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When I asked the guys what they need most from the people reading this article, they said two things. According to Dan, this battle is truly a spiritual war for these kids' souls, so prayer is always needed. Also, every Friday night there are anywhere from 50 to 150 kids at The Barn, so the more volunteers, especially girl volunteers, who can show up, the better. The ministry team to The Barn meets every Friday night at 5:20 at the Hive. For more information, contact Ivan Davis or visit www.barnseeds.com.

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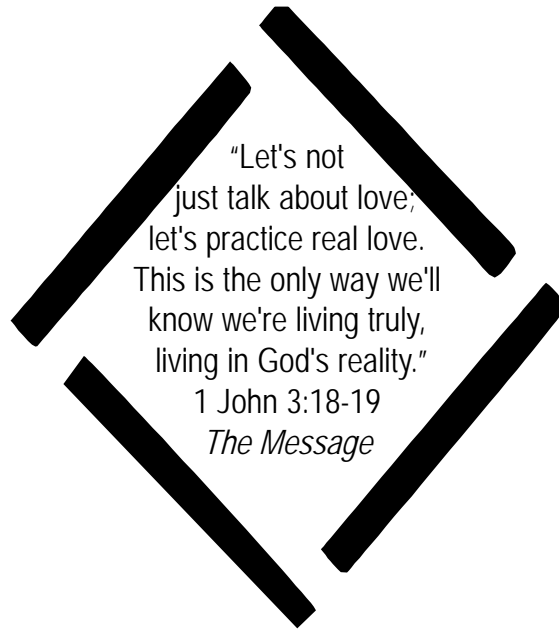
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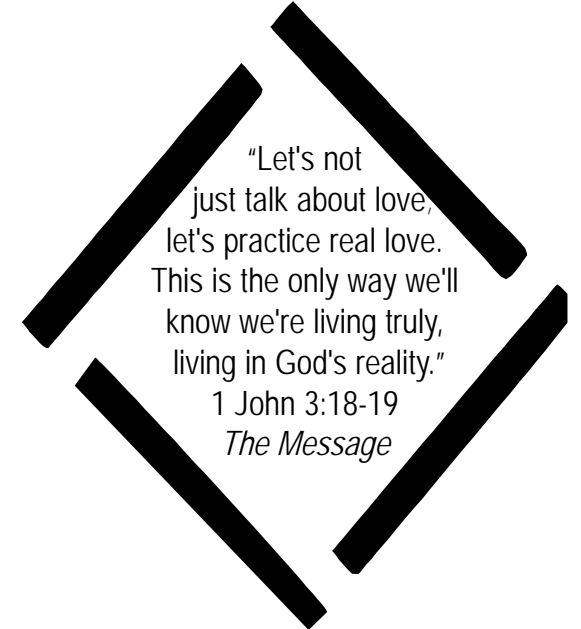


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