



Dear Friends,

“A trip is what you take when you can’t take anymore of what you’ve been taking.” (Adeline Ainsworth) This might be what you are feeling just before you go on vacation. What is it that you have been taking? Lots of work, exams at school, stress of everyday life? Vacation time sure is a blessing to pack up and go on a trip.

The vacation that we take will eventually end and we have to return home. It’s a real blessing when we like what we return to. But even then we might run dry at times. It’s good to have a powerful source where we can reboot: **But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.** (Isaiah 40:31)

Hoping in the Lord is expecting that His promise of strength will help us to rise above life’s distractions and difficulties. The Word of God wants you to know and believe that God loves you and wants the best for you. You can relax in God’s mighty hands, confident that His purposes are right. You can rest assured that He has the power to control all of life—and *your* life as well. Though your faith may be struggling or weak, please accept his provisions and care for you.

Even the strongest people get tired at times, but God’s power and strength never diminish. He is never too tired or too busy to help and listen. His strength is our source of strength. When you feel all of life crushing you and cannot go another step, remember that you can call upon God to renew your strength.

**Entrust your days and burdens
To God’s most loving hand;
He cares for you while ruling
The sky, the sea, the land.**

**He that in clouds and tempest
Finds break-through for the sun
Will find right pathways for you
Till trav’ling days are done.**

Hymn #427, from Paul Gerhardt

Have a good summer, safe travels, inspiring experiences and deepened relationships with one another and with the Lord,

yours

Pastor Tepper

God is awesome

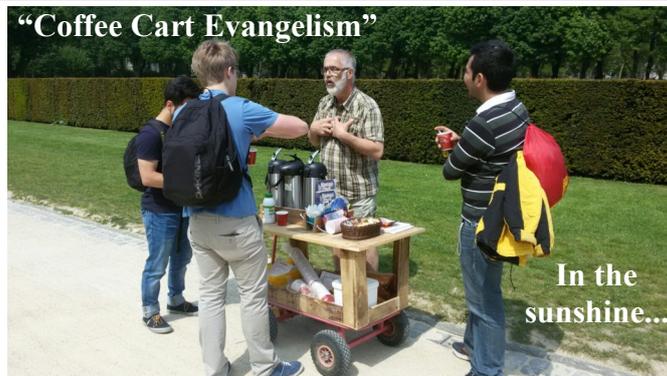
Nehemiah 1:5



Please Pray...

- For **Brussels** that God send His Holy Spirit to open and prepare the hearts of the people that many might believe.
- For **us** that Jesus’ Love touch every aspect of our lives and we become crazy about Him.
- To the Lord of the harvest to send workers into the mission field (Luke 10:2)
- For safe travels of our church members during the vacation.
- For those with birthdays this month:
 - July 11: Maria
 - July 17: Lauren

Send your requests to: pastor @ alcb.be and specify whether it is private or to be shared.



Upcoming Events... Last minute updates/changes: www.alcb.be

Sunday, July 3

10:30am Worship Service in Leefdaal (p.2)

Sunday, July 10

10:00am Worship Service in Antwerp (p.2)

Sat., July 16

All day: Outreach at the Gent Festival

Sunday, July 17

10:00am Worship Service in Antwerp

Sat., July 23

All day: Outreach in Aalst

Sunday, July 24

10:30am Worship Service in Leefdaal

Sat., July 30

All day: Outreach in Brussels

Sunday, July 31

10:30am Worship Service in Leefdaal

Sunday, Aug 7

10:30am Worship Service in Leefdaal

Sunday, Aug 14

10:30am Worship Service in Leefdaal

Mo-Fri, Aug 15-19

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Sunday, Aug 21

10:00am Worship Service in Antwerp

Sunday, Aug 28

10:30am Worship Service in Leefdaal

Sunday, Sept 4

4:30pm Worship Service in Woluwe-Saint Pierre

Worship services are held normally at: Ave. Salomé 7, Woluwe-St. Pierre (across the Centre Sportif, close to Stokkel)

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Once a month we invite you to get together to discuss a Bible passage together. Just grab a cup of coffee or tea and

join in! It's a good place to ask questions you might have. **On Sundays, 2:30-4:00 p.m.** (just before our church service). The children enjoy instruction and fun at the same time during their Kids' Club. Ask pastor for the location. (pastor@alcb.be)



