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From the Pastor's Desk

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

When we think of the month of February for many of us we think of one day in particular and that is celebrated on the 14th, Valentine's Day. While the idea of Valentine's day goes back to the fifth century it was in the mid 1800's that the first commercial cards were printed for the day, to give away to one's Valentine. As a kid you probably decorated a shoe box and brought it into school hoping to get some of those little cards from classmates, and hoping for that special card from a particular someone. It is a day that is marked and set aside for love. The truth is, as Christians we should be marked by love every day. Every day we should be figuratively giving cards of God's love to people all around us.

This is such a great reminder as we are in an "us vs. them" season of life. We are more divided as people than ever before. We have forgotten to find the good in others and just see those that do not agree with us as enemies, instead of seeing them as created and loved by God. When God sees the human race he does not see color, or political party, he does not see people that wear masks and people that do not. He does not see the very things that divide us. He sees people that matter, that He created, and that He loves. He sees people that are heading the wrong way and has entrusted us with the task to share with them. He sees broken people that we are called to help put the pieces together with. He sees sons and daughters, those that have accepted His free gift of salvation. In these times of division it sure would be nice for us to see people the way that God sees them, and not by the label the world wants to put on them. So Church, let us not only set aside one day a year to celebrate love, let us be known for our love every day. They will know we are Christians by our Love.

-Pastor Lu

Share the Love

This Valentine's Day we have an opportunity to share Jesus' love with those in a local nursing home. We will be providing Valentine's Day cards for the 91 residents of Greensburg Care Center. Here's how you can be part of this fantastic outreach. Stop at the table in the Lobby on Sunday, February 7, and fill out a card (or cards) for the residents. Then simply place the card(s) in the basket on the table and we will do the rest! This is an easy way for us to demonstrate the hope and love of Jesus to our community this Valentine's Day.



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Adult Sunday Growth Classes-In-Person “Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith”

Sunday mornings we are having a physically distanced yet socially engaging Adult Growth class 9:30-10:30am in the classroom off of the Fellowship Hall. This will be a 6 week class running from February 7-March 14 taught by George Cross. He will be going through Andy Stanley’s series called “5 Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith”

Imagine how differently you would respond to life if you knew with unshakeable confidence that God was with you and wanted to use everyday things as a catalyst for your spiritual growth. The subjects that will be covered in this study are: Big Faith, Practical Teaching, Providential Relationships, Private Disciplines, Personal Ministry, and Pivotal Circumstances.

Adult Sunday Growth Classes-Via Zoom “The Promises of God”

We will be offering a 6 week Adult Growth Class taught by Jared Burns on Sunday evenings at 6:00pm via Zoom running February 7-March 14. As believers we must cling to the “great and precious promises” given to us. But do we know what these are? How do we understand what promises are for us and how to apply them correctly? For example, there are huge differences between the contractual covenant promises for the nation of Israel, general promises for the people of God, and expectations that we have for the way that God deals with the nation state in which one lives. How do we sort this all out?

We will seek to answer these questions while focusing on the promises that give us hope, strength, and help us focus on the Lordship of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in joining the class, there will be a link posted in the “Ministries” tab on our GAC app. We will also send the link via email on the first Monday of the month.

Ladies Small Group Study

It’s never too late to join! We meet at 101 N. Main Street, Suite 102, on Monday evenings, and we are working through “Overcoming Emotions That Destroy” by Chip Ingram. Come as early as 6:30pm to hang out, the study will take place from 7-8pm. Invite a friend! For questions or more information, contact Joanne Kreinbrook at the Church Office.

Moms 24/7

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 jkreinbrook.gac@gmail.com.

Last month we had a great time connecting over dinner at our January Mom’s Night Out. We do not have any events planned for February, but stay connected with us via Facebook and Instagram. As always, we would love to hear from you! Please reach out if you have any questions, prayer requests or just want to connect. We really miss our meetings!

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

We invite you to join us for an evening of prayer via Zoom on Wednesdays in February at 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity for us to be united in prayer. A link will be emailed on the first Monday of each month and you can sign up for “Prayer Meeting” notifications on our GAC App. If you have not received our Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting links in the past, please contact the Church Office, office.gac@gmail.com or 724-837-1122 to be added. We hope you can make it!



When we talk about “doing” missions, it’s easy to see this as an action with a beginning and end, a start and finish. But what if we talked less about “doing missions” and more about “being missional”? It’s not just something we do—it’s who we are. Living daily in the understanding that lost people matter to God and He wants them found is part of our identity as disciples.

