ONE MORE RANDOM THOUGHT...

DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly 250 million roses are grown around the world in preparation for Valentine's Day each year. Most of the roses we gift for Valentine's Day come from Ecuador, Kenya and Columbia.

Don't forget you are loved so BIG!

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. - 1 John 4:7

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