
KOINONIA

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship (Koinonia) of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

2 Corinthians 13:14

NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH

APRIL 2021



"Is Jesus your greatest desire or is it someone else or something else?"

This question was asked by the late Dr. Larry Crabb, seminary professor, author, and Christian counselor. Brother Larry had an effective ministry of confronting people with gospel truth in a gracious in your face way. Here are some of his quotes for our discipleship:

- "Glorifying God is your chief end, not feeling spiritually great and fulfilled."
- "Why would I follow Jesus if He didn't give me what I wanted? Because unbeknown to me, what I really want is Him."
- "Experiencing God is not a predictable reality. He won't 'be played' so I get my prayers answered."
- "God has set up the world so that our best efforts at gardening can't get rid of all the weeds."
- "We walk with the Lord with faces dirty and clothes torn. We don't see yet that Christ has already cleaned us up. The Father looks at us with beaming delight as if we were the most beautiful children in the universe. Then we realize we are as beautiful to the Father as Christ . . . because we are IN HIM!"
- "Dance with Jesus all the way to heaven."



The following items were discussed and approved at the Elder and Ministry Board meetings in March:

1. An outreach to Norwin High School graduates. Giving greeting card and gift cards. Kim will lead this outreach and the NHS Principal will personally pass out the gifts to the seniors.
2. Participating in the Saturate Evangelism event with Friendship Baptist Church this summer.
3. Jeff Ewing will serve as Lead Elder for 2021.
4. After reevaluation, the Elders approved having an Easter Cantata following safety parameters and having 2 services.
5. Communion will be moved to April 11th.
6. Membership classes will begin after Easter.
7. Approved purchasing a camera to upgrade live-streaming services and to use a third-party church streaming service. Livestreaming will now be handled by the sound room techs.
8. To hire a third custodian to help with sanitizing and cleaning the church.
9. February's finances were very good. We exceeded our budget needs and our expenses were under our receipts. **THANK YOU** for your faithful giving.



Norwin Alliance Preschool News

Each month the preschool children collect specific food items for the Irwin Area Food Pantry.

If you would like to contribute, a box is available in the narthex. April's collection item: **Macaroni & Cheese.**

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.



Easter Schedule of Events:

Sunday, March 28th

Palm Sunday

Friday, April 2

Good Friday Service

7:00 pm

Saturday, April 3

Easter Cantata

6:00 pm

Sunday, April 4

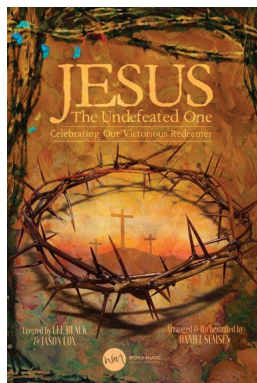
EASTER Services

Sunrise 7:00 am

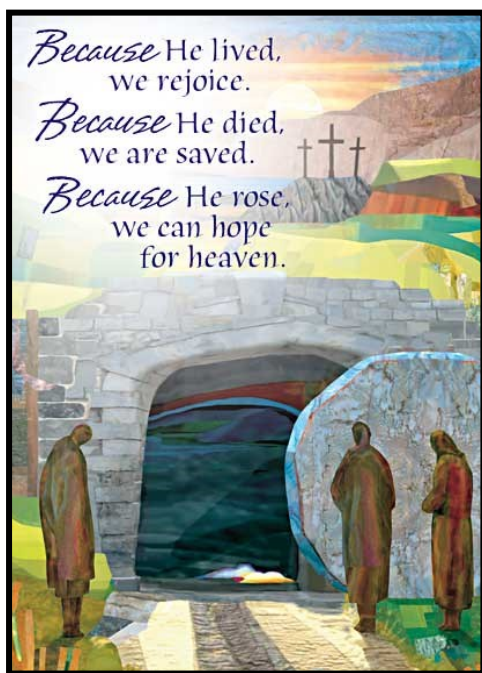
Continental Breakfast 7:30 am

Worship 8:30 am

Cantata 10:45 am



"JESUS The Undefeated One
Celebrating Our Victorious Redeemer"

**High School Graduates**

If you are graduating from High School this year, please submit the following to the church office asap:

1. School graduating from
2. High School picture
3. College you will be attending
4. Degree you are pursuing

Norwin Alliance Church Choir presents their EASTER CANTATA

JESUS, THE UNDEFEATED ONE

Celebrating our victorious Redeemer and coming King!

