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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 2018**

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God so loved . . . Christians so love

An old friend of mine once said, “if you don’t do it with love, you might as well not do it at all.”

Here’s 12 truths on love from the last 12 New Testament books to follow-up on last month’s verses. God will cause us to love like this.

Ezekiel 36:26

- + “God gave us a spirit of love.” II Timothy 1:7
- + “The love of God appeared and He saved us.” Titus 3:4
- + “Your love has given me great joy.” Philemon 7
- + “Stir up one another to love.” Hebrews 10:24
- + The Royal Law, love your neighbor as yourself.” James 2:8
- + “Though not seeing Jesus, you love Him.” I Peter 1:8
- + “To brotherly kindness add love.” II Peter 1:7
- + We love because He first loved us.” I John 4:19
- + “This is love: that we walk in obedience.” II John 6
- + “They have told the church about your love.” III John 6
- + “Keep yourselves in God’s love.” Jude
- + “To Him who loved us and freed us from our sins.” Revelation 1:5

As Charles Spurgeon wrote, “surely as we meditate on the love of the Lord, our hearts will strengthen and we will love Him all the more.”

Happy loving!

## ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Sat., August 11, 2018

at NAC



**4:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Dinner at 5:00 pm**

Chicken and beverages will be provided ~ please bring a dish to share (enough to serve 8-10)

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

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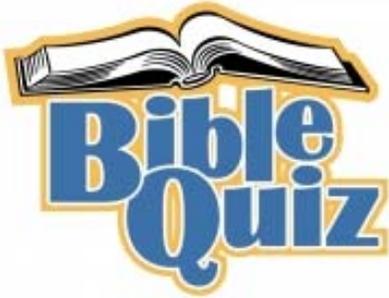
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**Judas & Peter:  
Same Basic Sin,  
Totally Different Outcome  
What Does This Mean to  
My Life?**

A message by Shelli Prindle  
**Connection Service**  
Sunday, August 12 - 6:30 pm

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### ARE YOU EXCITED FOR BIBLE QUIZZING?

A new season begins **Sunday, August 26th.**

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 the book of JOHN.

Please see Joe or Becky Cox if you are interested.



Our new year of Awana will be starting up on August 22nd with a kick-off celebration. All children from age 3 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!



### International Bible Quizzing 2018

The CMA held its 2018 International Bible Quizzing tournament at Redeemer University College in Hamilton Ontario July 16 – 20. Twenty teams from the US and Canada joined in the competition. These teams represented 14 different districts. A total of 98 teens participated as quizzers.

Western PA sent two teams to Ontario to compete in the tournament. Norwin Alliance's Emily Cox was team co-captain for Western PA 2. Western PA 1 came in 11th place while Western PA 2 finished in 4th. In addition to the team points, they kept track of individual scores during the preliminary rounds. They awarded the top 15 quizzers with medals at the awards ceremony Friday evening. Western PA boasted three of the top 15 quizzers. One of which was Emily, who came out as the number one quizzier at Internationals this year. Way to go Emily!!

It is amazing to see how well these 98 teens know God's word. To see how much time and dedication they pour into studying the word to prepare for this event is very humbling. Not only do they memorize the Word, but they also learn to apply it to their lives. Seeing the way the quizzers interact with one another all week, how they stand up to defend the other team, and how Christ's light shines through in their lives shows a true understanding of what Paul means when he states in 1 Corinthians 9:25 *"Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training, they do to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."* These kids have gone into some very strict training. And while some did earn a medal and recognition that will not last (but is still well deserved), that was not the reason they did it. In the end, they all have earned a crown that will last forever. Having the Word of God in their hearts and minds is a life changing thing. As these kids are preparing themselves to go out into the world, there is nothing more valuable that they can bring along with them than a deep knowledge of God's Word. We thank you for praying for and encouraging these teens!

**Please come and CELEBRATE on  
Sunday, August 19, 2018**

**Celebrate Promotion Sunday**

On this Sunday, children and youth will be given new Bibles for their increased reading level.

Be there to let them know how special this achievement is.

**Celebrate Youth Sunday**

The youth will conduct the both Morning Worship services. Come and worship with them.

Our DMC leaders will present information about their particular ministries.

Come and learn what everyone is doing to spread God's Word.

**Celebrate Appreciation Sunday**

We are blessed at Norwin to have excellent Sunday School teachers who teach the Word of God for everyone to learn. Come and express your appreciation to them.

