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We exist to grow in passion for God and compassion for people.

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From the Pastor's Desk

February, it's often viewed as the month of love, primarily because of Valentine's Day. While for many it's just another expense, as believers it gives us a perfect chance to ask the question: how do we love? As a young child in Sunday school, I always enjoyed singing the song "We are One in the Spirit." There is a line in the chorus, "They will know we are Christians by our love," and I often wonder, do people really know that? Can the outside world see a difference in how we treat the people around us? All people, not just the ones who are easy to love, but the people who make it quite a bit more difficult. It seems like a simple concept, loving others as Christ loves us, but the practical side ends up being far more difficult.

If we are not living lives of love, how else will those outside of our faith know we were Christians? Are we defined simply by where we spend our Sunday mornings? Is it by the places and people we avoid? Is it by the words we don't say? Sure, we could tell them, but if our lives are not marked by a distinguishable difference, do our words even matter?

The Christian life is not just a list of boxes to be checked off every week, or even every day. There is no list of chores to be done just so God likes you. Often, we make it harder than we need to, wearing ourselves thin because of our own requirements. That does not mean we should avoid doing the right thing, but in those actions, our hearts need to be in the right place. If we are doing things out of obligation, then we cannot truly experience the love that God wants us to experience. God does not want us running around fulfilling our list; He wants us to live our lives loving Him. By living a life wholly dedicated to loving God, our actions and reactions to those around us will naturally change; the love we experience from God will flow freely into those around us. It is through that love that our lives will bear the fruit that will change the world.

This month, take some time and ask yourself, "How do I love?" Would people around you know you are a Christian if you didn't tell them? Does your life reflect the love freely given to us by God, or are we more interested in acquiring the things of the world to justify our existence? Let us all be known as people of love, dedicated to sharing the hope given to us. And should we be accused of leaning too far in one direction, let that direction be one of love.

-Pastor Lu

Night of Prayer - February 19

Please join us on February 19 for a night of prayer, communion, and healing, starting at 7:00pm. We will be focusing on praying for our church, and praying for each other.

There will be a time of worship, communion, and elders will be available for prayer for physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. There will be programming in the Children's Wing for children up to age 10, and childcare for infants to age 3.

God is calling us to be passionate about Jesus and compassionate for the world. This can only happen if we are people of prayer. Prayer will be the fuel that pushes us forward as we join together to reclaim our county, our country, and our world for Jesus Christ.



**Rev. James Llewellyn
Senior Pastor**

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Great Date Night - Friday, February 8, 6:00-9:00pm

On Friday, February 8, 6:00-9:00pm, our Youth Group will host a Great Date Night. This is a babysitting service offered to the parents in our congregation with children ages birth-12 years. Parents may sign up their children at the table in the Lobby or by contacting Pastor Rigel 724-575-2862, gacyouth@gmail.com. We will be taking donations to support our upcoming youth trip to the LIFE Conference in Orlando this summer.

Church-wide Ice Skating - Sunday, February 17, 2:00-4:00pm

Mark your calendars! GAC is going to the rink. Come join us at the Kirk S. Nevin Arena (Lynch Field) in Greensburg (520 New Alexandria Road) for a fun time of skating on Sunday, February 17. The session will last from 2:00-4:00pm. The cost for skating will be \$5 for children, \$6 for adults, and \$5 for those 55 and older, payable at the rink. The price of skate rental is \$3 and the use of a locker is \$1 if needed. Please note that this is a public skate session so you will be responsible for the supervision and behavior of your own children.

LIFE 2019 Donation Board

This summer 38 of our teens and 7 of our leaders are going to the LIFE conference which is our denominations tri-annual youth conference. This year the trip will be held in Orlando. The LIFE conference is an amazing and transformational event that is meant to serve as launching point that encourages teenagers to wholeheartedly step out into God's calling for their lives. The total cost of the trip for each student is \$1200 which includes registration, airfare, lodging, and food. As you can imagine getting a group this size on a trip this big can take a lot of support from a church to make happen.

Beginning February 17, there will be a board in the Lobby with 100 envelopes that will be numbered 1-100. We are looking for 100 people in our congregation to commit to supporting our teens on this trip by taking a donation envelope (or two) and returning it to the church with a monetary donation that corresponds to the number written on the envelope. If we accomplish this goal it will put a big dent in raising the funds needed to send our teens on this wonderful trip.

