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Manager's Message



The season of love is upon us. At this time of year, a lot of people think, 'How do I show that special someone that I care?' Take a look at the life of Jesus – he is the role model by which we should love others. The way we should love others not only on February 14th, but all year.

-Melissa Barth

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Giants



Did you know that some of us battle giants everyday? Those unrelenting beasts known more familiarly as despair, debt and fear, just to name a few, are difficult to slay without the proper "armor and sword." King David faced real giants in his life but always relied on God to bring him to victory. Likewise, God has given us His armor - The Spirit, and His sword - The Word, to conquer every "giant" we face in life. Let Max Lucado show you how in his new book, *Facing Your Giants: The God Who Made a Miracle Out of David Stands Ready to Make One Out of You*. Pick up your copy today for the sale price of **\$19.99** (reg price \$24.99)

Nuggets of Wisdom

Ephesians Chapter 6 verses 10-18 instruct us to "take u our sword," "put on the breastplate of righteousness," and "stand firm." We know the scriptures well, but do we really know how to put them into practice? The battle against the enemies of God's goodness in our lives is one we cannot relinquish in the face of fear or weakness. God has provided all the artillery we will ever need through His Word and His Spirit to conquer evil. He knows we cannot do it on our own, that is why He implores us to trust in the gifts He provided for us and allow the "Master and Commander" to commandeer for us that which is rightfully ours - everlasting joy.

(Chrissy Feldman)

Coming Events

VBS Workshop

Friday, January 26th & Saturday, January 27th



See the VBS kits first-hand from several different publishers, including Standard, Group, and more. View sample videos and receive free samples from the kits.

Also enjoy free refreshments. The workshop will be held at Living Faith Church, 910 South High Street. Please call the *Tree of Life* at 610-429-3050 for reservations.

After Christmas Sale

Through the end of January

50% off Christmas gifts and boxed cards

40% off Christmas books and music

Sweetheart Sale

Friday, February 9th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Find the perfect gift for that special someone. Enjoy 25% off your entire purchase, prize drawings, and free refreshments!

(Please visit www.treeoflifebook.com for further information and updates of these events.)

Kids Korner



"The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying, 'I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.'" – Jeremiah 31:3

Our limited human minds find it hard to grasp how much God loves us. His love continues forever and can be counted on in all our times of need. God pulled us to Him with His love and kindness. "We love Him because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). Think about the person you love most in the world. Then multiply the love you feel for this person a thousand times. That's only a tiny drop of the love – the everlasting love – that God feels toward you. Everyday for a month, take a few minutes to think about how much God loves you. Say it out loud: "God loves *me*. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-loving God of the universe loves *me*!" See how that changes your feelings during the month. We would live much differently if we truly understood how much God loves us. He wants only the best for us – all the time. He wants to meet all our needs – we only have to ask Him. He wants to fight our battles for us – we only have to lean on Him. He wants to give us direction and to have the joy Jesus died for us to have. God wanted us so much that he pulled us to Him. Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him" (John 6:44). People do not come to Christ strictly because of their own ideas or decisions. It is God pulling them to Him. He loves you and wants you that much! God's love for you is without limit. Soak it up!

Do you really feel that God loves you? How do you think He shows His love to you each day?

(Girlz Rock, Kristi Hall)

Teen Talk

Every New Year I start out with goals and visions for great things. There have been times when I found myself starting out very well with my reading of the Bible, praying daily, and being nice to my little sister. However, by Valentines Day, I was too busy to read, too tired to pray, and had no patience for my sister's antics. We all should strive to make positive adjustments in our lives and most of us even start each year in the right direction, but how do we find the motivation to continue? Consistently moving in a positive direction for life boils down to two things - who are you following and who is following you? If you look at the life of Jesus in the Bible, He constantly talked about only doing what he saw his Father (God) doing. You will also find that Jesus traveled and lived with twelve disciples (disciplined learners). These twelve guys were there for the

miracles like Jesus walking on the water and feeding thousands, but they were also with Jesus when people were trying to stone him and throw him off a cliff. Jesus had to stay focused not only for himself but also for those who were following him. If you want to grow in your relationship with God and fulfill the purpose that He has for your life, you need to not only follow God by obediently applying the bible to your life, but lead others to do the same. When you have someone who is learning from *you* how to grow in *their* relationship with God, you will constantly be challenged to go further. This year I challenge you to take an inventory of who you are following and who is following you.

(Gabe Savage)

Trivia Question

No one correctly answered last month's question. *The question was: What physical ailment did Paul have temporarily after his conversion experience?*

The answer is: he could not see

This month's question:

What did a dove bring back to the ark, indicating to Noah that the great floodwaters had receded?

Call or E-Mail us with the correct answer by February 15th and your name will be put into the drawing for a FREE gift certificate!

Recipe of the Month

Crock Pot Snack Mix

3 cups thin pretzel sticks

4 cups wheat Chex cereal

4 cups Cheerios

12 oz. jar salted peanuts

½ tsp. garlic salt

½ tsp. celery salt

½ tsp. seasoned salt

¼ cup butter, melted

1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese

Combine all ingredients in a 4 to 5 quart casserole crock pot and stir gently until well mixed and coated. Cover pot and cook on low 3-4 hours stirring twice during cooking. Remove lid during last half hour of cooking to let mix dry.

(www.everydaycook.com)

Ongoing Specials

- ❖ West Chester University students receive 10% off their purchases with student ID.
- ❖ Senior citizens (60+) receive 10% off their purchases.
- ❖ Anyone purchasing 10+ of the same item will receive 10% off.
- ❖ We honor competitor's coupons and prices (excluding online stores)

New Releases

Adult:

God's Power to Change Your Life, Rick Warren

God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions, Rick Warren

The Way of the Wild Heart, John Eldredge

Facing Your Giants, Max Lucado

The Seven Pillars of Health, Don Colbert

The Most Important Person on Earth, Myles Munroe

Music:

WOW Gospel 2007 (1/30)

Portable Sounds, TobyMac (2/20)

Video:

Passion of the Christ: The Definitive Collection (2/6)

Children:

Praise Baby – My Father's World (1/30)

VeggieTales: I Love My Lips Sing-Along, DVD (2/3)

VeggieTales: I Can Be Your Friend Sing-Along, DVD (2/3)

Moe & the Big Exit, DVD, VeggieTales (3/3)

New Arrivals

First Holy Communion gifts (February)

Confirmation gifts (February)

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