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From the Pastor's Desk

*"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
Isaiah 41:10*

Greetings Church,

As you can see this is not our normal newsletter, but then again we are not living in normal times. This has been a unique period for us as a world, country, and as a church. I want you to know that at GAC we are looking for new and creative ways to push forward in this time. I have been in communication with our emergency management team letting them know that we are here to serve. We are currently working with them on some ways that we can help our neighbors and our neighborhood. As I said in my message, I truly believe that while the world is in retreat that God is saying to the church, CHARGE! We continue to look for new ways to do that, while staying apart. We are working on many different ministry opportunities and you will be hearing about them as they come up. I have asked the ministry staff to plan like we will not be back for a while, but to pray that we will be back together soon.

As we continue to work on ways to charge as a church, I want to encourage you to continue to give to our church and to world missions. You can do this through our app, our website, or by mailing a check to the church. The staff and I have implemented a spending freeze. We are in a good financial position right now, but we know that this situation has the potential to continue for some time and that could change our financial condition. We want to remain in a position to be able to keep our staff, and to be able to reach out in creative ways, as God makes them known to us. I never like to talk about money, because I never want anyone to think that I care more about money more than I do about people. I want you to know that I care about each and every one of you. Cindy and I have been praying for you. My heart has broken with each one of you as I have received emails and texts about you being laid off, or your company closing. In these days I have held on to the Scripture at the top of this article. I truly do miss seeing all of you each week. I do not know when we will be able to meet in person again, but I do know that when that day comes it will be a great celebration. I am here for each of you. If you need something please contact me. We are better together, and the best is yet to come!

-Pastor Lu



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Greetings from Paris France!

The entire world is quickly being impacted by the effects of the Coronavirus. Everything has changed! Countries, cultures and societies scramble in efforts to counteract this pandemic. The world is not the same and probably will never be again. In the midst of this new reality, are new rules that need to be implemented. France being a bordering country of Italy has been quickly affected by the virus. The French government is taking steps to minimize the effects and the Lawrence family is doing our best to roll with it. We are on lockdown. People are not permitted to leave their homes without a special form. The form allows 5 reasons for people to leave. One of which is to get food. We are making the best of life in lockdown. Daily dance parties with the kids. Catching up on movies and books. Our whole family is participating in baking, board games, art projects, and plenty of play. Adley has online school daily and Dan and Lisa are regularly keeping in contact with people through video calls, phone, and text. Hospitality is hard, we are not having anyone over for dinner right now. But we have poured energy into communications and acts of love. Everyday we are checking in on anyone we can think of in our ministry context. Calling them, talking with them, texting them, and even praying with them if they'll accept it.

Praise:

- We are safe, healthy, and have plenty of food during this time.
- Adley is able to continue school online.
- In February we had a wonderful weekend speaking at a French Alliance Church in Toulouse, France.
- We had a great week at our France Field prayer conference at the end of February.
- We were able to have Ellis dedicated to the Lord at the prayer conference.
- Spring is here! The long Parisian winter has ended. We are thankful for the sun even though we can't get out and enjoy it yet.

Prayer:

- Pray for this country, this city, and its people during this virus crisis. Every day the numbers roll out-more cases, more deaths, and more restrictions.
- Pray specifically for our family's health and the health of all Alliance Missions workers.
- Life in confinement can be emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually difficult.
- Effective ministry in these conditions is really hard. We are trying especially hard to stay in contact with and care for the people we have worked so hard to build relationships with.
- Pray for our boys specifically at this time. Pray for Adley as online school is a challenge for us all and he misses his friends and teachers. The boys keep asking to go outside and play, but it's just not possible right now. May they grow to better understand this situation.
- We ask that you would specifically pray that "the power of God" would be upon us. That God would use us in a supernatural way here in this mission.

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Condolences

To Dan Kepple and family on the death of his mother, Leonora Kepple on February 29.

To Bob Statler and family on the death of his father, Martin Statler on March 9.

Congratulations

Matt & Sharon Dreskler welcomed their son, Titus Jeremiah, to the world on March 6. Titus weighed 9 pounds 15 ounces and was 19 inches long.

April Anniversaries

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| 5 | William & Dawn Brown
George & Judy Cross | 21 | Zack & Ashley Bowman |
| 7 | Zachary & Whitney Tanyer | 26 | Tom & Janet Keller |
| 13 | Rodney & Dimphina Ayers | 28 | Ted & Linda Sauve |
| 18 | Jack & Anita Fennell
Jarred & Karen Slater | 30 | Erik & Jodi Hilty |

April Birthdays

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| 1 | Jordan Baum | 8 | Britney Brautigam
William Brown | 14 | Noah Calisti | 25 | Jeannie Smith |
| 2 | Aubrey Wadsworth | 9 | Jacob Collins-Barrientos
Joni Hugland
Olivia Knepp
Elaina Sears | 15 | Luke Belgiovane
Charlie O’Nan | 26 | Noah Burda
Audra Murgi |
| 3 | Andrew Blenko
Kevin Dail
Kevin Jensen | 10 | Logan Hennessey
Sharon Ross
Luke Wallace | 16 | Ryan Cross
Charlotte Hauser
Kristin King
Gabriella Kreinbrook
Brashear | 27 | Amy Calisti
Tiana Jensen
Casey O’Nan-
McCormick
Natalie Stine
Joshua Young |
| 4 | Eva Graziani
Alex Oblack | 11 | Luke Cross
Tucker Vargo | 17 | Chuck Iwinski
Peggy Longsdorf | 28 | Andy Vargo |
| 5 | Enzo Vargo | 12 | Camden Vickers | 19 | Colton Lucas | 30 | Eric Kreinbrook |
| 6 | Diane Ambrose
Roy Dail | 13 | Addyson Momper | 21 | Judy Cross
Samantha Hodge
Linda Schneider | | |
| 7 | Cheryl Dott
Allen Fox
Elijah Morgan-
Washington | | | | | | |

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

We appreciate your completing the Connect Card 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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****YOUNG AT HEART MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
APRIL 2 HAS BEEN CANCELED.****

**As of the printing of this Newsletter, all services,
meetings, and activities have been suspended
through April 6. We continue to monitor the situation,
and additional changes may become necessary. We
will keep you updated via email, our church App, and
our church website:**

Greensburgalliancechurch.com.

**Any prayer requests can be submitted by email to the
church office, churchoffice.gac@gmail.com, our
church App, or you may leave a voice message at the
church office, 724-837-1122.**

Messages are checked on a regular basis.