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From the Pastor's Desk

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

As we look ahead to the month of June I want to take some time to encourage the men of this church. We know that Father's Day falls in this month, so why not use this month to encourage each other. We live in a time when being a Godly man is hard, and to be frank, it is under attack. Though society continues to blur the lines of what it means to be a man, a dad, and a husband, we know that our responsibilities are clearly laid out in Scripture. But, if we are honest, what we are called to is scary. We are called to lead. We are called to lead not only our family, but those around us as well. Let me make it clear, you are not called to be the boss. One big misconception when it comes to our role as men is that we are to be the boss. Nowhere in Scripture will you find that. Rather, what you will find is the call to lead with servant leadership.

What is servant leadership? The greatest example that we can find of this is Jesus Himself Who said, "I came to serve and not be served". We see Him demonstrate this as He washed His disciple's feet. God Himself took on the nature of a servant for those He loved. He was teaching them a lesson that day: There is no task that needs to be accomplished that you are too good for. How do you lead? Do you lead as a servant: putting God first, others second, then yourself third? Do you lead with integrity? It is much easier to act the right way and say the right thing when people are watching, but what about the times when you are all alone? Our integrity is defined in who we are when no one is looking. If we lead with integrity then we can say 'follow me'. If we do not lead with integrity then we are saying 'do what I say and not what I do'. All of us have someone that looks up to us, what are we teaching them?

Men of Greensburg Alliance, let us lead well. This is an enormous calling, and we will not be able to do it on our own. We will need to lean hard into God, and on each other. That means having the difficult conversations with each other, sharing the heavy burden of life, and valuing teamwork over solitude. Being a man takes courage and hard work. I pray that as the world continues to assault masculinity, and exalt what it thinks it means to be a man, that we will live out what it truly means to be a man, the example presented to us in Scripture. That it will not be some macho quest to prove our manliness, or the opposite where we are embarrassed that we are men. Rather, that it will be what God has laid out for us. That we will first love God; that we will work hard to foster our relationship with Him. We will do this by spending time with him alone, and corporately. Secondly, that out of the overflow of the love we have for God we will lead, and we will lead well. Our love for God will be the driving force that fuels our leadership. We will lead by caring for the needs of those around us, but also by being on guard for when we are called to go after the wolves that want to tear apart our life and our family. Thirdly, we will teach those that are younger than us what it looks like to be a man: To love God and to love people. By exemplifying to the world the love that Christ showed us, and by guiding and defending our families and those close to us from the attacks of the enemy, we can provide the example that the next generation is so desperately craving.

Happy Father's Day to all of you, I am truly thankful for the men of this church. Let us all man up, and look for opportunities to make His Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven. While the task is great, you were born for such a time as this.

-Pastor Lu



**Rev. James Llewellyn
Senior Pastor**

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Upcoming Changes to the Youth Ministry at GAC

Beginning this September, (the 2019-2020 school year) we will be shifting the parameters of youth group participation (age/grade of eligibility) as well as the time of the year in which students move up into youth ministry. On Sunday, September 8 students who have both turned 11 and have begun 6th grade by September 1, will be moved into youth ministry at GAC. Going forward, the first Sunday after Labor Day weekend in September will be the new move up time for all students, and the new grade/age requirements for participating in youth ministry will be as noted above (both in 6th grade and age 11 by September 1). If your rising 7th grade student was already scheduled to move up in May, they will still do so as planned.

To make this a smooth transition, on September 8 we will have a special class of Sunday school to meet the students who have just moved up. We will be taking time to walk our new students through what this exciting new chapter of their lives will look like. Then the following Thursday, September 12, 6:30-8:30pm, they will begin coming to youth group at our normal time.

Though there are a number of factors that influenced this shift, there are three primary reasons:

1. This shift coincides with the majority of our area schools. This means that our ministry will be more in step with rhythm of the lives of the families in our surrounding community.
2. This shift coincides with the divisions of our Sunday morning curriculum as well as the move up time in our Children's Ministry. This will tighten up the connection between the two ministries.
3. This shift will keep the youth of GAC engaged during that "tween" age in which (from our experience) they often begin to feel as if they are "growing out" of Children's Ministry.