Pastor Lu's Excellent Adventure

I want to challenge you to help our students attend the LIFE Conference. Every three years the Christian and Missionary Alliance has a large youth event called LIFE. It is named LIFE because it is a life-changing event. I attended LIFE in 1992 and it really was a life-changing event for me. In the nineteen years I was a youth pastor, I would tell parents, if you can only send your child to one event their entire time in youth ministry, make sure it is LIFE. Over the years I have seen a number of students receive their call into ministry at LIFE. I have seen major spiritual breakthroughs with students, as well as many coming to know Christ for the first time.

This year, LIFE Conference is in Orlando, Florida. With travel, meals, and lodging, it costs a significant amount of money for our students to attend. I never want money to be a reason a student cannot attend. I feel so strongly about this that I am going to be doing a fundraiser that will last from January until June. It is 972 miles from the church parking lot to the parking lot of the conference. I will be walking, running, and biking the equivalent of the trip to Florida. This is where you come in. I am going to do the miles, but I am asking you to sponsor those miles. You can complete a form at the Welcome Center, or see me and I will give you one. I am looking for people to sponsor each mile, so if you sponsored 10 cents per mile you would pay \$97.20. You can stop by the Welcome Center to check on my progress, and there will also be a slide during the morning announcements. There will be an opportunity to pay at the halfway point and then at the end. This way you can split your payment so you will not have to pay all at once. Will you join me on this journey as we get our students to the LIFE Conference?

-Pastor Lu

Marriage Class - Saturday, February 23, 9:00am-2:00pm

If you are engaged or considering marriage, plan to attend the Marriage Class which will be held on Saturday, February 23, 9:00am to 2:00pm in Conference Room 550. This class is highly recommended in order to have a member of our Pastoral Staff perform your wedding ceremony. Lunch will be provided. For additional information, please indicate on your Sunday bulletin information card or contact the Church Office, 724-837-1122, churchoffice.gac@gmail.com.

Man Camp

All men and boys age 13 and older are invited to get away with other men with similar interests. Join men from Community Alliance Church in Butler and Grove City Alliance Church for a 'can't miss' event! It all begins on Friday, March 8 with check-in at 5:30pm followed by dinner at 6:00pm and will conclude after dinner on Saturday night (approximately 7:00pm). Here's what to expect:

- Great facility - Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center
- Great food - Friday dinner & 3 meals on Saturday
- Great speakers - Who will all talk about God's plan for being a Christian man in today's world. Our own Pastor Lu will be speaking as well as Pastor Keith Kozik, and Pastor Joe Floris
- Great fun - Saturday afternoon skeet shooting, .22 rifle range, handgun range, as well as Recreation Center activities (basketball, dodgeball, volleyball and climbing wall)

Registration is open, but space is limited. Cost is \$100 per person. There is a \$20 non-refundable registration fee due at signup; remaining balance must be paid in full by February 25. For a brochure, more information, or to register, stop at the table in the Lobby on Sundays, February 3 & 18, or contact: Eric Kreinbrook, 724-689-4676, erickbrook93@gmail.com.

Men's Ministry - Top Golf Outing

The Men's Ministry is planning an outing to Top Golf on Saturday, February 16. We will meet at the church at 7:45am to be at the venue by 9:00am. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 3 at the table in the lobby. All men are welcome! This is a great opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker.

Men's Sunday Prayer Ministry

The Men's Prayer Ministry meets every Sunday morning prior to the worship services to pray for the services and our congregation. All men are welcome to join us in the Prayer Room located near the Sanctuary.

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at 6:30am in Conference Room 550 with the study being completed at 7:30am. Weekly attendance is not a requirement, and all men and their sons are welcome to drop in as their schedule permits. Their purpose is to help equip one another to glorify God by growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The Men's Bible Study Fellowship helps our church accomplish its mission by working through careful study of God's Word, to learn the mind of God, and discern His will for men. Through this Bible Study men work to encourage, equip, and strengthen each other to live Godly and victoriously through the Spirit. Through prayer we lift each other, our families, and our work places to the Lord. The group is open to men of all ages and backgrounds: young or old; single or married; with kids or without kids; etc.

