HEARTREACH NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2024



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HEARTREACH CENTER 5KFOR LIFE

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SATURDAY, JUNE 15 @ TRUNK PARK N RIDE BIKE WALK RUN

9 AM LATE REGISTRATION 10AM BIKE RACE 10:30AM FOOT RACE 12PM TODDLER DASH

REGISTER AT FRIENDSOFHEARTREACH.COM/5KFORLIFE



SCAN TO REGISTER

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

Join us for a group class April 18 @ 5:30pm on creating positive environments for children.

To register, please call the front desk at (907) 373-3456



The MMU is gearing up for another season of service.

If you would like to host the MMU, please contact brenda.f@heartreachalaska.com or call (907) 373-3456 to schedule.





LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Few young people know what the Bible says regarding their identity. Culture says identity is found in what they wear, the car they drive, the music they listen to, or the sexuality they embrace. As a result, identity can change with a new pair of clothes, a new tattoo, or a proclamation of gender expression.

HeartReach wants to change that. Through our Step-Up to Healthy Relationships and peer mentoring programs, we teach teens how to live out a God defined, Jesus centered, and gospel driven identity.

A beautiful study on the book of Daniel examples how the enemy seeks to distort our identity as God's children. The Babylonians took Daniel and his friends captive and targeted their **beliefs**, **desires**, and even his **name** in an attempt to damage his identity.

Beliefs: Education shapes and forms us. Daniel and his companions were taught the literature and language of Babylon for three years. Many American education systems affirm unbiblical ideologies about gender identity, marriage, and sexuality. HeartReach's Step-Up to Healthy Relationships seeks to engage with youth and their questions about sexuality and relationships without compromising the truth of scripture.

Desires: Nebuchadnezzar gave Daniel's men the best foods, even forbidden ones. Anything he desired was available to eat. American culture approaches sexual ethics in much the same way. At HeartReach, we teach boundaries and discipline rooted in our God given self-worth. We are not animals, but humans that need guidance from Jesus.

Name: Daniel's name means 'God is my judge,' but it was changed to Belteshazzar, or "Baal protect the king." They tried to change who Daniel was by calling him by a name that did not reflect the truth of his identity. Increasingly, young people are encouraged to embrace a new gender and change their names. At HeartReach, we teach that our identity is in His story, His character, and His Son Jesus Christ.

Daniel and his friends rejected the culture that surrounded them and did not waiver in their faith to the one true God, Yahweh. Their story is an applicable example for today as our children face the same tactics that seek to destroy their identity as God's image bearers.

HeartReach is committed to teaching teens gospel-centered curriculum and studies that engage them in the truth scripture teaches about their value. We would love the chance to share our Step-Up to Healthy Relationships curriculum with your youth group, school, or teen ministry. Please contact Sophia at sophia.l@heartreachalaska.com to schedule a session. You will not be disappointed.

Thank you for your prayers, your financial support, and your partnership with HeartReach as we honor human life, offer hope to everyone that walks through our doors, and teach value and truth.

Standing in His Grace, Joyce Moropoulos

IMPORTANT DATES:

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HEARTREACH CLOSED FOR CONFERENCE: APRIL 22-26

STATE FAIR: AUGUST 16 - SEPTEMBER 2

Wasilla, AK 99654 865 S. Seward Meridian Pkwy.

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HeartReach Center believes that all life is sacred. We exist to empower individuals to make positive

life choices by providing education and support.

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