Much of what has made this youth ministry a powerful influence in the lives our teens will continue on as before. Moving forward there will be various shifts along the way that will take place separately in an effort to better serve our wider age span. A perfect example of this is Sunday school, which most weeks will be divided by 6-8 and 9-12 grades. Another example is that at some of our Youth Group meetings there will be two versions of our Thursday night messages which will be geared to the different age groups. Additionally, from time to time there will also be some events that are only open to middle school or high school students. All this will be done in an effort to strike a balance between serving the needs of the diverse demographics of our students and placing a high priority on not burning out our leaders and families.

We realize that this change may generate some questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, I would be happy to answer any that you might have (gacyouth@gmail.com 724-575-2862).

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.

Beginning June 9, we will begin meeting every Sunday throughout the summer in room 260, from 12:30pm to 2:00pm. Along with our regular meeting days, we will also have special events, such as hiking trips and volunteer opportunities. Some of these will be listed in the bulletin and on the church calendar on the website, and if you have questions or are looking for more information, contact Josh Nosbisch at 412-378-5791, or jnosbisch.gac@gmail.com.

GAC Worship

Our team is composed of volunteers from all walks of life who desire to use their gifts to worship God. We currently have openings for volunteers in production, creative design, Adult Worship, and Orange Worship. If you would like to be a part of GAC Worship, please contact Jennifer Dail, Director of Worship Ministries, at dail.jennifer@gmail.com.

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study Fellowship 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. Our purpose is to help equip one another to glorify God by growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We help 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!

Moms 24/7

We wrapped up a great year with our wonderful Tea Party celebration on May 14. We want to continue to enjoy our friendships so we have planned an opportunity to get together. All moms are invited to join us at Chick-Fil-A in the Eastgate Plaza for lunch, during VBS week, on Tuesday, June 11. We will push tables together, eat tasty food, and enjoy each other's company. We will head out immediately following VBS.

We are looking forward to our 2019-2020 season. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, and we will kick off the year on Tuesday, September 10. Watch for details in the September newsletter.

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. We meet regularly the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, September through May. For questions or more information, please contact Joanne Kreinbrook, 724-433-4585, or email kbrook93@msn.com.

GAC Garden Exchange - Begins Sunday, June 2

It's time for our GAC Garden Exchange! Participation is simple; on Sunday morning just bring your extra garden produce to our table in the Fellowship Hall to share with others at Greensburg Alliance Church. The produce is available to anyone who can use it whether you have a garden or not. The best part is that each week any unused produce will be donated to the Welcome Home Homeless Shelter in downtown Greensburg.

Feel free to include any sprouted produce plants that you don't have room for in your garden. Look for the table with the sign in the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, June 2.

High School Graduation Pictures & Prayer

Celebrate this important milestone in your life with your Church Family! We will be organizing a slide show of photos and information on our graduates. Later on in the Summer we will be taking some time to pray for our graduates.

Please email a Highschool grad photo to churchoffice.gac@gmail.com, along with the following information: full name (first, middle and last, plus nickname if desired); name of high school, cyber school, or home school that you graduated from. The deadline to submit photos and information is June 16. Graduates will be prayed for on Sunday, July 21 at the 10:45 service.

Young At Heart

If you are 55 years or older please join us for our next meeting on June 6. Due to Vacation Bible School, we will be meeting at Bob Evans on Route 30, in front of Walmart, at 11:30am. We hope to see you there for our time of fellowship.

