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# 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

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**NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH**

**AUGUST 2017**



*"And the glory of the lord will be revealed, and all mankind will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Isaiah 40:5*

God talks about the Presence and Power of Jesus being known in Bible days and continuing to the end of the world. God's kingdom has momentum in history. *"The increase of His government and peace"* knows no end (Isaiah 9:7). God's glory about Jesus *"fills the whole earth"* right now and the gospel wakes people up to this truth (Isaiah 6:3). Jesus' impact increases. God does not shrink.

So where is God's glory being revealed? Bible answer: Everywhere!

According to Operation World, 94% of all cultures have a witnessing church among the people. From America, to Europe, to Israel, to Russia, to China, to India, to Iran, to Syria, to Africa, *"the glory of the Lord is being revealed"* around Jesus.

Even in us weak American *"Corinthian"* Christians *"we . . . all reflect the Lord's glory in an ever increasing manner."* (II Corinthians 3:18).

## Results:

1. Serve with the Lord today. He is doing great things. *"God is on the move in many mighty ways."*
2. Worship and rejoice in the Lord. Don't wait until heaven to be thankful for eternal life. Jesus is the same today as He will be forever.
3. Promote Jesus in His Church. Jesus loves the Church. Jesus died for the Church, not for spiritual gifts, not for our favorite ministries.
4. Pass on the good news of Christ in His Word and in His World. Thank-you for your God-ordained part in service with Him. All mankind will see God's glory!

## ALL CHURCH PICNIC

**Wed., Aug. 9, 2017**

**at the KOA in Madison**



**5:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Dinner at 5:30 pm**

Chicken will be provided ~ please bring a dish to share, your own beverage, tableware and your swimsuit ☺.

**EVERYONE** is invited to come for a great evening of good fellowship. Please sign the sheet in the narthex under the appropriate food item.

## EXTREME VBS

August 19, 2017

10am to 1pm

Invite your friends, children in the neighborhood, and family to our Children's Outreach Event in Irwin Park.

Music, puppets, games, face painting, food will just be a part of the fun that day.

Join in as we share the Word of God at the Park.

It is never too late to become a part of this wonderful opportunity to serve our community's children and reach them for Christ! Don't be left out. Join us and become part of the team. Please sign the sheet in the narthex or talk to Vicki Booher if you would like to be part of this day.



Our new year of Awana will be starting up on August 23rd with a kick-off celebration. All children from age 2 years to fifth grade are welcome to join us Wednesday evenings from 6:45 – 8:00 PM. Each week there are Bible Lessons, games, and snacks. In addition, the kids work through student books to learn memory verses and earn awards.

Hope to see you then!



## Choir Season

It's here...It is time to get your worship on! Choir will be back in session starting August 31 at 7pm. We are ready to start singing again for the morning 10:45 services. Practices are Thursday evening 7-8:30. You will be with an amazing group of people doing what we all love while serving Jesus in song. I call that a triple blessing.

No auditions are required; and you don't have to be a soloist, just be willing and show up to the sanctuary on Thursday the 31st. Come give us a try!



**CONNECTION SERVICE**

**Sunday, August 13, 2017  
6:30 pm**

**WHAT DID WE DO TO DESERVE THIS:  
SOFT KARMA in the CHURCH**

Speaker: **Joe Cox**

Worship: **NAC Worship Team**

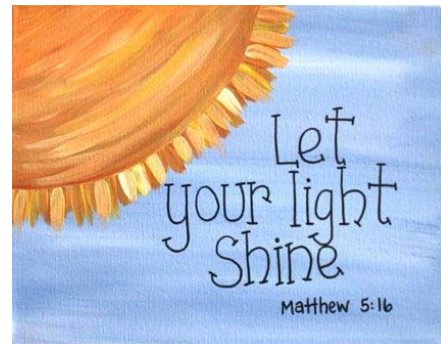
**SNOW REMOVAL**

I KNOW!! I KNOW!! No one wants to think about SNOW in August!

BUT . . . We want to make sure we are prepared to keep the walks safe for all.

We are looking for someone who is willing to take care of the sidewalks at church during the winter months - weekends AND during the week.

If you are available and willing, please contact Tim Booher, Scott Reichert, or the church office.