For more information contact the Church Office, 724-837-1122 or Alex Graziani, 724-787-6520, alexander.graziani@gmail.com. Resolve to get into the Word of God and let the Word of God get into you!

GAC Friday Night Basketball Outreach

All men and teenage guys are invited to join us for our Basketball Outreach on Fridays, 8:00-10:00pm at the Mountain View Elementary School. Cost is \$2.00 per person. Bring your friends and enjoy the company of Christian men and teens while having fun playing basketball! Contact George Cross for additional information, 412-292-3281.

Young At Heart

Young At Heart will not meet in February. We will begin meeting again on Thursday, March 7, 2019, so be sure to mark your calendars!

Moms 24/7

We all know that with the cold and dreary days of winter, at times it is hard to get out. Our Moms 24/7 Group is the perfect opportunity to break out the coats and hats and join other moms for a hot cup of coffee and a great time of fellowship. Our February meetings will be held on the 12th and the 26th. Remember that the Great Date Night, sponsored by GAC youth, will be held on Friday, February 8. Please feel free to drop the little ones off at the church and spend some time...doing whatever you would like!

Even if groundhog Phil predicts an early spring, we still know that the weather is very unpredictable. If for any reason Hempfield schools are canceled or even delayed, our Moms meeting will be canceled.

Moms 24/7 is a ministry for moms of ALL ages with children of ALL ages. Whether you are a first time mom or you have grandchildren, Moms 24/7 is for you. Whatever your schedule or stage of life, we hope you make Moms 24/7 part of your life. It is not only an opportunity for you to get refreshed and encouraged, but also a chance for you to refresh and encourage other moms. For questions or more information please contact Joanne Kreinbrook at 724-433-4585 or email at kbrook93@msn.com.

Joy in Motion Dance

Joy in Motion Dance will be participating in our Easter Sunday Services on April 21. Children and teens who have had training in classical dance (ballet, lyrical, or contemporary styles, past or present) are invited to participate. Rehearsals will begin Sunday, February 17. A sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Center. Please see Jennifer Dail with questions.

Anchor College Ministry

The Great Commission is foundational to who the Alliance is; evangelism, discipleship, and sending people out. As our world becomes more digitally connected, it has also become relationally distant. This makes the value of physical interaction and relationship building even more important. Through group discussions and discipleship programs, we encourage students to engage themselves in the local community, and provide ways to do so, rather than just observing from behind a screen. By fostering a love for people and a willingness to reach them, we are preparing our students to make an impact in the world, wherever they may go, and whatever they may do.

We meet Sundays, at 12:15pm in Room 260. If you have questions, or are interested in more information, contact Josh Nosbisch at 412-378-5791, or jnosbisch.gac@gmail.com.

Reaching Our World: France 2019

Have you been keeping up with our partners in France? There are plenty of ways to stay connected: the information in our monthly Focus, weekly prayer requests, and perhaps you signed up to receive email updates from the field. This month you'll read about a team from Appleton Wisconsin that will be with them. Maybe as you read about it, God began to stir you. Maybe you wondered, 'what if I had the opportunity to go to France?' Maybe God has already been working on you, and you're looking for a chance to go. I'm delighted to let you know that there will be an opportunity this fall! In September (13-23) we will be taking a team to France. Details are still coming together, but I wanted to share the dates as soon as possible. Though it may seem like a long time away, I know that calendars fill up fast, and it will truly be here before we know it. I'm looking forward to the ministry opportunities in store for us, and can't wait to experience all that God is preparing for us, even now. Please keep praying; ask God if you should go; ask God to confirm in the hearts of those that will go; lift up the requests that our partners shared in this month's Focus. Don't delay, the time is now, and the opportunity is right in front of you. Pray, give, go: Reaching our world - let it begin with you!

-Joanne Kreinbrook

Sunday Morning Adult Growth Classes - "A Place for Growing... A Place for YOU!"

Adult Growth Classes are offered at 9:15am and 10:45am. A new semester of classes will begin February 17, pick up a brochure at the rack in the Lobby for details on upcoming classes.

Save the Date - Begins February 17

9:15am: Foundations - Teacher: Jared Burns - Classroom 225

Beginning on February 17 we are excited to announce that we will be offering a Christian Foundations class. The Foundations class is a six-part class that is designed to go over some of the foundational beliefs that are at the core of Christianity in a way that is interesting, engaging, and practical. In a way, you could think of this as a Christianity 101 Class that will help you better understand what it means to be a Christian.