Men's Dinner & Movie

Attention Men! Mark your calendars for a great night on Tuesday, June 25, 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will have an awesome time hanging out eating pizza and wings, and then get comfortable for a showing of "Kingdom Men Rising". The film, starring Tony Dungy and Tony Evans, explores what it means to be a real man in the midst of cultural trends where there is confusion about masculinity. It will challenge men to rise above what they've become and live lives of no more excuses. Since Father's Day is this month, it is the perfect time to work on your game. Take advantage of the chance to connect with other men, encourage each other, be encouraged, and get equipped to be the man that God desires you to be. The evening is open to men and guys age 16 and older; it is a prime opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, and co-workers. For questions, or more information, contact Todd Murgi, todd.murgi@cfafranchisee.com.

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.

The Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan

June

New Testament		Old Testament	
▶ LUKE	▶ EPHESIANS	▶ PSALMS	▶ 1 KINGS
1. <input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:1-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
2. <input type="checkbox"/> 1:26-38	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:15-23	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:9-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3
3. <input type="checkbox"/> 1:39-56	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:17-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-5
4. <input type="checkbox"/> 1:57-66	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:11-22	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:25-32	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-7
5. <input type="checkbox"/> 1:67-80	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:33-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
6. <input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:14-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:41-48	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-10
7. <input type="checkbox"/> 2:21-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:1-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:49-56	<input type="checkbox"/> 11
8. <input type="checkbox"/> 2:41-52	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:17-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:57-64	<input type="checkbox"/> 12
9. <input type="checkbox"/> 3:1-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:25-32	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:65-72	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-14
10. <input type="checkbox"/> 3:21-38	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:1-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:73-80	<input type="checkbox"/> 15-16
11. <input type="checkbox"/> 4:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:22-33	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:81-88	<input type="checkbox"/> 17-18
12. <input type="checkbox"/> 4:13-30	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:1-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:89-96	<input type="checkbox"/> 19-20
13. <input type="checkbox"/> 4:31-37	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:10-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:97-104	<input type="checkbox"/> 21-22
▶ PHILIPPIANS		▶ 2 KINGS	
14. <input type="checkbox"/> 4:38-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:105-112	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3
15. <input type="checkbox"/> 5:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:12-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:113-120	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-5
16. <input type="checkbox"/> 5:12-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:21-30	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:121-128	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-7
17. <input type="checkbox"/> 5:17-26	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:129-136	<input type="checkbox"/> 8-9
18. <input type="checkbox"/> 5:27-32	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:12-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:137-144	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-11
19. <input type="checkbox"/> 5:33-39	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:19-30	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:145-152	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-13
20. <input type="checkbox"/> 6:1-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:1-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:153-160	<input type="checkbox"/> 14-15
21. <input type="checkbox"/> 6:17-26	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:10-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:161-168	<input type="checkbox"/> 16-17
22. <input type="checkbox"/> 6:27-36	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:15-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 119:169-176	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-19
23. <input type="checkbox"/> 6:37-42	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:1-7	<input type="checkbox"/> 120	<input type="checkbox"/> 20-21
24. <input type="checkbox"/> 6:43-49	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:8-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 121	<input type="checkbox"/> 22-23
25. <input type="checkbox"/> 7:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:14-23	<input type="checkbox"/> 122	<input type="checkbox"/> 24-25