**ANGELS AND OTHER  
UNSEEN REALITIES**

A CONFERENCE FOR MEN, WOMEN, AND TEENS

SPEAKER: **SHELLI PRINDLE**

SPONSOR: HOPE & PASSION MINISTRIES, INC.

[WWW.HOPEANDPASSION.ORG](http://WWW.HOPEANDPASSION.ORG)

SATURDAY, **OCTOBER 7** FROM 10 – 2 PM

**DOUBLETREE HOTEL** IN MONROEVILLE, PA

\$25 UNTIL JULY 31, \$30 UNTIL AUG 31, \$35 UNTIL  
SEPT 30 (INCLUDES LUNCH)

An invisible world surrounds us and interacts with us. At times, we can sense this actuality more than others, but always it is there. So exactly what are angels? What have they to do with us? Should we pay attention to unseen realities?

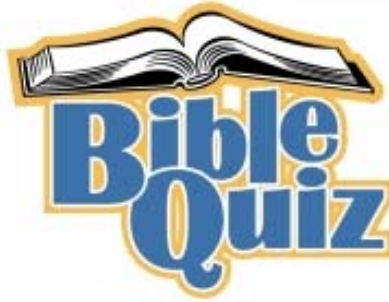
Shelli Prindle, author and speaker of more than thirty years, brings her educational and spiritual knowledge to the table, as we survey an

incredible topic that affects every person living on this earth.

REGISTRATION HAS OPENED FOR THIS BIG EVENT ON OUR BRAND NEW WEBSITE! Register early and save! (Your cost covers your lunch at the Doubletree.)

[www.hopeandpassion.org](http://www.hopeandpassion.org)

**Hope & Passion**  
Ministries, Inc.



### **Bible Quizzing Internationals 2017**

This year the CMA International Bible quizzing competition was held at Crown College in Minnesota. Eighteen teams consisting of the top quizzers from thirteen districts in the U.S. and Canada competed. Our district (Western PA) sent two teams. The teams quizzed in preliminary rounds for the first three days, with each team completing twelve quizzes during this time. Championship finals were held on the fourth day.

Between quizzes, the kids had a chance to get to know other Christian teens from all over the U.S. and Canada. They had a Bingo night, talent show, scavenger hunt, and an "all nighter" during the week. Friday evening ended Internationals with an awards ceremony. Western PA team 1 came in 5th place while Western PA 2 came in 10th. Benjamin was given an award for being in 12th place in the individual rankings. He also "quizzed out" without error in one of his quizzes which is very remarkable.

#### ***CONGRATULATIONS BENJAMIN!!***

A team from New York took first place overall.

It is astounding to see so many teens willing to spend so much of their summers studying God's word and burning it into their hearts. While the competition adds to the fun and excitement, it isn't simply about the competition – it's about how to glorify God in all you do. Whether winning or losing the quizzing rounds, the kids were doing their best for the Lord, praising Him for the good rounds and leaning on Him for difficult ones, and encouraging one another, whether on their own teams or opposing teams, rather than trying to gain glory for themselves.

### **Emily's reflections on Internationals**

Every morning after breakfast the quizzers and coaches had a devotion time together in the campus chapel. It started with a time of worship, and then Dan Boal (Alliance Youth Consultant) would deliver a short devotional. He spoke to us about how God's promises are anchors for our lives, rooted in God the Father through Jesus. All four devotions built on each other until we had the whole picture. The devotion times were one of the highlights of my week. They were a time to focus on God instead of on the stress of quizzing at such a high level, and it was just so amazing to worship God with so many like-minded believers.

Prayer is also an important part of quizzing, especially at Internationals. Teams would have prayer times before, after, or even during a quiz. Our coach reminded us at the beginning of the week that when someone gets the jump, you should pray that they can answer the question correctly, whether they are on your team or not. It can be hard to pray for a team that is beating you, but learning to do so is a wonderful thing. Our team's final quiz was a remarkable example of the power of prayer. Before the quiz I remember praying specifically for the graduating seniors on my team, that they would have a great last quiz. Every person on my team got at least one question that quiz, and on the very last question one senior on my team got an unlikely correct answer, largely due to the many people praying for her at that time.