Sometimes we focus on the important words of Jesus and overlook His actions. He often taught the “why,” but He lived the “how.” Take Luke 15:1–2 for example: “Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear [Jesus]. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, ‘This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.’”

Initially Jesus said nothing—it’s all about action. The religious leaders observed that Jesus “welcomes sinners and eats with them.” You can almost hear the disgust in their voices. But I love this quote. It speaks so much about the heart of Jesus. He welcomed people with love, acceptance, and respect, regardless of who they were.

Jesus demonstrated how to live and who to minister to. When confronted, He gave them the “why.” He emphasized it in the form of the three famous “Parables of the Lost.”

First, He told of a shepherd who left a flock of 99 sheep to go after one that was lost. The shepherd didn’t stop until he found his sheep. Second, He told of a woman who relentlessly searched for her lost coin. Third, He told the parable of the lost or prodigal son. (See Luke 15:4, 8, and 11-20.) These are glorious images of how God views the lost. He wants them to return, He wants them found.

In all three of these parables there is one glaring similarity. When what is lost is found, there is a huge and extravagant celebration. The shepherd called his friends together and said, “rejoice with me I have found my lost sheep.” The woman reacted exactly the same way when her coin was found. And the father of the prodigal son adorned him with a robe, a ring, and a feast! (See Luke 15: 5-6, 9, and 22-24.)

These celebrations show us that lost people are treasured by God. Jesus sees lost people as cherished and valuable, and the Father desperately wants them back. This is how we should see people who don’t know Jesus.

-Dan Lawrence

Men’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study

We invite you to join our Men’s Bible Study each Tuesday morning via Zoom. We have been discussing Pastor Lu’s sermon and the accompanying Bible passage each week. We meet from 6:30am to 7:30am every Tuesday. If you would like to participate, send an email to alexander.graziani@gmail.com to get a link to the Zoom meeting. Resolve to get into the Word of God and let the Word of God get into you!

Young at Heart

We are taking our normal Winter break in February. While there is no Young At Heart meeting at this time, be sure to mark your calendar for when we resume meeting next month, Thursday, March 4, 2021. Have a safe winter. See you in the Spring!

GAC Kids

Showing Kindness and Loving Others!!!

Welcome to GAC Kids!! We have enjoyed seeing many faces back and look forward to seeing many more. **We are asking that you please complete the New Children's Ministry Registration form for your child(ren) on the website at greensburgalliancechurch.com or the GAC church app.** It will be under "Ministries", click on "Children" and then scroll down to "Registration". This will greatly help things run smoother on Sunday mornings if this is done ahead of time.

* Our Children's Ministry will be held **only** at the **11:00am** service and will run for the full hour. Families can check in their kids at the front desk. They will be in the Orange Room for drop off and pick up. We are also having preschool (4&5's) at **11:00am** and they will be meeting in the Preschool Room.

February 252:

* This month's theme in 252 Kids (Elementary) is about **KINDNESS**. We will be sharing about how to show kindness toward one another and to cheer each other on in life. When we show others kindness, we are reflecting God's love. Our memory verse for this month is Colossians 3:12.



February First Look:

* This month's theme in First Look (Preschool) is that **Jesus loves me!!** We are all made for His love. We will look at how Jesus wants to spend time with us, wants to help us, and loves us no matter what!!



* **Parents**, there is a weekly video that is posted on our website for your family to watch and help guide your discussions with your children. **The password for First Look (preschool) and 252 Kids (elementary) videos is "Gackids"**. Please have your sticker ready to pick up your children at the end of the service. We are looking forward to having your children participate in GAC Kids this year!!

God has been working over these last few months. Maybe you are seeing for the first time how important it is to have a relationship with Jesus and to be in community with others. These kids need volunteers who are willing to share Jesus and His love for them. **For those interested in serving in Children's Ministry, please contact Cindy Llewellyn at cindy.gackids@gmail.com, for more information about how to help out with GAC Kids. It's a new year, take time to volunteer! These kids need to see your love and kindness. They need to know that they are valuable!!!**



Awana is being done differently at least through February. We are using a hybrid type format for Awana with both **virtual** and **home** elements. Each week we go over the verses and lessons with you virtually. They are prerecorded and shown on our Greensburg Alliance Church website/Ministries/Awana. If you would like more information, please contact Cindy Llewellyn at cindy.gackids@gmail.com.

