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Chaplaincy endorsement opens ministry opportunities outside the church.

Jim Denley

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IN JESUS COMES AN AMAZING VICTORY

Perhaps you know someone who has gone through a terrible ordeal and afterwards says, "I'm glad I went through it, because I'm so much closer to Jesus now." But are you that person?

God's word teaches us how to face life with clear eyes and the right spirit. You might recall how Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 describes the treasure of God's mercy and power in our lives saying, "*We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.*" We are not defeated by these hardships or sufferings. In another passage, Paul quotes a Psalm, which describes the suffering we face, and comes to the conclusion: "*in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*" (Rom 8:37)

Consider a few more statements from Paul in 2 Corinthians:

"For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you all." (2 Cor 4:11-12)

"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far

outweighs them all.” (2 Cor 4:17)

“That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Cor 12:10)

It’s hard to ignore the repetition in Paul’s words. We will suffer, but it is for God’s glory. Paul personified these truths, as do our brothers and sisters when they say, “I’m glad I went through it.” Maybe you’re not to a place where you can say that phrase with honesty. But that shouldn’t stop us from standing with Paul and recognizing the hope we have that God is working, even in the midst of our suffering. His mercy goes with us. Because whatever hardships we face, we have an amazing victory through Jesus!



Quarterly Reports

The first Quarterly Report was due April 1-5. Maybe you missed it because you were making new music with your band, Punk Rock Squirrel. Maybe you just forgot. Click the red button to fill it out today, no questions asked (except for the questions on the Quarterly Report).

[Quarterly Report](#)



Chaplaincy Prayer Wall

From now on, you can submit your request AND know when you are being prayed for in real time! No more submitting your prayer request and waiting for us to send out an email! Log into the Secure Side of the chaplaincy website and click on "Chaplain Prayer Requests" or, if you are already logged in, click the button to go directly there.

If you click the button and you are not logged in, you will get a **403 Forbidden warning** when you click the link. That’s okay. Click on the Chaplain Login button in the top right corner, log in using your AG Passport

username and password, and in the NAVIGATION box, select Chaplain Prayer Requests.

[Prayer Wall](#)



Upcoming Trainings

We will be leading the following trainings:

June 12-14, 2023 (Bolivar, Missouri): ICISF - Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis Intervention.

Email for more information.

[Email 461Response@ag.org](mailto:461Response@ag.org)



2023 Chaplaincy Conference

Early Registration: Today-May 1 \$25/person

Regular Registration: May 2-June 30 \$50/person

Late Registration: July 1-July 20 \$75/person

July 31-Aug 1 at the Hyatt in Columbus, Ohio. These are the two days before General Council.

[Register for the Chaplaincy Conference](#)



U.S. Missions Luncheon

Malcolm Burleigh would like to invite you to our U.S.

Missions luncheon on Thursday of General Council. At the same time, we will be holding 2 pizza parties for our kids ages 5 to 18. Children under 5 can attend the regular banquet with their parents but they must also be registered.

Registration gets cut off early so don't wait until too late to

register. We have to turn in our numbers and make sure we have a room to fit everyone.

[Register for the U.S. Missions Luncheon](#)



MK Pizza Party

There will be TWO Pizza parties for the kids (ages 5-11 & 12-18)! **If they aren't registered they can't attend.** That will make them sad. If they are registered and don't show up, the tickets still have to be paid for by the Chaplaincy Ministries. That would make us sad. Since it's a party, let's make sure everyone is happy!

[Register for the Kids Pizza Party](#)



Chaplain Cordero

Conducted marriage retreats and services for pastors and chaplains in Cuba from March 25-April 3. Visited chaplains in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, on April 13. Leading the Asia Military Retreat in Tokyo, Japan, from April 25-May 4.



Chaplain Denley

Leading the Asia Military Retreat in Tokyo, Japan, from April 25-May 4.



Chaplain Taylor

Visited chaplains in Wilmington, North Carolina, from April 10-12 and in Atlanta, Georgia, from April 23-26.



Chaplain Odean

Visited chaplains in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, on April 13. Attended Veteran Valor Day hosted by Evangel University on April 14. Attended Southern Missouri Network Conference in Springfield, Missouri, from April 17-19. Visited chaplains in Virginia from April 22-May 1.



Chaplain Reighard

Conducted ICPC (International Conference of Police Chaplains) training for the Bolivar Police Department in Bolivar, Missouri, from April 3-5. Attended ICISF (International Critical Incident Stress Foundation) World Congress in Baltimore, Maryland, from April 29-May 6.



Chaplain Williamson

Promoted Chaplaincy in Hickory Creek, Texas, on April 1, and in Waxahachie, Texas, on April 7. On April 19 in Keller, Texas, met with a missionary/chaplain to Ivory Coast in West Africa about chaplaincy. Promoted Chaplaincy in Greers Ferry, Arkansas, on April 30.

2023

Major Events

**May
16-18**

Commission on Chaplains

Springfield, Missouri

**July 31
- Aug 1**

Chaplaincy Training Conference

Columbus, Ohio

**Oct
6-9**

National Faith & Blue Weekend

[Download the Save the Date Flyer](#)

Nov
6-8

Commission on Chaplains

Springfield, Missouri



Significant Achievements:

Chaplain Richard Prentiss was board certified with NAVAC on 2/24/23.

Navy Chaplain Peter Landers was selected for Lt Col on 4/02/23.

We celebrate with these chaplain!

"As Chaplain Tony Luxem prepares to retire from the Army, he remains focused on ways to help soldiers. The military has a growing understanding of the importance of spiritual resilience, and they need chaplains to create programs that can build spiritual

strength. Chaplain Luxem's ministry in equine therapy demonstrates how soldiers can become more resilient by learning to name their emotions and be present with God. More than a theory, he's shown how to do this with an operational unit. His ministry exemplifies how dedicated and mission-focused chaplains can make a lasting positive impact on soldiers' lives."

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Chaplain of the Month



Chaplain Tony Luxem

LEARNING TO BE PRESENT




The emotional and spiritual minefields of trauma facing our military members and their families are vast and treacherous. Wars are certainly deadly. But the number, gravity, and depth of loss (other than life) result in an even longer battle that can overwhelm even the strongest of warriors. Not to mention the impact on their families. Military operations instill a constant cycle of future planning and actions. Even during after-action reviews, the pain, fear, or loss a soldier might experience is not addressed. Because how much time will that take? It is far too messy a task! As a military chaplain, I walked with soldiers through many things and saw first-hand the whole spectrum of coping methods. Most of them have one thing in common; they attempt to put off dealing with the reality of today until tomorrow.

Because being present today means grappling with difficult emotions and facing unknowns about the future.

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