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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

ELEVATE STUDENT MINISTRY CHAIR RAFFLE — winner announced, August 16

Help support our youth, and you could take home our bright orange Summer @ Destiny Adirondack chairs! Raffle tickets are \$20 each (non-tax deductible) and are available from Pastor Kimberly on Sunday mornings. Winners will be announced at Worship @ the Park on August 16. If you'd prefer to support our students without entering the raffle, you can make a tax-deductible donation to the Youth Ministry department. The goal is to raise \$660 to cover this year's student ministry curriculum costs. Thank you for investing in the next generation!

JOIN US AT HILLS ALIVE + WATER BAPTISM — July 18 + 19

On Sunday, July 19, we'll conclude our morning service a little earlier than usual so we can head over together to LifeLight Hills Alive for the Sunday afternoon worship service. This incredible free community event features nationally known Christian artists, inspiring messages, family-friendly activities, great food, and opportunities to connect with believers from across our region. It's a wonderful reminder that the Church is bigger than any one congregation as we gather with thousands of others to worship Jesus and celebrate what He's doing throughout the Black Hills. Pack a lawn chair, invite a friend, and plan to spend the afternoon enjoying this special time of worship, fellowship, and community.

Ready to take the next step in your faith? Water baptisms will also be taking place that day at the Prayer Tent during the community worship service. If you've placed your faith in Jesus and haven't yet been baptized, we'd love to celebrate that decision with you! Pastor Shawn and Pastor Lyle will be there helping with baptisms. We'd be honored to celebrate this important step with you.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE HOSTED @ DESTINY — Friday, July 31, 3:00 to 6:15 pm

Destiny is partnering with Vitalant to host a Community Blood Drive via the donation bus parked in our church parking lot. Vitalant is currently experiencing its lowest blood supply in two years, making donations more important than ever. Please consider giving the gift of life by scheduling an appointment using the QR code or event link on our website and social media. Together, we can make a life-saving difference in our community.



WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT — July 31, 6:00 pm

SUNDAES + SUNSETS — August 2, 6:00 pm

Join us for one of the sweetest evenings of the summer! Bring the whole family for a relaxed night of ice cream, s'mores around the fire, yard games, and great conversation as we enjoy a beautiful Black Hills sunset together. Whether you've been part of Destiny for years or you're looking to meet new people, this is the perfect opportunity to slow down, connect, and simply enjoy being together. Invite a friend, bring a lawn chair if you'd like, and come make some sweet summer memories with us!

WORSHIP IN THE PARK — August 16, details to be announced

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 16, as we plan to gather for another special morning of outdoor worship and fellowship! We'll worship together, enjoy a meal, and celebrate God's goodness in the beauty of His creation. The time and location are still being finalized, so watch for more details in the coming weeks. We can't wait to worship with you!

We love capturing moments of worship and community. Photos and videos may be taken today for Destiny Foursquare's online and promotional use. If you'd rather not appear, let our Welcome Team know.

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MESSAGE NOTES

07.12.26 | THE REAL THING Part 11: Safe in Love

(7) Beloved, let's love one another; for love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. (8) The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. (9) By this the love of God was revealed in us, that God has sent His only Son into the world so that we may live through Him. (10) In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (11) Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (12) No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is perfected in us. (13) By this we know that we remain in Him and He in us, because He has given to us of His Spirit. (14) We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

(15) Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him, and he in God. (16) We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him. (17) By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, we also are in this world. (18) There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. (19) We love, because He first loved us. **1 John 4:7-19 NASB**

The big question of this passage is, "Have you _____ the weight of your _____ onto the love of God?"

Two marks of people who have come to know and believe the love that God has for them:

- They become _____. (vs.18)
- They become free to _____. (vs. 7)

THE LOVE THAT COMES FOR US

1. THE FIRST GREAT MOVEMENT OF LOVE: love _____. (vs. 9-10)

THE LOVE THAT PAYS FOR US

2. THE SECOND GREAT MOVEMENT OF LOVE: love _____. (vs. 10)

- "Propitiation" means that Jesus, through His sacrifice, _____ the righteous judgment of God against sin.

THE LOVE THAT REMAINS WITH US

3. THE THIRD GREAT MOVEMENT OF LOVE: love _____. (vs. 13, 16)

- Jesus told His disciples that it was for their advantage that He went away, because the Father would send the Spirit. That Holy Spirit would be _____ them and _____ them. (John 16:7; John 14:16-17)

One of the greatest battles many of us fight is the battle to _____ the love of God.

When God's love becomes your _____, it changes the way you love others. (vs. 11, 19)