This Easter, we are taking extra precautions for your safety. In an effort to provide plenty of space and opportunities to hear the good news, we are offering 2 services to hear the cantata, with the possibility of overflow areas that will still allow you to be in church, but safe.

Some of the precautions being taken are as follows:

1. The sanctuary is cleaned weekly and fogged in between services.
 - a. All areas of the church are cleaned consistently in correlation with building usage
2. Masks are encouraged as you enter the building.
3. Every other pew is left empty.
4. We will have alternate seating in the fellowship hall and with a possible overflow area in the youth room.
5. We have a much smaller choir and they will be spread across the platform.
6. Special masks will be worn by the choir that are specifically for singing.
7. Two services will be held:
 - a. **Saturday, April 3, 2021 @ 6 PM - A more relaxed atmosphere, no congregational singing.**
 - b. **Sunday, April 4, 2021 @ 10:45 AM – our usual Easter service**
8. *** * Please sign-up for the Cantata Service you would like to attend.**

*This collection is rich with songs of jubilant praise, intimately worshipful ballads, and powerfully impacting songs of testimony and faith, **Jesus the Undefeated One** is guaranteed to help foster an atmosphere of worship and praise this Easter. With songs from amazing writers like: Phil Wickham, Jason Cox and Lee Black, David Crowder, Nicole C. Mullen, Kristian Stanfill, Brett Younker, Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash. Come and worship as we lift praises to the Risen King! He is alive, and there is an empty grave...**Jesus, The Undefeated One!***

Encounters with the Christ: The Story of Easter through Seven Perspectives



Peter

The Lord turned and looked straight into my heart
He knew I had disowned Him now three times
As He foretold it – He knew from the start
Oh how could I do this deepest of crimes?
“This fellow was with Him” – I was indeed!
Leaving my nets when he called out my name
My deep desire was to follow His lead
Does calling Him Lord now make me feel shame?
I boasted I’d go to prison or death
Not so! For now I flee, trembling with fears
While they sentence Him to draw His last breath
Bitterly I weep, my eyes fill with tears
He healed so many – is this how He dies?
Pierced not just by thorns, but also my lies?

Mary

Still I remember that cave dark and cold,
Nothing around but an animal’s stall.
I, though a virgin, with child by God’s call.
Joseph held the babe, in linens swaddled.
Some shepherds came, and on these things I mulled:
By this little child, would God save us all?
Yet I knew that He was to be special
When magi brought Him incense, myrrh, and gold.
Another Joseph wraps Him up once more,
Myrrh and linen meet His burial need
Was what the angel told me really true?
Can He reign while dead behind that stone door?
The soldiers pierced His side and made Him bleed
His death like a sword pierces my soul through



Judas

They say Messiah will be the Great King
But this fellow washes men’s dirty feet
And has not any place to call His dwelling
And He welcomes sinners with Him to eat!
And should not kings have a care about gold?
But when that perfume was poured on his head,
He did not see that it should have been sold.
If coins he wants not, I’ll take them instead!
So if you want him, I’ll give him to you.
I know where He goes, and can lead you there
In exchange for thirty coins, nice and new.
In Gethsemane we’ll find him in prayer,
By this you’ll know: He’s the one I will kiss.