Internationals was a really great experience. It was a wonderful time to grow closer to God and build strong friendships with other quizzers. It didn't matter that my team had a rough start to the week of quizzing, because Internationals is measured by so much more than just how you do.



### Pictures from INTERNATIONALS Bible Quizzing



W.PA 1



W.PA 2



Western PA 1 & 2



Benjamin Answering a  
Question

#### ARE YOU EXCITED FOR BIBLE QUIZZING?

A new season begins **Sunday, August 27th.**

The quizzers practice each Sunday afternoon following the 10:45 Worship Service.

Quizzing is for any child in grades 3 through 12. We would love to have you join us.

Junior Quizzers = Grades 3 - 6

Senior Quizzers = Grades 7 - 12

This year the CMA Bible Quiz program will be studying I and II Corinthians.

Please see Joe or Becky Cox if you are interested and watch your bulletins for more information.



### **VIGNETTES BY VIRGINIA**

It was a special dinner, a time of FELLOWSHIP with believers who live in Asuncion, Paraguay. Our conversation with each other was a little bit of a struggle, but we managed to 'talk' just fine because of a smile and knowing enough of the Spanish language. The family also 'spoke' English.

FELLOWSHIP is thought of by a group of people who share common interests, goals, or views. Most often we are friends, companions or acquaintances. According to information of the Christian Fellowship/Bible org. many persons in today's society think FELLOWSHIP is a group of folks who "savor coffee and donuts" at church as they have casual conversations. Other suggestions about FELLOWSHIP are to watch a worship program on TV, or listen to a Gospel program on the radio.

Two main ideas about FELLOWSHIP also given by the above org. are:

1. Share together
2. Share with - a sense of giving to others

Webster's definition follows:

- A. companionship
- B. Community of interest, activity, feeling or experience
- C. Partnership, membership

The dynamics of FELLOWSHIP that we are aware of is basically begun in the book of Acts. Our Christian heritage reminds us of the FELLOWSHIP activities the believers shared. Time together is teaching, PRAYER, communion, companionship, and a sense of giving to others (whatever was needed). We can definitely be reminded in these passages of the effectiveness by the FELLOWSHIP they shared using different methods. (II Corinthians 13:14; Philippians 2:1; Hebrews 1:4 and 6-4; I John 1:3, 6, 7; Galatians 2:9) just a few references.

How can FELLOWSHIP be vital and important? It must be a part of our life, and schedule, and family, and church activities, and charitable societies? For example: needs of Veterans, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Samaritan's Purse, CAMA, etc.

As an individual, your relationship to the Lord is primary; then relationships to other believers will become a blessing. Examples to us in God's Word are Peter, James and John. Frank Schattner, a missionary, writes: "Ordinary people use ordinary resources. God is still our most reliable partner."

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**Thursday, August 24th**  
**11:30 am - 2:00 pm**

This is our last meeting for summer. Next month school will be started. Fall is right around the corner.

Every meeting we sing songs together. Our group really could be a choir, everyone sings so beautifully. Our pianist are great playing all the songs, and the Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary wishes.

Our entertainment this month is going to give us all some tools to find our family history. Donna Jordan teaches Genealogy. She has classes at the Norwin Library at different times through the year.

The lunch menu is Hotdogs, Hamburgers and Corn (if available) cupcakes and fruit. Please bring a side dish to compliment our lunch ~ Yummo.

Don't forget to bring your personal place setting.

All Seniors 50 and up are welcomed to join us. We hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,

*Joe and Pat Beyer*

Co-Presidents

### ***Ladies Bible Study***

*The Ladies Bible Study will begin a study on the book of JOB on August 6th.*

*We meet Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the craft room and end at noon.*

*Please consider this an invitation to join us as we learn more about this man who "was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil."*

*And as usual, we'll have the coffee on!*



## Sunday, August 20, 2017

Everyone is cordially invited on August 20th for:



Our teens will be leading us in worship.

**Teacher  
Appreciation**



Everyone who has taught, served as an assistant, helped in the Nursery, and contributed in any to DMC events will be honored.



We give Bibles to children and teens at different stages of their development and school grades. Listed below are the children and teens who will be promoted.

