



DCPC Faith and Families Newsletter January 26, 2017

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Letter from Robert

What's Love Got to Do with It?

Dear Friends,

All of us who have children in our lives want to see them grow and flourish. Studies show that the more love children receive at an early age, the better they will develop confidence, healthy self-image, and compassion for others. Love doesn't only need to be spoken but it needs to be shown – in healthy and appropriate ways. Maybe there is a favorite way that you have of letting the children in your life know that you love them. Maybe it is a hug or a back rub. Maybe it is by making them their favorite breakfast or by doing some other favor. Maybe it is by writing them an encouraging note to slip into their lunch.

Years ago I took on this practice more regularly – writing messages. I would simply write “I love you!” or an encouraging word or phrase on a piece of paper and hide it in a baggie of cookies in their lunch bag (I knew they would get to the cookies!) I haven't done this in a couple of years now. I have traded the slips of paper for texts...but I think I might return to the slips of paper. They are more personal and tangible. And the more personal we can be in our expressions of love over time, the better our children will be able to process, receive, and express love appropriately in the world as they develop, and grow, and live their own lives.

This Sunday at our Parent's Meeting we will talk about showing *Love over Time* to our children. Think about how Love, expressed over the long haul, can change

a life and transform the world. If someone like Tina Turner asks “What’s love got to do with it?”, you can say with confidence, “Everything!” God sure seems to think so!
To God be the Glory!

Robert

P.S. Our 2018 PLEDGE GOAL is still \$1.45 Million!! 317 family units have pledged over \$1.36 MILLION to the ministry of DCPC in 2018. **There are still more than 200 families who have not pledged.** IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED YOUR PLEDGE PLEASE DO SO TODAY?? Even if you don’t know what you can give – let us know that you plan to give something! PLEASE EMAIL Trish Jones at pjones@dcpc.org to give her your 2018 expected giving. **We can reach our goal if everyone on the TEAM does their part!** We can succeed with God’s help and your pledge!

UPCOMING STUFF

For Parents: Playing for Keeps

Each Sunday evening at 5:30 a special Parents Group gathers in the DCPC Parlor with the goal of helping us regain some balance in priorities and invest wisely in our children over the course of time. Parents Group meets 5:30–6:30 pm in the parlor (or get started with dinner at 5 pm). You can find some other great resources for regaining balance by [clicking here](#).

Mission Opportunities

30–Hour Famine – Join our youth the weekend of February 2nd to experience hunger, raise awareness, and bring an end to hunger in our area through the Souper Bowl of Caring (February 4th in worship). Click here (<https://dcpcyouth.org/2018/01/10/30-hour-famine/>) to learn more!

Spring Break PDA Mission Trip – April 2–6, 2018 – Columbia, SC. Families are invited to consider spending their spring break in service to others. Greg and Holly Moton, along with their two children, are leading a trip to work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Columbia, SC. Children need to be age 14 or older. If you would like to learn more about this mission opportunity, please contact Holly Moton at hollymoton@bellsouth.net or 704–604–8426.

Nicaragua Partnership Trip – This summer we will return to visit our partners in Kilambe, Nicaragua June 15–23. The trip is open to those who have completed the 9th

grade through adulthood. Would you like to join us this year? Come to an Information Session this coming Sunday (January 28) at 4 pm in the DCPC Parlor and learn more or contact Robert Alexander at ralexander@dcpc.org.



If there are concerns or joys that you would like to have listed here please email me at ralexander@dcpc.org so that we might keep one another in prayer.

Mike Briggs – Mike is the stepfather of Stephanie Shryock. He is recovering from a recent stroke.

Judy Gabel – Judy is the mother of Meredith Harris. She is recovering from a recent shoulder injury.

Margaret Jones – Margaret is the mother of Kelly Pharr. She has recently been diagnosed with cancer.

Michelle Malushizky – Michelle is David's sister-in-law. She has Stage 4 liver cancer and is also recovering from a very serious infection.

Jeff Osman – We continue to pray for Jeff and his family as he awaits a possible liver transplant.

Bart Tritch – Bart is Rachel Lewis' brother. He has been dealing with a number of health concerns and is currently hospitalized.

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