
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

AUGUST 2019



Jesus Is for You is an old devotional of encouragement and warning for God's people. Some of the following thoughts have helped people in their joy from God and fear of God.

“We will not listen to the message you have spoken to us in the name of the Lord.” Jeremiah 44:16. We, as God's people, are capable of great rebellion against Him.

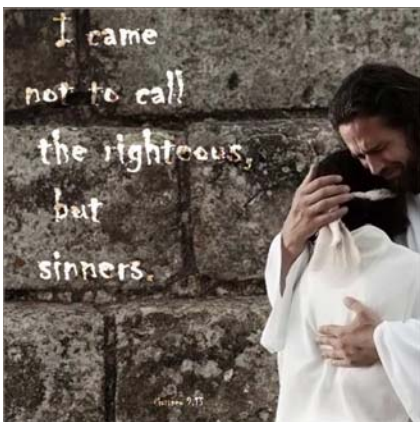
To say that God is love and God brings judgment is really the same sobering message.

Jesus defines us not by our actions, but by His gospel that rescues from hell.

Knowing Jesus does bring true joy. It is not your average joy. *“It is good news of great joy to all people.”* Luke 2:10

Even in our darkest moments of sin and selfishness, God still pursues us. And heaven's biggest party is when we repent.

Jesus befriends notorious sinners, so Jesus befriends you and me and . . .

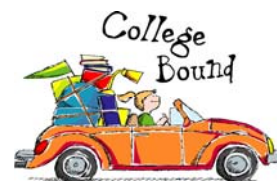
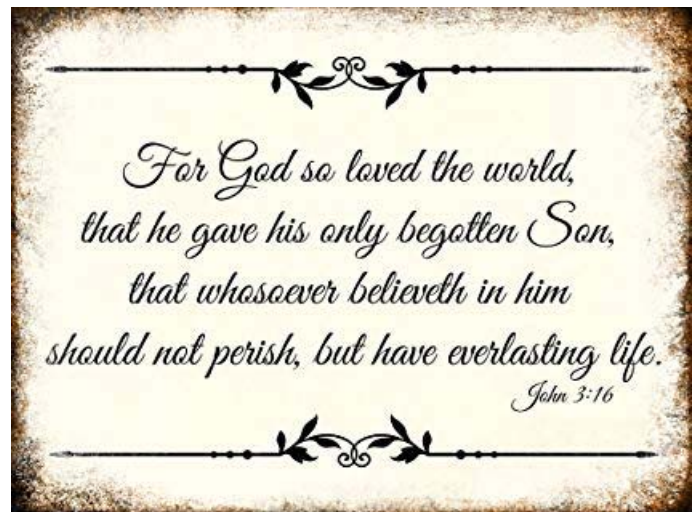


A New Service A.C.T.
August 11th
at 6:00 pm





Acknowledging
Christ
Together



If you are leaving for college this fall for the first time or returning (or if you will be attending a community college), please give the church office your school name, address, phone number, and or e-mail address before you leave.

Thank You!

DISCIPLEMAKING MINISTRIES EVENTS

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Everyone is cordially invited on August 18th for:



Our teens will be leading us in worship in both the 8:30 & 10:45 services.



We give Bibles to children and teens at different stages of their development and school grades.

The following children and youth will be recognized in each service:

Age 2: Stella

Kindergarten: Blake

Grade 3: Matthew

Grade 6: Jake, Samantha, William, Zak, Noah Mallory,

Grade 9: David, Hannah

If your child falls into any of these age groups, and is not listed, please contact Carole Sarber.



(Following the 10:45 Youth Sunday Service)

EVERYONE is invited to stay after the service and fellowship with your church family. The main meal will be provided. Please bring a dish to share (to serve 8-10 people please).

Please sign the sheet in the narthex under the appropriate food item you would like to bring.

Games and fun will follow lunch so come in casual dress to church that morning.

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

PETTING ZOO

A Church-Wide Family Event!

August 21, 2019

6:30 pm



This evening will kick-off the new Youth and AWANA year. "Walking Tacos" and light snacks will be served.



Our new year of Awana will be starting up on August 21st 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. You may use the registration on the last page of this newsletter, grab one from the literature shelf or register during the Kick-Off night.

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!