July

New Testament		Old Testament	
▶ LUKE	▶ COLOSSIANS	▶ PSALMS	▶ 1 CHRON.
1. <input type="checkbox"/> 7:11-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 123-124	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2
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3. <input type="checkbox"/> 7:36-50	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-7	<input type="checkbox"/> 126	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-6
4. <input type="checkbox"/> 8:1-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:8-15	<input type="checkbox"/> 127	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-9
5. <input type="checkbox"/> 8:16-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:16-23	<input type="checkbox"/> 128	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-11
6. <input type="checkbox"/> 8:26-39	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:1-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 129	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-14
7. <input type="checkbox"/> 8:40-56	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:15-25	<input type="checkbox"/> 130-131	<input type="checkbox"/> 15-16
8. <input type="checkbox"/> 9:1-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:1-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 132	<input type="checkbox"/> 17-19
9. <input type="checkbox"/> 9:18-27	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:10-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 133-134	<input type="checkbox"/> 20-22
▶ 1 THESSALONIANS			
10. <input type="checkbox"/> 9:28-36	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 135	<input type="checkbox"/> 23-25
11. <input type="checkbox"/> 9:37-50	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 136	<input type="checkbox"/> 26-28
12. <input type="checkbox"/> 9:51-62	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:10-20	<input type="checkbox"/> 137	<input type="checkbox"/> 29
		▶ 2 CHRON.	
13. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:1-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:1-6	<input type="checkbox"/> 138	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2
14. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:17-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:7-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 139	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-5
15. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:25-37	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 140	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-7
16. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:38-42	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:11-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 141	<input type="checkbox"/> 8-9
17. <input type="checkbox"/> 11:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:1-11	<input type="checkbox"/> 142	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-12
18. <input type="checkbox"/> 11:14-28	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:12-28	<input type="checkbox"/> 143	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-16
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19. <input type="checkbox"/> 11:29-36	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-7	<input type="checkbox"/> 144	<input type="checkbox"/> 17-19
20. <input type="checkbox"/> 11:37-54	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:8-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 145	<input type="checkbox"/> 20-21
21. <input type="checkbox"/> 12:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-12	<input type="checkbox"/> 146	<input type="checkbox"/> 22-24
22. <input type="checkbox"/> 12:13-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:13-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 147	<input type="checkbox"/> 25-27
23. <input type="checkbox"/> 12:22-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:1-5	<input type="checkbox"/> 148	<input type="checkbox"/> 28-29
24. <input type="checkbox"/> 12:35-48	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:6-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 149	<input type="checkbox"/> 30-33
25. <input type="checkbox"/> 12:49-59	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:14-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 150	<input type="checkbox"/> 34-36

Sunday Morning Adult Growth Classes **“A Place for Growing... A Place for YOU!”**

Adult Growth Classes are offered at 9:15am and 10:45am. The new semester of classes will continue until June 23. Pick up a brochure at the rack in the Lobby for details on upcoming classes.

Summer Session, May 19 – June 23

9:15 AM

No Name Characters of the Bible

Teacher: Michael Black | Room 240

You just have to meet these characters from the Bible. But here's the thing the thing, we don't know their names. Isn't amazing to think that throughout the Bible we hear stories of people that God used in amazing ways and we never know their names?

Join us for this series where we will be gleaning lessons from less than famous Bible figures. We will learn about what it means to be a part of God's story of redemption even if people never know our name. In this series we will be exploring the accounts of a soldier from Capernaum, a woman from Samaria, a wealthy man, a prison guard, a lady from Shunem, and a Godly man from Judah. By the end of this series you will have a better picture of how God uses ordinary people to play extraordinary roles in his timeless story.

10:45 AM

The New Testament You Never Knew

Teacher: Dr Jared Burns | 230

Do you know the real story behind the New Testament? Sometimes we think that we do, but when we take a behind-the-scenes look at the facts and context of seemingly familiar events we can be pleasantly surprised at what we discover.

In this DVD series renowned biblical scholars N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird team up to take you on a tour of the background behind the explosive story of the New Testament. Some of the subjects covered will be Jesus' baptism and journey into the wilderness, the meaning behind his parables and miracles, the significance of his death and resurrection, the incredible expansion of the early church into the Greco-Roman world, and how the transforming mission of Jesus can still turn the world upside down today. So, come join the journey that will help us understand the New Testament we never knew.

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Our church website features all the information you need to know about our church with easy to use menus. One of the great features is the ability to view the live feeds of our Sunday morning worship services. There are also printable PDF versions of our newsletter, monthly calendars, and registration forms.

If you would like to be added to our email list to receive the “Focus” newsletter electronically, indicate on the back of your Sunday bulletin information card or email the Church Office (churchoffice.gac@gmail.com).