Please take a moment to honestly ask yourself the following questions: Am I new to the Christian faith? Would I benefit in a setting where someone explained the basics of Christianity in a format where I could ask questions? Do I feel like I need a refresher on the foundations of the Christian faith?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then maybe this class is for you. While anyone can attend, if possible, we would like to know about your interest in this upcoming class in advance, so feel free to indicate on your information card or contact the Church Office, 724-837-1122, churchoffice.gac@gmail.com.

The Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan

February

New Testament		Old Testament	
▶ MATTHEW	▶ ACTS	▶ PSALMS	▶ EXODUS
1. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:21-42	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:22-41	<input type="checkbox"/> 24	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3
2. <input type="checkbox"/> 11:1-19	<input type="checkbox"/> 16:1-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 25	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-6
3. <input type="checkbox"/> 11:20-30	<input type="checkbox"/> 16:16-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 26	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-9
4. <input type="checkbox"/> 12:1-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:1-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 27	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-12
5. <input type="checkbox"/> 12:22-37	<input type="checkbox"/> 17:16-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 28	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-15
6. <input type="checkbox"/> 12:38-50	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:1-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 29	<input type="checkbox"/> 16-18
7. <input type="checkbox"/> 13:1-23	<input type="checkbox"/> 18:18-28	<input type="checkbox"/> 30	<input type="checkbox"/> 19-20
8. <input type="checkbox"/> 13:24-43	<input type="checkbox"/> 19:1-22	<input type="checkbox"/> 31	<input type="checkbox"/> 21-23
9. <input type="checkbox"/> 13:44-58	<input type="checkbox"/> 19:23-41	<input type="checkbox"/> 32	<input type="checkbox"/> 24-26
10. <input type="checkbox"/> 14:1-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 20:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 33	<input type="checkbox"/> 27-29
11. <input type="checkbox"/> 14:22-36	<input type="checkbox"/> 20:13-38	<input type="checkbox"/> 34	<input type="checkbox"/> 30-31
12. <input type="checkbox"/> 15:1-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 21:1-26	<input type="checkbox"/> 35	<input type="checkbox"/> 32-33
13. <input type="checkbox"/> 15:21-39	<input type="checkbox"/> 21:27-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 36	<input type="checkbox"/> 34
14. <input type="checkbox"/> 16:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 22	<input type="checkbox"/> 37:1-22	<input type="checkbox"/> 35-37
15. <input type="checkbox"/> 16:13-28	<input type="checkbox"/> 23:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 37:23-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 38-40
▶ LEVITICUS			
16. <input type="checkbox"/> 17:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 23:12-35	<input type="checkbox"/> 38	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-4
17. <input type="checkbox"/> 17:14-27	<input type="checkbox"/> 24	<input type="checkbox"/> 39	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-7
18. <input type="checkbox"/> 18:1-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 25:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 40	<input type="checkbox"/> 8-10
19. <input type="checkbox"/> 18:15-35	<input type="checkbox"/> 25:13-27	<input type="checkbox"/> 41	<input type="checkbox"/> 11-13
20. <input type="checkbox"/> 19:1-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 26:1-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 42	<input type="checkbox"/> 14-15
21. <input type="checkbox"/> 19:16-30	<input type="checkbox"/> 26:19-32	<input type="checkbox"/> 43	<input type="checkbox"/> 16-17
22. <input type="checkbox"/> 20:1-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 27:1-26	<input type="checkbox"/> 44	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-20
23. <input type="checkbox"/> 20:17-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 27:27-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 45	<input type="checkbox"/> 21-23
24. <input type="checkbox"/> 21:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 28:1-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 46	<input type="checkbox"/> 24-25
25. <input type="checkbox"/> 21:12-22	<input type="checkbox"/> 28:17-31	<input type="checkbox"/> 47	<input type="checkbox"/> 26-27