We are continuing our small groups (“Impact Groups”) in the new year on a month to month basis. These groups will be held with the same protocols in place as before. Beginning in February we will be starting a new series for both Middle School and High School as well as a service project, so we encourage you to show up and check it out. In case you were wondering, we will keep our same format but the groups themselves will be shuffled around a bit. While it is hard to plan in this environment, our goal is to continue to provide opportunities for students to learn about their faith and grow in their relationship with Christ as we move through this uncertain season.

Impact Groups

We are excited about our Impact Groups that have been running since October. These groups will either meet on Wednesday nights (Grade 6-8) or Thursday nights (Grade 9-12). These groups will be held from 6:30-7:45pm. There is no need to preregister for these groups, just show up and we will get you situated. As mentioned above, during our indoor youth meetings masks and physical distancing will be required as we gather together. If you've never shown up for one, we encourage you to stop by and check it out.

February Service Project

During the first two small groups (both weeks) in the month of February we will be taking the opportunity to make Valentine's Day cards with encouraging notes for the residents of local nursing homes. As you know most of them have been very isolated over the past year and we want to do something that will hopefully lift their spirits.

If you're interested in working on the cards please plan on staying an extra 45 minutes each small group that you wish to do so. As stated above, we will be offering this option for two weeks. If you choose to stay and make cards, pick up will be at 8:30pm instead of 7:45pm. We will have all of the supplies on hand so all that a student will have to bring is their creativity and effort. The cards will be delivered to nursing homes before Valentine's Day.

2021 February Schedule

- 3 MS Impact Groups (Wed) Card Making Option
- 4 HS Impact Groups (Thurs) Card Making Option
- 10 MS Impact Groups (Wed) Card Making Option
- 11 HS Impact Groups (Thurs) Card Making Option
- 17 MS Impact Groups (Wed)
- 18 HS Impact Groups (Thurs)
- 24 MS Impact Groups (Wed)
- 25 HS Impact Groups (Thurs)



February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study	2 6:30am Men's Bible Study Via Zoom	3 6:30pm AY-MS Impact Group 6:30pm Awana Virtual Meeting	4 6:30pm AY-HS Impact Group	5	6
7 Valentine's Outreach 9:30 & 11:00am Worship Services /Communion 11:00am Children's Ministry	8 Newsletter Article Deadline 7:00pm Ladies Bible Study	9 6:30am Men's Bible Study Via Zoom	10 6:30pm AY-MS Impact Group 6:30pm Awana Virtual Meeting	11 6:30pm AY-HS Impact Group	12	13
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28 9:30 & 11:00am Worship Services 11:00am Children's Ministry						

Condolences

Dave Allen on the death of his wife, Donna Allen, on 1/9.

February Anniversaries

- 11 Ron & Betsy Danser
18 Matt & Sharon Dreskler



February Birthdays

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|---|--|----|---|----|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Makenzie Miller | 10 | Janice Calhoun | 22 | Josh Nosbisch |
| 2 | Bri Danser | 11 | Ronald Danser | 23 | Becky Keller
Nathan Keller |
| 3 | Kevin Husband
Jonathan Keslar | 12 | Zac Cross | 24 | Elizabeth Pevarnik |
| 4 | Peter Obringer
Whitney Tanyer | 13 | Wes Johnston, Jr. | 25 | Alina Barrientos-Collins |
| 6 | Karen Slater
Brynlee Young | 14 | Carmen Dott | 26 | Katherine Oblack |
| 7 | Jacob Holmes | 15 | Dave Allen | | |
| 8 | Mark Obringer | 16 | Paul Graziani
Kaylee Young | | |
| 9 | David Kostenbader
Paige Kunkelmann
Clinton Lucas
Tucker Murgi
Ruby Risko | 18 | Julie Holmes | | |
| | | 19 | Carissa Cholock
Scarlet Delligatti | | |
| | | 21 | Ethan Knepp
Daniel McKay
Bill Schomer | | |

If you would like your anniversary and family birthdays listed in our monthly Focus newsletters, please indicate on your Sunday Connect Card located on the pews, through our Church app or email the Church Office, churchoffice.gac@gmail.com.

We appreciate you completing the Connect Card located on the pews or on the app and submitting it each week so that we can keep our records up to date. Even if your contact information hasn't changed. Thank you!



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Participate in our Valentine's Outreach benefitting a local nursing home. See page 1 for full details.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:37-40