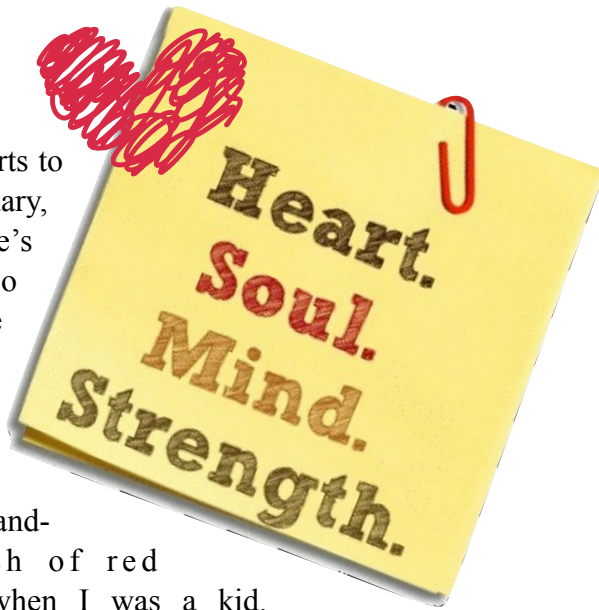


Youth

There are a lot of hearts to be seen around February, what with Valentine's Day featured so prominently in store windows and classrooms. I remember getting candied Valentine hearts in my little hand-made mail pouch of red construction paper when I was a kid. When a grade school kid would find a "broken heart" in with his mail it was an occasion for some joking and teasing. But there are a lot of broken hearts around this time of year (and year round for that matter) that are not seen as broken from the outside. Man looks on the outside but God sees the heart (1 Sa 16:7). And Jesus is the King of Hearts. He is our Prophet, Priest *and* King who is able to bring healing to heartache, restoration to broken hearts. He alone through His body that was bruised for us has the power to put the pieces of a broken heart back together again, if we trust Him to do it. He restored His own life in His rising from the dead. "He restores my soul" (Ps 23:3) and makes my heart whole again. In fact, He gives us a brand new heart of flesh, removing our brittle heart of stone that is so easily broken (Ezek 36:26). He enlivens our new hearts and moves us to obey His perfect, pleasing will in our lives, so that we don't look for love in all the wrong places - only to get hurt again. Because of this heart transplant we can now serve Him whole-heartedly. As the Apostle to the Gentiles puts it, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward" (Col 3:23-24). My heart is encouraged as I watch our Peace youth serve with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord - whether that be in their doctrinal studies or serving one another and the church at large, "because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom 5:5). Share the love!



TICKETS TO THE BIG EASY DEADLINE FOR THE NYG IS VALENTINE'S DAY (2/14), SO SR HIGH DELEGATES, GET YOUR DEPOSITS IN!

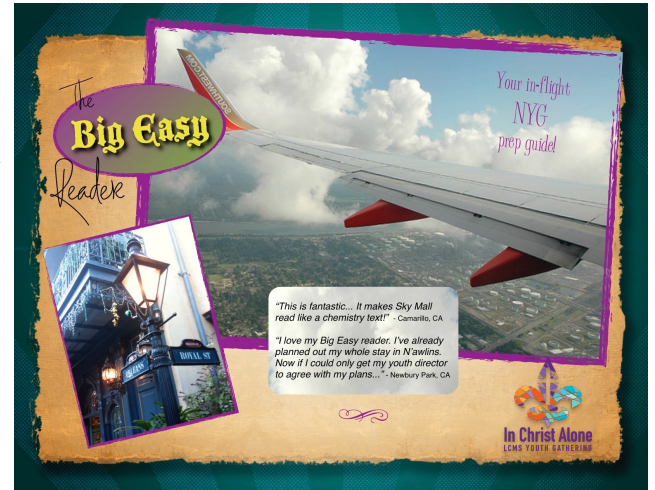


LOVEFEST (SAT, 2/13) HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE: JR/SR HIGH STUDENTS & ADULTS!

COMING UP...

- F&FF Valentine Party 2/5
- FAT Tuesday Toppers fundraiser 2/9
- Ash Wednesday Service 2/10
- Confirmation Class (Creed) 2/12, 19 & 26
- LoveFest 2/13
- Winter-play for Washington's (?) 2/22

Our LOVE theme this month runs through all our youth events - from giving out valentines at our Faith & Fun Friday party to our NYG fundraiser (who doesn't LOVE pizza!) and, of course, LoveFest at our sister church in Arcadia. Let Mike know, too, if you love snow!



We are trying to find the best deals on airline tickets to New Orleans for this coming summer's National Youth Gathering. That means we need to confirm all who are going. Group airline tickets will include our friends from CtK. See Mike about signing up today :)



This year's LoveFest has a fantastic line-up. Check it out at: PeaceCamarillo.com/lovefest. You'll find a registration link there, too. Mike is leading a seminar on Apologetics, so let him know if you can help drive our youth this year. We'll need to hit the road by 7:15am, Sat, 2/13.