GAC Youth News & Events

Pastor Rigel's Contact Information
 gacyouth@gmail.com - 724-575-2862

Creation Music Festival - June 26-30

There is only a short amount of time left to sign-up for our Creation Music festival trip. The cost of the trip is \$150 per student which includes transportation, a festival ticket, and meals throughout the week. A non-refundable deposit of \$35 is due at sign up. A detailed packet for this year's trip is available at Youth Group. Please note that this year we will not be having a meeting prior to the event. Rigel will personally be in contact with all registrants mid-June to distribute a packing list and go over details.

LIFE Trip Details

As our amazing trip to the LIFE Conference in Orlando approaches, I'm sure that there are many details that you are curious about. We will be releasing LIFE Participant Packets (which will be customized to our group) on Thursday June 13. The packets will contain itineraries, packing lists, and conference information.

Moving Up Night 2019

On Thursday, June 6, from 6:30-8:30pm, we will have our "Moving Up Night" at Youth Group. If you are a student who is going into 7th grade and will be 12 years old by September 1, we would love to see you at our Youth Group "Moving Up" Night. If you do not receive an invitation by May 16, please contact Pastor Rigel. If you are unable to attend and yet meet the requirements, consider yourself "Moved Up" after June 6.

Relay for Life Service Project - Saturday, June 8

This year we have another opportunity to serve our community by participating in Relay for Life-Greensburg, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, which honors cancer survivors. On Saturday, June 8, our Youth Group will be serving food and helping with clean up at the Relay for Life. We will meet at the Hempfield High School Cafeteria promptly at 4:15pm and head in to begin preparing the meal. Please sign up in the Youth Sunday School room if you are interested in serving, and make sure that you wear your Youth Group t-shirt on the day of the event. If you need a new shirt, one will be provided for free.

Bowling Fundraiser - Sunday, June 9 12:00-2:30pm

Our Bowling Fundraiser is back! Students will have a chance to raise money for Creation and LIFE by receiving pledges per pins prior to the 9th. Students may pick up pledge sheets from Pastor Rigel. On Sunday afternoon, June 9 after the second service, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a quick bite and then head over to Hillview Lanes. Each student will bowl two games and will record the better of the two scores. Students need to bring \$7 cash and make plans to be picked up at Hillview Lanes (829 E. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg, PA). If a student is not involved in the fundraiser they are still invited to go bowling with our group.

Snow Cone Youth Group - Thursday, June 13

On Thursday, June 13, from 6:30-7:15pm we will have the Kona Ice truck at Youth Group. Snow cones of all flavors will be available for the special rate of \$1 each. If you bring a friend and it is their first time at Youth Group they will receive a free snow cone.

Graduation Pictures

Celebrate this important milestone in your life with your Church Family! In order to honor and pray for you as you move into the next season of your life, graduates will be prayed for on Sunday, July 21 at the 10:45 Service. We will also be organizing a slide show of photos and information on our graduates.

Please email a grad photo to churchoffice.gac@gmail.com, along with the following information: full name (first, middle and last, plus nickname if desired); name of high school, cyber school or home school that you graduated from. The deadline to submit photos and information is June 16.



GAC Youth News & Events Continued

No YG Meeting June 27, & July 4, 11

Due to multiple youth group trips and Independence Day we will not be having Youth Group June 27, July 4, and July 11. We will be resuming Youth Group on July 18, with our Wacky Water Night.

**The Alliance Youth Summer schedule is out.
Please pick up your copy in the Youth Sunday School Room!**

Children's Ministries



Vacation Bible School: June 10-14, 2019

VBS is right around the corner and it is a great opportunity to start off a kid's summer. This year's theme is ROAR, which takes kids on an epic African adventure, that explores God's goodness. Check the bulletin for more details about registration, volunteer sign ups, and supply needs. Please mark your calendars for June 10-14. We are excited and looking forward to seeing you.

Please consider giving a week (or even a few days) of your summer to volunteer with our children during VBS. If you are interested in helping or would like additional information, please check the box on the back of your Sunday bulletin information card; contact the church office, 724-837-1122; or contact Becky Buriok at 412-610-2411.