New Adult Sunday School classes beginning **September 22nd**. If you do not already attend an Adult Sunday School class, please consider joining one of these classes:

General Epistles ~ meets in the Sanctuary ~ teacher: John Peles

In September we will begin a study of the General Epistles, starting with the book of James. This book provides a practical guide to Christian living, especially for those facing trials, tribulations, or temptations - in other words, all of us! Although this general letter covers a variety of topics, we will focus on: (1) Responding to trials and growing spiritually in the midst of difficulties; (2) Recognizing and resisting temptation; (3) Demonstrating practical faith through our works and the relationship between faith and works; (4) Controlling our tongues and the consequences of our words; and (5) Conducting ourselves with humility and grace. As always, we use our study of God's Word as a self-examination to identify those areas where we, as individuals, can grow closer to God by seeking His help in those aspects of our Christian walk where we are falling short.

Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins. – James 5:19

Marriage & Parenting Class ~ meets in the Fellowship Hall ~ teachers: Jeff/Becky Ewing and Ron/Elena Dornin

Raising a family in today's culture is a difficult task. There is no shortage of distractions and temptations that aim to steer us and our children away from Christ.

The Marriage & Parenting class will have two major areas of focus: 1. Building and maintaining a Christ centered marriage and 2. Praying and supporting each other as we seek to lead our children to Christ.

Women's Sunday School ~ meets in the Craft Room ~ teacher: Janis Swope

Beginning in the fall, our Sunday School class will be studying 1 Peter. To help us in our study of 1 Peter, we will use the book, "*Putting on a Gentle & Quiet Spirit*" by Elizabeth George. In this study, we will discuss how it feels to be hurt by another person or treated unfairly. These experiences often cause feelings of frustration, bitterness, and even anger. But God calls His women to respond in a different way - a way that those around us don't expect. He desires for us to put on a gentle and quiet spirit, one that puts our heavenly Father on display to a watching world and brings greater glory to Him.



called to
**REGIONS
BEYOND**

"...I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd"

John 10:16, ESV

Get ready for **MISSION CONFERENCE** which will be October 12-13.

Our Missionary will be Mike Davis who is the team leader for the Project Portugal Team. He is also the head coach for the Lumberjack, an American football team made up of Portugal players.

Details will be coming soon.

Reserve the dates today.





INTERNATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ COMPETITION

This summer Emily and I were privileged to represent Western Pennsylvania at the CMA International Bible quizzing competition. We flew out to Orlando on July 4th as part of group of 8 teens and 5 adults. We spent most of our time at Johnson University, a very small Christian college in Kissimmee. The two teams from Western PA competed against the top teams from all across the US and Canada.

The kids spent two days competing in the preliminary rounds of quizzing, where each team competed in 12 rounds. The top 9 teams then moved on to the championship brackets and the remaining 8 teams competed in the consolation brackets. WPA 1 (Emily's team) finished the prelims in 9th place and moved on to the championship brackets where they were able to work up to 7th place. WPA 2 finished prelims in 12th place, but then went on to win the consolation bracket and end up in 10th place overall. Two of our quizzers placed in the top 15 individual ranking, including Emily who placed 12th this year.

Western Pa brought a number of less experienced quizzers to internationals this year after graduating 7 international quizzers in the previous 2 years. This meant that our teams were not as experienced as they have been the past few years. However, the kids really put forth a great amount of work and stepped up to compete against the more experienced teams

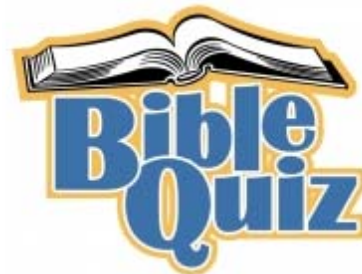
After the championship brackets and consolation finals were over on Tuesday, we moved from Johnson University to The Orlando World Center Marriot to join the youth attending LIFE. We had the opportunity to hear some great speakers and worship with the 6,000 people that were attending the conference. Our teams were able to enjoy the opening session Tuesday evening, some of the evening activities as well as the morning and evening speakers on Wed. Wed afternoon, they

held the championship finals and awards ceremony for Bible Quizzing in one of the break out rooms at LIFE. Early Thursday morning, we left Orlando and flew back to PA.

