

A Note from Pastor Phil

It is February, and the holiday of the month is Valentine's Day when we celebrate love. (Sorry, Guys! It is not the Super Bowl!) The Bible has much to say about love. The Bible uses a few words for love, and one of the Greek words for love is "Agape." It means to lay your life down for someone. It is selfless love. Jesus sets the example for this by going to the cross. He loved (Agape) us enough to go to the cross. As scripture says in Mark 8:34: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Love is behavior, not just emotion. I love the emotional aspects of love. I remember falling in love with my wife. How I would drive three hours to see her for a few hours then drive back three hours home. The emotional aspects of love are a part of God's design. Just read the Songs of Solomon. However, love is also behavior. We must choose to love.



A chapter which shows the choosing and the behavior of love is 1 Corinthians 13. This section of scripture is often read at weddings and speaks directly to the behavioral side of love. As we read in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails..." These words, patient, kind, does not envy, is not proud...all speak to behavior, a choice. We are all inherently selfish, but God, by scripture and by His Holy Spirit, can help us.

This Valentine's Day, be patient, kind, not proud...and romantic. You will find, as you sow seeds of behavior, the romantic emotional love will flourish and multiply. As we read in John 12:24: "Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." Love is the best!


BASIC College Ministries Fundraiser Meal, February 11

BASIC stands for Brothers and Sisters in Christ. This college ministry has a passion to see college students on fire for God. One way this ministry reaches the college students is to host a conference with solid Biblical teaching, passionate worship, and life-changing ministry. This is what BASICcon is all about! The next BASICcon will be held in Downtown Rochester on April 6-8, 2018, where over 600 students will be eternally impacted for Christ, and you can play a part in this!

So why the fundraiser? The purpose of the fundraiser is to raise scholarship funds to send students to the conference. This is an opportunity to help students get to a life line that will minister to their spiritual person when they need it the most. The cost for one student to attend is \$109 for registration and hotel, or \$75 for commuter registration, if registered before March 2.

The fundraiser will be held next Sunday, February 11, after the morning service. The suggested donation is \$5/person, \$20/family. For more info, contact Bekah McNeill at mcneillr.14@gmail.com.

February 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 Fantauzzo's Life Grp 6:30pm | 2 | 3 6pm In Touch Bunch dinner at WOL. Bring a dish to pass. |
| 4 Worship 10am Communion Steve Maxon NO evening programs tonight | 5 | 6 Prayer 9am | 7 First Wednesday Prayer 7pm | 8 | 9 | 10 Men's Break- fast 9am |
| 11 Worship 10am BASIC Group Youth Grp 6pm | 12 Worship Team Practice 6-8pm | 13 Prayer 9am | 14  ©wondercliparts.com | 15 Fantauzzo's Life Grp 6:30 | 16 | 17 Brentland Woods 2pm Impart Young Adults 6:30pm |
| 18 Worship 10am Pastor Phil Youth Grp 6pm Kids' Club 6pm Life Group 6pm | 19 | 20 Prayer 9am | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 FWYC 4-6pm |
| 25 Worship 10am Pastor Phil Youth Grp 6pm Membership Class 6pm | 26 Worship Team Practice 6-8pm | 27 Prayer 9am | 28 | | | |



In Touch Bunch Special Dinner, February 3

The *In Touch Bunch* will meet in the Mosaic Room at 6 pm, Saturday, February 3, for a meal and fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass, a picture of you as a baby or youth, and a good clean joke to share. Door prizes will be given, along with a prize for guessing the most pictures correctly. Our theme is "Sharing God's Love with One Another." Lorie Wright will be singing and leading the group in familiar choruses. For more information, contact John and Adele Squires at jan-dasquires@gmail.com.



Building Updates Underway!

The Auditorium walls are almost done! During construction, the Mosaic Room has been available for Sunday service. It is obvious that we need the large Auditorium, which is a good issue to have. Thank you all who helped the work crew, moved chairs, cleaned, and moved instruments during this project. The next project will be the flooring. Thank you for your faithfulness to give to the building fund as well.



New Members' Class, Sunday, February 25

Are you interested in membership at Word of Life? We would love to meet with you! On Sunday, February 25, at 6 pm, Pastor Phil will host a class for those interested in new membership or may just want to know more about our church government. If you are interested in attending this class, please contact the church office at office@wolcf.org. We would love to answer your questions.

A Note from WOL Missionaries to Asia, The Slisher Family

Dear Pastor Phil and Sheryl, and Church Family at Word of Life,

We just want to thank you for all of your support and prayers for us this past year. We appreciate all you do for us.

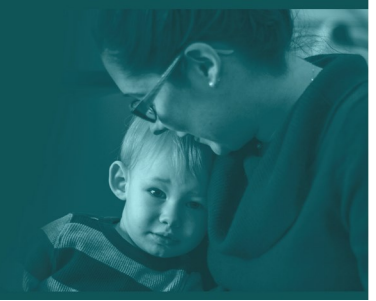
It's been great to have Andrew home with us for the holidays. He will fly back to Buffalo this week.

It has been nearly a year now since we opened Cuppajoy. We've learned a lot along the way. Thank you for your prayers for us and for His favor over the coffee shop.

With Thanks,
Matt & Stephanie and family



LIFE GROUPS



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For Kids During School Year:

Kids' Club, Grades K-5
Two Sunday nights/month 6 pm
Contact: Mrs. Kreider
jkreiderfamily@gmail.com



For Men:

Men's Breakfast
2nd Saturday/month, 9 am
Contact: Wes Hall
paracraftsplus@yahoo.com



For Youth:

Stand4 Youth Group, Ages 11-19
Sunday nights, 6 pm
Contact: Pastors Jonas & Bet Cortes
bethanycortes@wolcf.org



For Women:

Women of Promise Meeting
3rd Wednesday/month, 6:30 pm
Contact: Sheryl McNeill
office@wolcf.org



For College & Career:

Once a month
Saturday nights, 6:30 pm
Contact: Rachel Mohler
rae@4561@gmail.com



For Young Families

For those with young kids
Saturdays/monthly, 4-6 pm
Contact: Albert & Sarah Yu
sarah.d.yu@gmail.com



For College Students: BASIC

(Brothers and Sisters in Christ) RWC
Thursday nights, 7 pm
Contact: Bekah McNeill
mceillr.14@gmail.com



For Empty Nesters:

1st Saturday/month. 7 pm
Contact: John & Adele Squires
jandasquires@gmail.com



For Everyone:

Life and Leadership Training
Watch for details
Contact: Alex Seidler
alexandjodi@gmail.com



For Everyone:

Worship & Bible teaching
Wednesday nights, 7 pm
Contact: Church office
office@wolcf.org



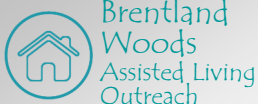
For Everyone:

Bible Study
1st & 3rd Thursday nights 6:30 pm
Contact: **Fantauzzo Family**
djfantauzzo@gmail.com



For Everyone:

Bible Study
2 Sunday nights/month, 6 pm
Contact: **D'Alessandro Family**
connie@compmedics.net



For Everyone:

Outreach
3rd Saturday/month 2 pm
Contact: Dan & Laurie Neumann
drnumann2@gmail.com