**AND** come and enjoy a summer luncheon with our church family and friends.

**OUTDOOR WORK PARTY**

**Monday, August 6 & 13, 2018**

**6:00 pm**

Help is needed in sprucing up the outside of our church ~ weeding and trimming bushes is on the agenda. We will also need help in cleaning up the clippings etc. All help is welcome.

Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you are able to help. Bring your work gloves, clippers, and trimmers and join us Aug. 6 & 13. Thank you!



**The Book of  
Hebrews**

**Jesus is > Greater**

Shelli Prindle will teach through the book of Hebrews verse by verse  
each Sunday morning, starting August 26

9:45 – 10:30 am | Fellowship Hall

*The Letter to the Hebrews isn't casual bedside reading. Dense and deep, complex and compelling, profound and practical - it requires mental focus and spiritual motivation to grasp its content and grapple with its application. But the return on the big investment has benefits that pay off in eternal dividends." (Charles Swindoll)*

**SENIORS**



**Thursday, August 24th**

**11:30 am - 2:00 pm**

***Barbeque Time***

All Seniors 50 and up are welcomed to join us ~ we have people from throughout the community attending.

Abraham Sandler will present this month's program.

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.

We hope to see you all on August 24th!

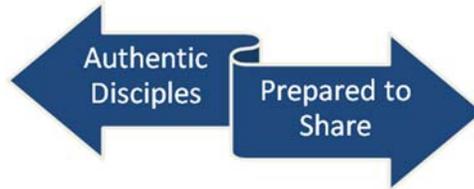
Sincerely,

*Joe and Pat Beyer*

Co-Presidents

# NORWIN ALLIANCE YOUTH

*“Teens who are Loving God, One Another, and Discipling Other Teens”*



Our last Game Night at youth group was a blast!  
We have so much fun, and our lives are connected in Jesus.  
If you know a teen in grades 6-12, send them out to our youth group on August 22nd for the start of our new fall series!



“Fall Series”

*We may not like to admit it, but we all have questions and doubts about our faith. In this series, you’ll see that our doubts and questions don’t have to destroy our faith, but refusing to talk about them might. In this series, we’ll wrestle with our doubts by voicing questions, understand that our perspective is limited, remember how Jesus has transformed our lives, and consider why we followed Jesus in the first place.*



# Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE



## NOVEMBER 11 "FILL RENEE'S JEEP"

### Operation Christmas Child

Delivering Good News and Great Joy to children around the world is what Samaritan's Purse through a project known as Operation Christmas Child (OCC) does.

Fill your shoebox(es) and return to Norwin Alliance Church by November 11, 2018. Help to "Fill Renee's Jeep!" and make the best Christmas, ever, for children around the globe.

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Please:

Pick up a decorative box (available middle of September from table in narthex) and fill it with a variety of gifts and small toys.

Include a check for \$9.00 to help cover cost of shipping

Secure lid with a rubber band

Attach appropriate label (boy/girl) and mark age category

### Do Not Include:

Any type of candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

### Can This Go in My Shoebox?:

1. *Are playing cards allowed?* **YES**
2. *Little toys like spiders, bugs, snakes, etc?* **YES**, all these items are allowed.
3. *Batteries?* **YES** - however, if the batteries are loose, both ends must be covered with tape.
4. *Videos, CDs, and DVDs?* **YES** - however, some children may not have a DVD or CD player available.
5. *Paint sets or glue bottles?* **NO** - however, dry paint sets (such as watercolors) or glue sticks are OK to pack.
6. *Toolkit with nails, screws, screwdrivers, and hammers?* **YES** - however, NO saws or pocketknives.
7. *Scissors?* **YES**
8. *Can items with camouflage be included?* If the child can wear or use the items without looking like a soldier, they are OK to include in your shoebox gift. Pink or colored camouflage is safe as are pencils, wallets, or socks.
9. *Glow sticks?* **YES**
10. *Wet Wipes?* **YES**
11. *Rubber balls w/liquid glitter inside?* **NO**
12. *Lip Gloss?* **NO** - however, lip balm or lipstick is OK
13. *Play-Do?* **YES**
14. *Compact mirrors?* **YES** because if the glass shatters, it will be contained.

Go to: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child> for more information on shoebox gifts, packing, "follow your box", and \$9 donation cost.



# 2018—2019 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 \_\_\_\_\_