

EXPLOSION YOUTH NEWSLETTER



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Quote for the Month

“Love never fails.”
1 Corinthians 13:8

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Barrett	10
Mark Lazzaro	13
Matt Toth	14
Christy Lazzaro	22
Nikki Kwolek	25

We are sorry if we missed your birthday. To make sure we don't miss it again, please give Doug your birthday info.

Youth Meeting Times

All meetings in Youth Wing

Sunday's 11am- 12
Brunch Bunch @ Caf e
Explosion

Sunday's 6pm-8
Sr. High (Grades 9-12)

Wednesday's 7pm-8:30
Jr. High (Grades 6-8)

What Kind of Love?

When we think of February we often think of Valentine's Day, February 14. According to the U.S. [Greeting Card Association](#) approximately one billion valentines are sent each year worldwide, making the day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year behind [Christmas](#). The association estimates that women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.

Valentine's Day is a day where love is expressed through cards, flowers, gifts and even chocolate. What exactly is love. Is it an emotion, a feeling, or is it something we have to do. The best place to find out what love is, is the Bible. I Corinthians 13: 4 - 8 tells us. “*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, 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.”

This is what love is. It's not an emotion, it's not a feeling, and love is not something we turn on and off whenever we feel like it. What if God only loved us when He felt like it. What kind of love is that? Not very good. Instead, God's love for us is unconditional. No matter what we do God still loves us. He may not like what we are doing or what we did, He still loves us. In fact, God's love for you is so strong that He sacrificed His only son that the penalty of Sin and death can no longer have a hold on you. They way to fully experience God's love is to believe in Him and accept Him into your life.

God says in John 13:34 to love one another as He has loved us. How do we love others? **Through God.** I will be the first to admit that sometimes it's hard to love other people. But as Christians we have no choice but to love others.

God loves us, we receive His love, we benefit from His love and in return we show God's love to others. We love because it brings glory, honor and worship to God. You never know the impact you can have on others when you demonstrate God's love towards them.

What kind of love do you have for other people? Do you love only when you feel like it? Is your love conditional, only loving those who love you and when they do something for you or you get something out of it? Do you love the unlovable?

We love because God first loved us!

KALAHARI WATER PARK

We are taking a trip to Sandusky Ohio to Kalahari Water Park. The date is **Saturday February 14**. Yes, I do know it's Valentines Day, but we are still going. Kalahari is America's Largest indoor water park featuring 173,000 square feet of water park excitement!

We will be meeting at the church and leaving around **7:00am** and returning around **midnight**. Rick's bus is available for this trip. The cost is **\$35** per person, this includes admission and transportation. You will need extra money for your food. Space is limited, sign up early.

Friends are welcome. Make sure they have a permission slip and since we are going out of the state everyone needs a permission slip signed by their parent. Need more info see Doug or Rick.

Leader & Student of the Month

Stephanie Hanselman

(Youth Leader)

Birthday: October 10

In what City were you born: Pittsburgh

Spouse's name: I will be married on April 18, 2009 to Doug! Woo Hoo!

Do you have any brothers and sister, and what are their names: Brother - Stephen A Twin Sister - Nicole

What is your job: I am an Administrative Assistant at Baker Young Corp, it is a property management company

Favorite Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11

Favorite Food: Chicken

Favorite Color: Green/Blue

Favorite Movie: Action filled movies

Favorite Sport: Football



Who is an influential person in your life, and why: It's those who chase their dreams and keep chasing them until caught! That inspires me to try the same for my life!

What was your best/favorite vacation: It's too hard to pick one. I enjoy Florida, Ocean City MD, California too.

What did you want to be when you were growing up: A Meteorologist

Do you have any hobbies: Gardening, walking, biking

What do you like to do during free time: Try to relax and I enjoy doing my hobbies.

What is your favorite thing about coming to youth group: Definitely being around the people and learning things — Yes, even as a leader I learn too.

Clark McCarroll

(Student: Grade 8, Wilson Christian Academy)

Birthday: March 18

In what City were you born: Pittsburgh

Do you have any brothers and sister, and what are their names: No, I am an only Child

Favorite Bible verse: John 3:16

Favorite Food: Steak

Favorite Color: White

Favorite Subject: Spanish

Favorite Movie: Valkyrie

Favorite Sport: soccer



Who is an influential person in your life, and why: Probably both of my parents, I can't just pick one. They do so much for me and always keep me on the right track. They know what they're doing even though sometimes it might not seem like it.

What was your best/favorite vacation: In 2004 my family and I went to California for 2 weeks. It was really fun because I have family over there so we spent the whole time with them.

What do you want to be when you grow up: I want to be an Architect.

Do you have any hobbies: Yes, I play the drums and my friends and I play airsoft.

What do you like to do during free time: I usually play my Xbox or read if I have enough time.

What is your favorite thing about coming to youth group: I like seeing all of my friends, and I like learning more about God and Jesus. I also like beating Rick at four-square ha-ha just kidding.

PARENT MEETING

Wednesday February 11 @ 6:15 is a meeting for all parents of anyone who has a child in either Jr. High or Sr. High. The meeting will be over by 7pm. The reason for the meeting is to introduce some policies and procedures of the youth ministry for students and leaders. This meeting is for parents only. There will be adults in the youth wing to stay with the students during this time. Jr. High youth will start after the meeting at 7pm. Students, please tell your parents about this meeting or let them read this and encourage them to attend.



June 24 - 27 at the Agape Farm in Mt. Union, PA. As the nations largest Christian music festival, Creation offers jam packed days filled with the top musical artists, kids activities, worship tent and more. However, the Creation Festival is about much more than music. Creation is also about honoring the Word of God through our speakers and seminars.

If you enjoy music, camping, being outdoors, and having a great time, then this is for you. There is a group from the church planning on attending Creation 09. If you are interested in going please see Doug for more details. This event is open to everyone in the church; kids, moms, dads, and even grandparents. For info, list of artists and speakers go to www.creationfest.com.

Fund raising will be available to defer the cost of this event.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Jr. High 7-8:30pm	5	6	7
8 Sr. High 6-8pm	9	10	11 Parent's Meeting 6:15pm Jr. High 7-8:30pm	12	13	14 Kalahari Trip Leaving 7am
15 Sr. High 6-8pm	16	17	18 Jr. High 7-8:30pm	19	20	21
22 Sr. High 6-8pm	23	24	25 Jr. High 7-8:30pm	26	27	28