March

New Testament		Old Testament	
▶ MATTHEW	▶ ROMANS	▶ PSALMS	▶ NUMBERS
1. <input type="checkbox"/> 21:23-32	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 48	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2
2. <input type="checkbox"/> 21:33-46	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:18-32	<input type="checkbox"/> 49	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-4
3. <input type="checkbox"/> 22:1-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 50	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-6
4. <input type="checkbox"/> 22:15-33	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 51	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-8
5. <input type="checkbox"/> 22:34-46	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 52	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-11
6. <input type="checkbox"/> 23:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 53	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-14
7. <input type="checkbox"/> 23:13-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:12-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 54	<input type="checkbox"/> 15-17
8. <input type="checkbox"/> 23:25-39	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:1-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 55	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-20
9. <input type="checkbox"/> 24:1-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:15-23	<input type="checkbox"/> 56	<input type="checkbox"/> 21-22
10. <input type="checkbox"/> 24:15-35	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 57	<input type="checkbox"/> 23-25
11. <input type="checkbox"/> 24:36-51	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:13-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 58	<input type="checkbox"/> 26-27
12. <input type="checkbox"/> 25:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:1-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 59	<input type="checkbox"/> 28-30
13. <input type="checkbox"/> 25:14-30	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:18-39	<input type="checkbox"/> 60	<input type="checkbox"/> 31-32
14. <input type="checkbox"/> 25:31-46	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:1-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 61	<input type="checkbox"/> 33-36
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15. <input type="checkbox"/> 26:1-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:19-33	<input type="checkbox"/> 62	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3
16. <input type="checkbox"/> 26:17-35	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 63	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-5
17. <input type="checkbox"/> 26:36-56	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:1-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 64	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-8
18. <input type="checkbox"/> 26:57-75	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:25-36	<input type="checkbox"/> 65	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-12
19. <input type="checkbox"/> 27:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:1-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 66	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-17
20. <input type="checkbox"/> 27:11-26	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:9-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 67	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-21
21. <input type="checkbox"/> 27:27-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 13	<input type="checkbox"/> 68	<input type="checkbox"/> 22-26
22. <input type="checkbox"/> 27:45-56	<input type="checkbox"/> 14	<input type="checkbox"/> 69:1-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 27-28
23. <input type="checkbox"/> 27:57-66	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 69:19-36	<input type="checkbox"/> 29-31
24. <input type="checkbox"/> 28:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:14-33	<input type="checkbox"/> 70	<input type="checkbox"/> 32
25. <input type="checkbox"/> 28:11-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 71	<input type="checkbox"/> 33-34



Great Date Night - Friday, February 8 - 6:00-9:00pm

Hey students! The Great Date Night has returned!!! On Friday, February 8 from 6:00 to 9:00pm, our Youth Group will host the Great Date Night. This is an evening of babysitting offered to the parents in our congregation with children birth to age 12. Drop off will begin at 6:00pm. Participating student volunteers are encouraged to show up at 5:30pm (Unless they have younger siblings). Any donations received will benefit our summer trip to LIFE 2019. You must volunteer to benefit from the donations. Sign-up for students will be available at Youth Group and on Sunday mornings in the Youth Sunday School room.

Parents may sign up their children in the Lobby on Sunday, February 3, or by calling or e-mailing Pastor Rigel - 724-575-2862~ gacyouth@gmail.com.

Ice Skating 1:45-4:00 - Sunday, February 17 - 2:00-4:00pm

Come join us on Sunday, February 17 for a fun time of skating at the Kirk S. Nevin Arena (Lynch Field) in Greensburg (520 New Alexandria Road). The session will last from 2:00-4:00pm. So mark your calendar and meet us at the rink. This year we will be doing something slightly different and we have opened the event up church-wide so feel free to invite whoever you want to this event. The cost for skating will be \$5 for children, \$6 for adults, and \$5 for those 55 and older. The price of skate rental is \$3 and the use of a locker is \$1 if needed.

Cereal Night at YG - Thursday, February 21

You bring the cereal, we provide the milk! On Thursday February 21 we will be having a Cereal Night at Youth Group. Students are encouraged to bring their favorite cereal to share as a snack. Any leftovers will be donated to the Welcome Home Homeless shelter in downtown Greensburg.

LIFE 2019 Donation Board

Beginning February 17, there will be a board in the Lobby with 100 envelopes that will be numbered 1-100. We are looking for 100 people in our congregation to commit to supporting our teens on this trip by taking a donation envelope and returning it to the church with a dollar donation that corresponds to the number written on the envelope. If we accomplish this goal this will put a big dent in raising the funds needed to send our teens on this wonderful trip.