If your child should be promoted, please contact Carole Sarber so that his/her name can be added to the list.

Age 2:

Kindergarten: Jackson Boone, August Radecki

Grade 3: Daniel Cox, Teya Craycraft, Jess Dermotta, Morgan Dermotta

Grade 6: Andrew Ewing

Grade 9: Keilah Craycraft, Jaime Dermotta, Christian Donnelly, Ashley Ewing, Blaze Robinson, Justin Scarpone, Dylan Yutzy

This service will be for the 8:30 & 10:45 services on August 20th. A luncheon will be served following the 10:45 service.

Please plan to attend this joyous day in our church.

### Goalie Nets Needed



2 kids goalie nets are needed for *Church in the Park*.

If you have one (or both) that you are willing to lend us, please contact Cindy in the church office.



## Sunday, September 10, 2017

**Irwin Park**

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**COME**

**INVITE** your friends, family, and neighbors

**SIGN-UP** to help

**PRAY**

\* \* Please bring your lawn chairs/blankets, hats, umbrellas (to keep sun off you during worship time), sunglasses, sunscreen . . . and **JOIN US** for a great day in the park with our neighbors (dress is CASUAL)!

The day will begin at 10:00 am with coffee, juice, and donuts.

The service begins at 10:30 am at the Park Amphitheatre followed by lunch and activities.

\* \* Please contact Cindy Barnhart asap if you would like to help in anyway during "*Church in the Park*". What would YOU like to see happen during? If you send your ideas to [ncma@norwinalliance.org](mailto:ncma@norwinalliance.org) maybe we can incorporate them into the day.

Watch the shelf in the narthex for a sign-up sheet.

This day is piggy backing *EXTREME VBS* ~ we are hoping families will come back for *Church in the Park*. Let's make it a great day!



# **We Heart Jen** (Gregovits)

## **Spaghetti Dinner**

**Saturday August 19th**

**4pm– 10pm**

**Electric Heights Hall**

**76 Harper Dr, Turtle Creek, PA 15145**

**Pre sale ticket \$8**

**\$10 at the door**

**Email [mmsauk@hotmail.com](mailto:mmsauk@hotmail.com) for tickets**

**Silent Auction**

**Chinese Auction**

**50/50 Raffle**

**Bake Sale**

**Live Music by Iron Sight at 7PM**

**All proceeds will be donated to  
Jennifer Robertson for medical and other  
expenses for her heart transplant**

Tickets are also available by contacting Cindy in the church office, or Lou Gregovits.

If you are unable to attend the dinner but would like to make a donation, please make check payable to: Jennifer Robertson Transplant Fund and send to: Jennifer Robertson, 906 Hazel Dr., N. Huntingdon, PA 15642.





## Why \$9?

A donation of \$9 per shoebox gift is critical for Operation Christmas Child. It covers:



### NEW for 2017:

**Toothpaste specifications:** Starting in 2017, toothpaste cannot be included in shoebox gifts, but a child's oral hygiene can still be improved by regular use of a toothbrush alone.

**Candy specifications:** Starting in 2017, no type of candy can be included in shoebox gifts.

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#### Can we include paint sets or glue bottles?

No, both of these items are liquids and can't be included in your shoebox gifts. However, dry paint sets (such as watercolors) or glue sticks are OK to pack!

#### Can we include a toolkit with nails, screws, screwdrivers, and hammers?

Yes! The only tools that can't be included are saws or pocketknives.

#### Are scissors OK?

Yes! Scissors are OK to include in your shoebox gifts

For more ideas: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

**Remember Collection at Norwin Alliance Church:**

**November 5, 2017.**

**Start PACKING and FILL my JEEP!**

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**  
(PSALM 23)

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# 2017 - 2018 Registration Form

**Family Information:** Parents - please complete all information for each child who is registered.

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Church affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

How do you prefer to be contacted if Awana needs to cancel a meeting? Phone call \_\_\_\_\_

Text \_\_\_\_\_ or Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Kids Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Known allergies (including food) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

What else would you like us to know about your child?

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I authorize Norwin Alliance Church to use photographs of my child(ren) for local publications, brochures, or web posting.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

I authorize Norwin Alliance Church to use photographs of my child(ren) for posting throughout the church facility.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_