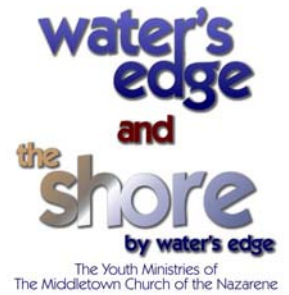


Water's Edge Youth Ministries

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March 19, 2008

Dear [PARENTS' NAMES],

First, I would like to thank you for allowing [CHILD'S NAME] to participate in our 2008 True Love Waits program at the Shore and Water's Edge. As we have said all along, we consider it a privilege to play a part in this important aspect of your child's upbringing.

As we discussed at the outset of this program, the culmination of our campaign will be the True Love Waits ring ceremony for teens and their parents. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the details for this event. Originally we scheduled the ring ceremony for Sunday, March 9. However, due to the snowy weather we have had to cancel two sessions, which means we have to push back that date yet again. The new date for the ring ceremony will be Easter Sunday, March 23. Again, I apologize if this change creates inconveniences for you. Unfortunately the weather has not cooperated with our plans this year. If it is impossible for you to be here Easter Sunday, and would still like to participate in a public ring ceremony, please let me know as soon as possible and we will make every attempt to make accommodations.

The ring ceremony is designed to give teens the opportunity to make a public commitment to living a life of sexual purity, and to give the child's parents and faith community an opportunity to celebrate and affirm that commitment.

The True Love Waits pledge states: "Believing that true love waits, I make a commitment to God, myself, my family, my friends, my future mate and my future children, to a lifetime of purity including sexual abstinence from this day until I enter a Biblical marriage relationship." During our final teaching session campaign we explored the meaning of that pledge phrase by phrase. Teens were invited to make that pledge, and to participate in the ring ceremony to affirm that pledge. Last night [CHILD'S NAME] signed a card indicating they were making that commitment, and we would like to invite you to participate in the ring ceremony.

The ring ceremony will take place in our 10:30 am main sanctuary worship service. (Since it is Easter Sunday, that service will be a unity service.) During that service those who have made a True Love Waits purity pledge in the past will be invited to reaffirm their pledge and to stand behind those making a first time pledge in support and encouragement. Then we will invite all the teens who wish to make a public commitment to purity to come forward.

During that portion of the service, teens who wish to participate will be invited to come forward along with their parents (or an adult representative of their choice if the parent is unable to attend). They will be asked to publicly affirm their True Love Waits pledge. As an emblem of that pledge you will be invited to give your child a ring to be worn by them as a reminder.

If your child would prefer not to have a ring, you may opt for a different type of token. In the past I have had parents choose a pendant for a necklace or a golden key. We are leaving it up to you to discuss the matter with your child and to obtain the token of your choice. However, because we feel this is a vitally important commitment, if you are unable to provide a ring for your child at this time, but you and your child would still like to participate in the ring ceremony, please contact me soon so we can help provide a ring for him or her. Also while a suitable ring or token can be purchased from any jewelry store or the jewelry department of a department store, if you need help finding a token, please let me know.

If you have any questions about the True Love Waits campaign, or about the ring ceremony, I can be reached at the church office (354-2327), on my cell phone (XXX-XXXX) or by e-mail (pastorbuhro@gmail.com).

Once again, thanks for allowing Water's Edge Youth Ministries minister to your child, and for allowing your child to be a part of our ongoing ministry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Buhro". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Pastor Bradley Buhro
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