Next month keep an eye out for:

Information about our spring retreat

Information about upcoming summer trips & opportunities

Children's Ministries



Wednesdays, 6:30pm

Awana is fun with a purpose... to reach and train children for Jesus Christ. Each week there are Bible lessons, Scripture reciting, games, music, and lots of other fun activities. Our program is comprised of three age-appropriate clubs: Cubbies for preschoolers age 3 before September 1 and 4 year-olds; Sparks for grades Kindergarten through Grade 2; and Truth & Training (T&T) for Grades 3 through 6. Children may come to Awana anytime during the year. Check-in starts at 6:30pm at the Children's Ministry registration desk. Please enter the building through the Awana/Office entrance. If you would like additional information, contact Melissa Bartels at the Church Office, 724-837-1122, or just stop by on Wednesday evening!

Awana February Activities:

- 2/6 - Zoo Night - Bring your favorite stuffed animal
- 2/13 - Crazy Heart Night - Wear Valentine colors and hearts
- 2/20 - Twinsies Night - Bring a friend and dress alike
- 2/27 - Super Silly Socks Night - Wear your Craziest Socks

Bible Quizzing Update

The January quiz meet was held at Norwin Alliance on Saturday, January 5. Seniors quizzed on John chapters 11-13, while juniors competed on John chapters 12 and 13:1-17. Paul Obringer was unable to compete that day due to illness. His team scored 16 points.

The ACAC Winter Tournament (January 18 - 19) was cancelled due to severe weather.

GAC will be hosting the February quiz meet on Saturday, February 2. Seniors are responsible for knowing John chapters 14-17, and juniors will be quizzing on John chapters 13:18-38 and chapter 14. Please keep our young people in prayer, that they may know God's Word and grow closer to Him.

Vacation Bible School is on the Move!

This year our VBS will be moving back to mornings and will begin on Monday, June 10 and end on Friday, June 14 with a celebration picnic! Stay tuned for a new VBS theme in the upcoming months! In the meantime, start thinking about family and friends you want to invite to our VBS, and what you can do to help this year!

VBS Volunteers Needed

Please consider giving a week (or even a few days) of your summer to volunteer with our children during VBS. This is a wonderful outreach mission as we try to reach the children of our community with a camp-type program. If you are already cleared to work with children, all you have to do is sign up! If you do not currently serve in our children's ministries, all that is required of you is Governing Board approval and completion of clearance forms. The process is simple, but required, so the earlier you submit your forms, the sooner you can be approved and positioned for VBS.

Currently we have a need for a Vacation Bible School Crafts Director, and an Outreach Director. VBS requires many volunteers to lead groups of children, volunteers to help decorate the church, and more! If you are interested in filling any of these spots, please check the box on the back of your Sunday bulletin information card or contact Melissa Bartels in the Church Office, 724-837-1122.



Envision Paris

Shining The Light
in the city of light

Starting off with a team!

We are starting this year with a team from Appleton Wisconsin! We are so glad to be able to kickstart the year with this amazing group of seven young adults. They are jumping into ministry and making new connections for people to hear the heart of God!

New Year, Same Heart

Throughout my time of prayer I keep hearing from God that His heart for the people of France has not changed - He loves them and wants them in His family. We are excited for the new year as we continue to minister in many of the same ways we have in the past. We will also take greater time to listen to the father's heart to see where He is leading us to take new steps and lead new initiatives. We are not sure exactly what those might look like, but we know when we are close to the father's heart we are going where we need to go.



Tony, Raeni, Fayth & Hannah Roos

New Year, Same Heart

We are currently looking at a fairly full load of teams and interns for the year of 2019. This means we will be pouring our hearts into the interns as we seek to see them become the Christ centered leaders they are called to become. Our heart remains the same in leadership and personal development.

New Year, Same Heart

Our family continues to follow after the heart of God for our children. We have diligently prayed and sought after God for them since before they were born. We are excited that God is at work in their lives calling them deeper to Him. It was great to have Fayth home with us during Christmas break, and now we won't see her until March for her spring break (thank God for technology). Hannah is back into online school and is still waiting to hear Black Forest Academy's response to her application. We should know soon! God's heart is for our children!

Thanks for Praying!