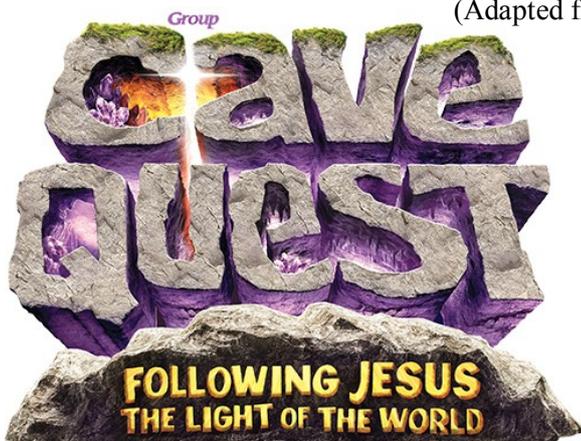
Walking with the Lord

There is power in praying — God's Word invites us to pray. It's part of walking with the Lord: Talking to Him as we go. Jesus is always with us and He is ready to listen and to act. So, let us pray more often, more happily, and more passionately.

Here is a prayer that you may use, a prayer for your spouse.

Lord God, I pray that you would establish in me and (*spouse's name*) bonds of love that cannot be broken. Show me how to love my *wife/husband* in an ever-deepening way that *she/he* can clearly recognize. May we have mutual respect and admiration for each other so that we become and remain one another's greatest friend, champion, and unwavering support. Where love has been diminished, lost, destroyed, or buried under hurt and disappointment, put it back in our hearts. Give us strength to hold on to the good in our marriage, even in those times when one of us doesn't feel love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

(Adapted from *The Power of a Praying Husband*)



Register your children now for VBS (Vacation Bible School)! The VBS ministry is a joint effort among several churches in the Brussels area and is always a wonderful experience both for children and helpers! The day includes Bible stories, snack, crafts, games, and great music! The Teppers will be there!

Monday – Friday, 15 – 19 August, 2016 from 10:00 – 14:00 at IBC, Lange Eikstraat 76-78, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem

- For Children, ages 5-11 (participation fee: EUR 25, payable on the first day – reduced fee for third/fourth child of same family)
- For Junior Helpers, ages 12-15
- For Senior Helpers, ages 16+ (preschool & nursery provided for your little ones while you are helping)

Preview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILqUxzM0Y1M>

You need to pre-register as places are limited, so be sure to register early! Register by following this link:

<https://ibcbrussels.com/ministries/children/vacation-bible-school/>

Our Investments in People's Lives

Thanks to all who have set up automatic bank transfer for tithes, contributions and donations for automated giving for God's glory.

Mission '16	Sunday Offerings	Bank Transfers	Total (goal vs. received)	Giving goals*
May	€ 958.50	€ 730.00	€ 1,688.50 (81%)	€ 2,083
June	€ 1,099	€ 830.00	€ 1,929.00 (92%)	€ 2,083
Year to	€ 5,475.24	€ 4,130.00	€ 9,605.24 (77%)	€ 12,498
Things that you support	Discipleship	Lives served	Members + unbelievers	July-Aug € 4,166

* 12 x 2,083=25,000 € is what we need to raise ourselves in Brussels. We are currently subsidized by the LCMS and the SELK for our total budget of € 55,000.

● **Summer Services in Barn** – During July and August we have our Sunday services at 10:30 in the morning in the barn in Leefdaal (close to Tervuren on the N3, ask pastor for directions). Address of the **Antwerp church** is Tabakvest 59.

● **Street Evangelism** – With ● **The Church Will Continue** – Our church president Pastor van Hattem assured our board of elders that the ministry of ALCB will continue after Pastor Tepper and his family have moved in the summer of 2017. They have discussed several options for the short-term and long-term solutions.

● **Street Evangelism** – With our partners on the Brussels mission field, local coworkers as well as international short-term mission teams, we brought the Gospel of Christ to the streets of Europe's capital. Keep on praying, because our mission continues during the summer.

● **Funds For Ministry** – Thanks to all who have set up a standing order with the bank for their monthly offering and all of you who give at church. You understand that *funding ministry is not just about meeting the budget, but about investing in people's lives with eternal consequences!*

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Please help the body of Christ with your gifts.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph 4:10)



catechism quiz

1. True or false: For all God has been doing for me as described in the first article of the Creed, it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.
2. What does "hallowed" mean in the Lord's Prayer? Choose from A-D:
A. empty B. pure
C. feared D. holy
3. How often should we repent and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever?

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1. This is most certainly true.
2. To keep holy.
3. Daily.