Thief

There are three of us executed this day –
Two of us robbers who deserve to die;
The third a man who never told a lie.
Messiah sinlessly walked in God’s way.
My co-thief grew angry: “Come down, I say!
If you have power, why don’t you reply?”
But I felt the weight of guilt piled high
And turned to the Lord without more delay.
I cried, “Oh, Jesus! Please remember me
When you come into your glorious reign.”
His answer showed me just how much He loved:
“I tell you the truth, you shall with me be
This day in heaven, set free from all pain.”
At once I could feel my sins all removed!

Roman Centurion

They ordered that we crucify three men.
We fastened each one up upon a cross.
My soldiers started their gambling then,
Doling out the men’s clothing by dice toss.
The middle prisoner seemed different from all,
They jeered him and they mocked him more than most,
And he died far more quickly than normal,
Releasing his soul without final boast.
While he suffered darkness covered the land
And at his last breath the earth itself shook
And out of their tombs I saw the dead stand!
This could never happen for a mere crook –
Such mighty wonders! I was deeply awed
And said, “Surely He was the Son of God!”

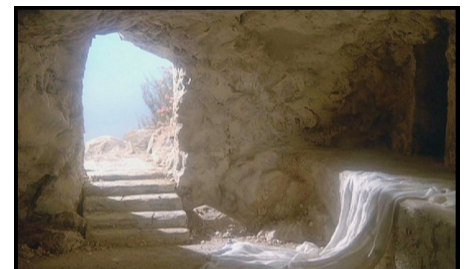


Cleopas

We met a man on way to Emmaus
Who said to us, “Friends, why should you be sad?”
“Know you not,” I asked, “what has taken place?”
They killed both our Christ and what hope we had.”
“But Messiah must suffer,” He replied.
“Does not scripture say His heel will be crushed?
That men despise Him and their faces hide?
Yet after death He will rise and be blessed?”
In town we implored, “Stay, for evening grows dim.”
He sat at table, thanks gave and bread broke
Then opened our eyes to recognize Him!
He vanished at once like dispersing smoke.
We went to tell the others with great speed:
“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!”

Mary Magdalene

I set out for the tomb at break of day,
Gathering spices and perfume to take.
As I was going, I felt the ground shake –
In shock I found the stone was rolled away!
An angel said “Come and see where He lay.”
I shook with tears as I felt my heart break.
Did this gardener my Lord’s body take?
“Please, sir, where is He?” was all I could say.
“Mary!” I turned and saw that it was my Lord!
I fell at his feet and clasped at his shoes.
Jesus, crucified, but to life restored –
My Savior living proof that God rescues!
He said “I go to the Father once more,
Go quickly! Tell my brothers this good news!”



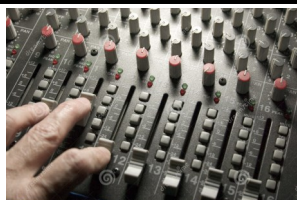
ALLIANCE **WOMEN'S**

Retreat

April 17, 2021
Speaker: Elizabeth Daigleat **Somerset Alliance Church**

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Brochures are available on the shelf outside the Sanctuary.

Retreat Website: alliancewomensretreat.com ~ registration forms can be accessed at this site.Sound Room
Volunteers Needed

Norwin Alliance is in need of volunteers to work in the Sanctuary Sound Room for 8:30 am and 10:45 am Sunday services; once a month Sunday evening Worship Services; Good Friday, Thanksgiving Eve, and Christmas Eve services; and weekday or weekend funerals and weddings. Although training is provided, the job requires a general knowledge of computers, software and multi-media hardware. Beginning in April, technician duties will be expanding to include live-streaming of Sunday morning Worship Services from the Sound Room. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Norwin Alliance Church Preschool



The Norwin Alliance Preschool
is accepting registrations for the 2021-2022
school year.

The **3yr old class** meets Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00—11:30 am OR 12:30—3:00 pm. Child must be potty trained and be 3yrs old by September 1st.

The **4yr old class** meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00—11:30 am OR 12:30—3:00 pm. Child must be 4yrs old by September 1st.