Tony, Raeni, Fayth and Hannah

Prayer Requests & Praise

- Hannah's medical concerns
- Hannah was accepted to the Black Forest Academy, praise God!
- Fayth at Black Forest Academy
- The Appleton Team to have lasting impact both in France and in their hearts
- God's voice in direction
- God's heart for the people of France to be felt and shared to all we meet
- Trinity International Church's new Pastor, Dave Young
- Our friends at language groups to follow Jesus
- New believer discipleship

Congratulations

To Zach and Whitney Tanyer on the birth of their son, Tristan Robert, on January 4, 2019. Tristan weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Proud grandparents are Vickie and Bill Mackison.

Condolences

To Alex Graziani and family on the death of his mother, Louise Mary Graziani, on December 30, 2018.

To Bobbi Fink and family on the death of her father, Robert Hildenbrand, on January 16, 2019.

To Kristi Fellers and family on the death of her father, Richard Rennie, on January 19, 2019.

February Anniversaries

11 Ron & Betsy Danser

18 Matthew & Sharon Dreskler

February Birthdays

2 Bri Danser
Everley Jensen

10 Janice Calhoun

21 Ethan Knepp
Daniel McKay Jr.
William Schomer
Josiah Weaver

3 Kevin Husband
Jonathan Keslar

11 Ron Danser

12 Zac Cross

22 Joshua Nosbisch

4 Whitney Tanyer
Peter Obringer
Ann Bennett

14 Carmen Dott

23 Becky Keller
Nathan Keller

6 Karen Slater

16 Paul Graziani

24 Elizabeth Pevarnik

8 Mark Obringer

18 Julie Holmes

25 Daejung Noh

9 Dave Kostenbader
Kathy Mears
Tucker Murgj
Ruby Risko

19 Scarlet Delligatti
Grayson Parks

26 Jonathan Kerr

28 Nathan Boal

If you would like your anniversary and family birthdays listed in our monthly Focus newsletters, please indicate on the back of your Sunday bulletin information card or email the Church Office, churchoffice.gac@gmail.com.

We appreciate your completing the information cards in your bulletin each week so that we can keep our records up to date. Even if your contact information hasn't changed, just write your name and "same" across the front. Thank you!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8pm Guys Basketball Outreach Mt View Elementary School	2 9am Bible Quiz Meet @ Greensburg Alliance
3 9:15 & 10:45am Worship, Communion & Sunday School	4 6:30pm Elders Meeting	5 6:30am Men's Bible Study	6 6:30pm Awana Zoo Night - Bring your favorite stuffed animal	7 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY)	8 6pm Great Date Night Childcare 8pm Guys Basketball Outreach Mt View Elementary School	9
10 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 9:12:15pm Anchor College Ministry	11	12 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Moms 24/7	13 6:30pm Awana Crazy Heart Night - Wear Valentine colors and hearts	14 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY)	15 8pm Guys Basketball Outreach Mt View Elementary School	16 9am Mens Top Golf Outing
17 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 12:15pm Anchor College Ministry 12:15pm Deacons Meeting 12:30-1:30pm Joy in Motion Rehearsal 2-4pm Church-wide Ice Skating @ Nevin Arena	18 6:30pm Governing Board Meeting 7:30pm Elders Meeting Newsletter Article Deadline	19 6:30am Men's Bible Study 7pm Night of Prayer	20 6:30pm Awana Twinsies Night - Bring a Friend and dress alike	21 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY)	22 8pm Guys Basketball Outreach Mt View Elementary School	23 9am Marriage Class
24 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 12:15pm Anchor College Ministry	25	26 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Moms 24/7	27 6:30pm Awana Super Silly Socks Night - Wear your "craziest" socks!	28 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY) 7pm Trustees Meeting		

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10 Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Ahead! 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 12:15pm Anchor College Ministry	11	12 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Moms 24/7	13 6:30pm Awana Luau Night	14 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well-Alliance Youth (AY)	15 8pm Guys Basketball Outreach Mt View Elementary School	16
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24 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 12:15pm Anchor College Ministry	25	26 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Moms 24/7	27 6:30pm Awana Crazy Hair Night	28 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well-Alliance Youth (AY) 7pm Trustees Meeting	Bible Quiz Tournament @ Mahaffey	
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Great Date Night - February 8

Church-wide Ice Skating - February 17

Prayer Night - February 19

Marriage Class - February 23

Man Camp - March 8-9

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