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! Be thinking about family and friends you want to invite to our VBS, and what you can do to help this year! There are plenty of supplies we will need, a few of which will be listed, and we also have a sign up table available in the lobby, stop by and see how you can lend a hand this year!

Kid's Ministry Volunteers

Are you looking for a way to get involved and leave a lasting impact on the next generation? Well you are in luck, because we have an exciting opportunity for you to be involved with our GAC Kids Ministry. We have been implementing the Orange curriculum, and we are excited as the renovations continue in the wing. There have been numerous volunteers helping with the painting, construction, sound installation, and general tech work, and we are grateful for their continued efforts to create a fantastic environment for our kids. That's where you come in. We are building the foundation, and we have the resources, but now we need the people. Our kids need people willing to invest in them, willing to teach them, worship with them, and pray with them. We want to provide the foundation for a healthy life full of Jesus' love, and Biblical knowledge to make decisions as they navigate the chaos of the world around them. If that sounds like something you would be interested in, or if you are curious about the changes going on in Children's Ministry, contact Julie or Cindy for more information. For those interested in joining our team, mark your calendars for July 9 for an introductory event!



Envision Paris

Shining The Light
in the city of light

Mid-May Update

The more things stay the same the more things change. That seems to be our life in this ministry here in France. With a revolving door of interns, ministry opportunities, and changing relationships with local people, it's good to know the Gospel and our call to serve the people of France and teams and interns remains the same.

It is often easy to sit in our weekly conversation groups and events and see the same people there that we have been ministering to for a number of months; and become frustrated that people don't seem to be moving closer to an eternity changing relationship with Christ. Yet when I sit down to write these updates it's a time to reflect back on the conversations about Jesus, the requests for prayer, and the times people have crossed a barrier on their journey towards Jesus.



Tony, Raeni, Fayth & Hannah Roos

People are asking questions, they are moving slowly towards Jesus. The changes are often small and slow but they are still changes and we celebrate them.

Early in May we said goodbye to a year long intern. This was a painful good bye as the deeper you love the harder it is to say goodbye. Paige had lived with us for almost ten months and was a deep part of our family. But even beyond that she dove deep into the lives of the people in our groups. The outpouring of love she received from the groups was a testimony of her love she poured out into them.

Raeni and I had the opportunity to attend a conference about international church ministry and hear what God is doing and can do to through international churches around the world. It was a great reminder that God is on the move even in ways we are seeing.

Please continue to pray!

Tony, Raeni, Fayth and Hannah

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the seeds of the Gospel to continue to take hold in people's hearts
- Pray for Fayth and Hannah as they finish up this year of school
- Pray that God clarifies His unique calling for our lives
- Pray for new interns that arrive on the 14th
- Pray for this weekend's Soul Care retreat in Limoges

June Condolences

Condolences to Stephen and Michelle Penich, their son Noah passed away May 1.

Condolences to Glenn Davidson and family, Glenn's father Glenn Sr. passed away May 4.

Condolences to Bob Callen and family, Bob's father Ken passed away May 8.

June Anniversaries

2	Ryan & Kami Hauser	17	Bill & MaryIn Davis Mark & Laura Gardiner	24	Alex & Eva Graziani
4	James & Judy Downham		Bob & Sheri Statler	25	Scott & Dawn Rose
12	Dave & Mary Kay Baker	19	Alex & Christy Belgiovane	26	Ken & Andrea Nye
13	Mike & Becky Buriok	20	Roy & Donna Dail	27	Rusty & Donna Loy
14	Bob & Linda Schoenfeld	23	Jack & Lois Moore Christopher & Melody Stoltenberg	29	Dave & Julie Kostenbader
16	Carl & Bobbi Fink	24	Allan & Barb Fox	30	Charles & Mary Fox