You may contact the church office to register or fill out the form below and return to the office.

A \$50.00 registration fee is required to reserve your spot.

Norwin Alliance Church Preschool
REGISTRATION
2021-2022
724-864-1570



Parent's name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone : _____

Email address: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's birthday: _____

Please register my child in the: 3 year old class _____

4 year old class _____

Class time preference: AM _____ PM _____

****Class preference will be decided by the date the registration form AND the \$50 registration fee are received. You will be notified if your preference cannot be granted.****

****Checks may be made payable to:
Norwin Alliance Church****

VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA

God's Holy Word, the Bible, has an astounding message for each and everyone of us. As we pause long enough to really understand the meaning of Easter, rejoice with believers all around the world. Jesus' sacrificed at Calvary; His love and gift of salvation for those who accept His shed blood for the forgiveness of sin. (I John 1:9)

What is FORGIVENESS: forgiveness removes guilt; forgiveness can cease the feelings of resentment; forgiveness can pardon; forgiveness often accepts an apology, compassion or mercy; forgiveness can cause relief, maybe you turn the other cheek.

Forgiveness, in a Biblical sense, is somewhat different than how we treat or react with our social atmosphere. And then, when we compare that to a legal issue, we may not even consider it nearly the same. For example: law demands accountability - JUSTICE - so to speak. Or resolution methods. Crime victims may be pressed into postures of forgiveness?

When we are out in the public, how do we treat others?? Or how do we expect others to treat us? It may be known to us by the expression, 'internal peace' and based on will power.

Now the best information is yet to come: divine forgiveness comes from our heavenly Father. Jesus gave His sacrifice on the cross for FORGIVENESS of sin as a person repents and accepts salvation. Some excellent Scripture that reminds us of the Savior's love: Ephesians 4:32; I Peter 2:24; Colossians 2:13 and 3:13; Psalm 19:12 and 103:3; Hebrews 9:22; II Chronicles 7:14; Matthew 6:12-14; and Luke 11:4. Jesus' words on the cross are Luke 23:34.

Easter is a time of celebration!! Think of the Easter egg hunts. The fancy clothes. Hopefully getting together for worship with fantastic music, a family/ friendship dinner, maybe some kite-flying weather; but most important is the reason for the celebration of Easter - JESUS ROSE FROM THE TOMB TO LET US KNOW OF HIS LOVE AND REDEMPTION'S COMPLETED SACRIFICE!! Get ready for His return to earth; may be sooner than we think.

(legal information from: **Between Vengeance and Forgiveness**, BY Martha Minow. Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, 1998. Beacon Press)



Saturday, June 12

Are you getting ready for our Garage Sale Giveaway? If not, you've still got time to look around your house for things that you no longer need or use. Here's your chance to make room in your garage for your vehicle.

All donated items need to be clean, and if an appliance or tool is donated, they must be in good working condition.

Suggested items for donations are: books, dishes, glassware, pots and pans, kitchen utensils and appliances, wall pictures and decorations etc. If donating bedding, such as sheets/blankets, please put in large zip lock bags with sizes marked on the bag. Baby items such as strollers, play pens (is there such a thing nowadays), high chairs and of course toys and games, are always in demand. (Unfortunately we can't give away car seats and no clothing will be accepted.).

We will also have a separate room for Christmas items. These include tree decorations, linens, door decorations, anything Christmas related.

Please try to make sure your donations can be useful.

If you have furniture or large items that you would like to donate, you must be able to pick them up at noon after the sale if they were not chosen. Another way to donate large items is to submit a photo of the item along with your contact information. We will post them so anyone interested in your item can contact you directly. * *After the giveaway we cannot take furniture to Goodwill or the Salvation Army Thrift Store.

This Outreach Ministry is a lot of fun and usually well attended by the community. It is our mission to fellowship with people and show them God's love. Be thinking of how you can participate in this event. We will need lots of volunteers.