While I had been to Internationals 2 times before this trip, this was my first experience assistant coaching. God showed me a lot during this trip. One thing He showed me was that even though it often looks like our up and coming younger generation has lost the faith and dedication to God that is so vital, there is certainly still a strong remnant remaining among this younger generation that are very dedicated to the Lord – willing to spend hours a day studying His word. Kids that not only memorize it, but do strive to live out the faith found in the words they have committed to memory. I was impressed by the depth of faith I saw in some of the teens throughout the week. I saw them grow as they were stretched by some hard times and difficult quizzes. I saw them step up to encourage one another, uplift one another and pray for each other.

I want to thank all of you who had a hand in making Internationals 2019 such a success by your faithful prayers. We truly appreciate all your support in this ministry.

Becky Cox



ARE YOU EXCITED FOR BIBLE QUIZZING?

A new season begins **Sunday, August 25th.**

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 HEBREWS and 1 & 2 PETER.

Please see Joe or Becky Cox if you are interested.

Vignettes by Virginia

Many of us are blessed with the skills, interests and abilities of writing. Manuscripts could be in the form of letters, editorial columns, authoring, sports, religious, fiction or non-fiction, just to mention a small availability. Off the top, a Biblical writer that comes to mind immediately is King David - - the book of Psalms. In the New Testament, Paul is a man who is blessed with teaching God's Word to persons in the churches he established; plus the guards that were responsible for him while Paul was a prisoner. "All the guards heard the Gospel, and Paul's example gave fellow believers the courage to proclaim Christ without fear." (Quote of Pastor Charles Stanley in Atlanta, Georgia). Can you imagine being a 'pastor' and Bible-mentor while in jail?? As you read and study the books, thinking especially of the New Testament written by Paul: starting in Acts to Philemon: with an open mind and interest, remember the history of the early church and how it affects the CHURCH in today's world. Thousands of Christians worship in secret. (It might come to the USA. Be ready).

With the above thoughts in mind, this song/chorus was written by Rachel Wilson in May 2019. Most of you are aware that Rachel is to minister in Ecuador as a 'missionary' to rural women. Philippians 4:6, 7 are the verses in the background for the song: [Calm Me, O Lord](#). As she leaves the USA to enter a different culture, language, high-mountain village, and many new experiences, it is very calming to know that God has directed her to Ecuador with a special calling. Read, and reflect the following:

*Lord, calm my anxious heart
Wipe away my fears
Hide me in Your arms
And let me know You are near. (O Lord)*

*Calm my anxious heart
Wash away my tears
Hold me in Your arms
And let me know You are here.*



Rachel ties this chorus with the hymn, "Be Still My Soul". It is a normal statement to remind mankind that we look around and 'see' all kinds of problems. Some are too close to us ALL the time. Some we can ignore; but some are situations that become serious prayer concerns. It is a BLESSING that we can depend on God for direction, patience, LOVE, grace, fellowship, encouragement, worship - - you add to the list. Read and personalize God's Word. Talk to Him A LOT. Remember that HE loves each of us. He holds us so very tightly all the time. HE WILL CALM YOUR ANXIOUS HEART AND ANXIETY.



**Norwin Alliance
Men's Dartball
Team**

The new Dartball season will be starting up. Any male age 12 years and older are welcome to join. Games are played on Monday nights at various local churches. This is a great evening of fun and fellowship.

Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you would like to join this team. Questions? Contact Terry Blair.





**Operation
Christmas Child**
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

NOVEMBER 10
"FILL RENEE'S JEEP"

If you would like to pack a box for Operation Christmas Child and make the best Christmas, ever, for children around the globe, take as many boxes as you like and return to the church by November 10th. Boxes are available in the narthex by the Sanctuary.

SENIORS



Thursday, August 22nd
11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Barbeque Time

On Thursday, August 22nd, the Norwin Alliance Keen-Agers will meet for a luncheon of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and corn-on-cob (if available). Please bring a side dish to compliment our lunch and don't forget to bring your personal place setting.

Everyone age 50 and over is cordially invited to attend this and all meetings of the Keen-Agers.

The "G BOYS" will entertain us with their gospel and oldie songs. You won't want to miss this. Please plan to attend.

We hope to see you all on August 22nd!



2019-2020 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 _____

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?

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 _____