June Birthdays

1	Donna Corl Bobbi Fink Melody Stoltenberg	10	Kendyl Bowman Susann Camara Jon Kelley Deborah Long	20	Alex Belgiovane Mina Wilcox	26	Donna Dail Vickie Mackinson James Williams
3	Mayme Amour	11	Natalie Anderson Charles Fox	21	Parimal Bhagat Michael Buriok Barbara Fox Jarred Slater Dean Worry	29	Lucille Goodge Jennifer Morgan
4	Nathan Fox David Klintz Heather Polvinale	12	Matthew Dreskler Ashley Kunkle	22	Parker Christman	30	Justin Darazio Jillian Jensen Renee Jones
5	Michael Black Patricia Blenko Madalyn Pevarnik Anthony Trout	13	Mia Cross Seth Graziani	23	Stuart Ford Julie Kostenbader Tina Young		
6	Rigel Holmes Brian Wallace Aidan White	14	Aubree Brown	24	Loretta-Rose Endress Luke Hodge Donna Kemerer George Pohodich Sandy Vargo		
8	Amanda Christman Kristi Fellers	17	Sara Calhoun Joshua Dreskler Gary Keslar	25	Brooke Hugland		
9	Matthew Tomko	18	J Alan Lukasik				

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
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					Alliance General Council 5/28 - 6/2	
2 9:15 & 10:45am Worship, Communion & Sunday School Alliance General Council Ends	3 6:30pm Elders Meeting	4 6:30am Men's Bible Study Randy Wolf-Trail Life USA	5	6 11:30am Young At Heart Meeting @ Bob Evans 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY) Move Up Night	7	8
9 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 1:30pm Anchor College Ministry/Picnic @ Laurel Hill AY-Bowling -Hillview 12:15pm Children's Captain Mtg	10 6:30pm Governing Board Meeting 7:30 pm Elders Meeting	11 6:30am Men's Bible Study	12	13 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY)	14	15
	Vacation Bible School - June 10-14 - 9am-11:30am					
16 Happy Father's Day! 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 12:30pm Anchor College Ministry 12:15pm Deacons Meeting	17 Newsletter Article Deadline	18 6:30am Men's Bible Study	19	20 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY)	21	22
			Dad & Lad Camp - June 20-23 - Tel-Hai Camp			
23 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 12:30pm Anchor College Ministry	24	25 6:30am Men's Bible Study 6:30p Men's Dinner & Movie	26	27 Alliance Youth (AY) will not meet due to Creation trip 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	28	29
			Alliance Youth - Creation Festival - June 26-30			
30 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 12:30pm Anchor College Ministry Alliance Youth Returns from Creation Trip						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30pm Elders Meeting	2 6:30am Men's Bible Study	3	4 <i>Church Office Closed in observance of Independence Day</i> <i>No AY Meeting</i>	5	6
7 9:15 & 10:45am Worship, Communion & Sunday School 12:30pm Anchor College Ministry	8	9 6:30am Men's Bible Study 7pm Children's Ministry Interest Party	10	11 11:30am Young At Heart Meeting <i>No AY Meeting</i>	12	13
Alliance Youth LIFE Conference - July 8-14 - Orlando FL						
14 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 12:130pm Anchor College Ministry Alliance Youth Returns from Life Trip	15 6:30pm Governing Board Meeting 7:30 pm Elders Meeting	16 6:30am Men's Bible Study Jr/Sr Cookout Holmes Home	17 <i>Newsletter Article Deadline</i>	18 6:30pm Alliance Youth (AY) Wacky Water Night	19	20
					Mahaffey Camp	
21 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 12:30pm Anchor College Ministry 12:15pm Deacons Meeting	22	23 6:30am Men's Bible Study	24	25 6:30pm Thursday Night @ The Well- Alliance Youth (AY) 7pm Trustees Meeting	26	27
Mahaffey Camp - July 19-28						
28 9:15 & 10:45am Worship & Sunday School 12:30pm Anchor College Ministry Mahaffey Camp-Last Day	29	30 6:30am Men's Bible Study	31			



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Men's Dinner & Movie - June 25

Alliance Youth Creation Festival - June 26-30

LIFE Conference - July 8-14