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By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another. John 13:35

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Our Time at Grace Haven...

Looking back over the time Mary and I have been involved at Grace Haven, it seems like a short time and our thoughts go to many joyful experiences. Having a wonderful staff and board to work with made our time here so much easier and enjoyable. I can honestly say our time at Grace Haven has been a time we will never regret.

We extend our blessings to Garrett Martin for listening to the call of the Lord and being willing to come on staff at Grace Haven. I believe the timing was controlled by the Lord.

We want to thank everyone for allowing us to interact with so many of you these number of years. We always looked forward to meeting new people and connecting heart to heart with

them. We will miss the contact with those who come to Grace Haven because they want to experience peace and joy in their lives in a deeper way.

One of the things Mary and I enjoyed was taking young couples through premarital sessions. I believe this is so important for a person to understand themselves and their partner before marriage. The old saying "hurting people hurt people" is true. It's better to start new with a clean heart and a new outlook on life.

There were times I wondered what I am doing here when things didn't seem to work out the way I thought it should. Then God would step in and bring healing to a hurting heart. Often it was so obvious that the Spirit of God was present because healing did happen. He alone can bring healing!

~Menno & Mary Yoder~

How is your Heart?

When God created Eve, he created a being that was specifically designed to know how to care for Adam. He also put in Eve the needs and attributes that Adam could best care for. We can confidently say Man and Woman were made for each other and God said, "it was good." Ever since "the fall," mankind has put great effort and focus into the male/female connection. In spite of all the effort and attention given to this important relationship, we find that this relationship has brought more hurt and pain than any other human relationship known to mankind. All of mankind has a God-instilled desire to have someone love them as they are in spite of their flaws, both emotionally and physically. This desire was put there by God so that man would be drawn into a relationship with Him. God is the only one who can satisfy that desire, yet mankind has looked to the male and female relationship in order to fulfill and satisfy that desire. When we consider the high divorce

and remarriage rate today, we understand that the marriage relationship is not living up to its expectations. Based on the high divorce rate in the church, we see that a high percentage of Christians have not found that relationship any more fulfilling than those without Christ. There is a large number of Christians who have committed to "stick it out." Among those who have chosen to "stick it out," many are finding their relationship a great disappointment as well as a significant source of pain in their lives. It is only through Jesus that our hearts can be healed, brought to peace, and be free to love and fully engage our spouse's heart.

Here are several questions to consider and discuss as you celebrate Valentine's Day with that special person in your life:

- Is our relationship all that we had hoped for?
- Is our relationship all that God had hoped for?
- Do our hearts connect fully with no walls?
- How is my heart feeling? ☞

Caring for the Heart Conference

Menno & Mary Yoder



We were very blessed to be involved in a conference where the theme was "From Performance to a Heart that is at Rest." It is always a blessing to connect, fellowship, and worship with those who have the same goal and vision which is to help and encourage others. John Regier shared a message, "The Power of Love" at the conference. We know His love is guaranteed. Ps 36:7, "How precious is your steadfast love, O God!"

Many teach that all struggles in life are caused by spiritual disobedience. What we have found is that spiritual disobedience is often the result of abuse by those in authority demanding performance before they can be accepted. This may be parents, teachers, pastors or anyone in authority. This has caused many individuals to perform to try to gain God's acceptance and approval instead of connecting with God and experiencing His love and approval.

We pray that people's hearts were encouraged as they participated in the many sessions and workshops. ☞

Testimony from a conference attendee:

I attended the Caring for the Heart Conference in November and felt so much peace. It was truly so refreshing. I wish it was something I could do everyday! The workshops were amazing and very informative and I even felt comfortable asking questions. I feel like the conference lead me through many more breakthroughs which led me back to the Grace Haven office and to more breakthroughs!

The music was so beautiful. I've never heard music that has spoken to my heart in such a way. I just listened and let it wash over me.

I want to thank everyone who made it possible, taught a workshop, and everyone that shared their testimony. I was touched by so many.

I also want to thank John Regier for putting Caring for the Heart Ministries together. So many lives have been touched, impacted, and changed. I believe it makes Jesus very happy, smile, and say, "Well done, my children, well done!" ☞

Thank you to all who helped make the conference possible!



Welcome



We are excited to have Garrett Martin apart of our staff! The next newsletter will have a more thorough introduction of him and his family.

Save the Date

Pizza Fundraiser
Friday, March 29, 2019
Walnut Creek Pizza
Stay tuned for more information which will be announced in the churches and placed on our facebook page!

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