
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

FEBRUARY 2017



Questions from the Gospel
and for growth in Christ

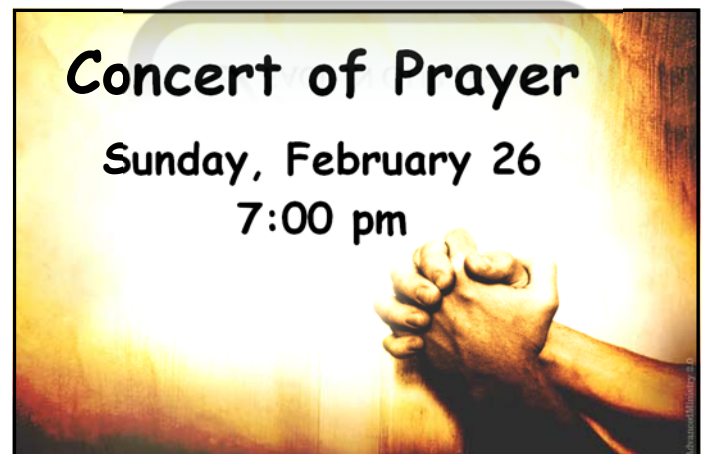


The following items were discussed at the Elder and Ministry Board meetings in January:

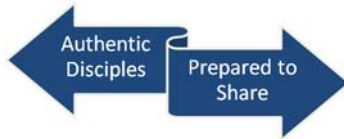
The following questions are from the late Dr. James Kennedy and Dr. Martin Sanders of Alliance Theological Seminary. Let God search your soul through the following:

1. If you were to die today, are you certain that you would go to heaven?
2. If God were to ask you “why should I let you into my heaven”, what would you say?
3. What has God said to you in the bible this past week?
4. Who do you love and pray for everyday?
5. What nations do you pray for where Jesus is very seldom known?
6. When have you spent quality time with someone who is not a Christian this past month?
7. Jesus is continuing to rescue you from what sins?
8. What confuses you concerning God and yet you still trust Him in the dark?
9. Do you like yourself at this point in your journey of trusting the Lord?
10. Do you think God likes you at this point in your faith?
11. What God-events are you thankful for from last month?

1. New Members class - January 15, 22, 29
2. Approved the youth to go snow tubing in February and take a trip to the Carnegie Science Center in March
3. A Bylaw addition from the National Office regarding the Faith Community and Mission of the C&MA was discussed and approved to adopt into our Bylaws.
4. The Ministry Board said good-bye to two members: Dana Rogers, as Lead Trustee and Harold Lawhorne, as Board Member-at-Large.
5. Congregation Meeting - Sunday, January 29th.



Youth News



Grades 6 - 12

1) We had 20 teens at the youth Christmas party, and everyone had a great time. We enjoyed a short video lesson by the "Skit Guys" and prayed together. We played dodge ball, four corners, four square, hide & seek, and a strange form of Christmas gift bocce! It's great to be together and enjoy the fun and friendship God provides.

2) Dinner at McDonald's & Snow Tubing at Boyce Park on Friday, February 17. If you want to eat with everyone at the Irwin McDonald's before tubing, please be there from 4:30 - 5:30 pm. We will leave McDonald's for Boyce Park at 5:30 pm. Estimated arrival time back at NAC is 9:30 pm, but we will contact parents when we are nearing the church. The cost is \$16 for tubing plus money for McDonald's. (An updated 2017 NAC Medical/Permission Slip must be on file with the youth office and an Allegheny County Parks Waiver must be brought to a youth leader the night of tubing. No student will be able to attend without these forms.)

3) A visit to the Carnegie Science Center on Saturday, March 4. Details to come.

4) If you have a teen in grades 6-12, bring them out to youth group from 6:30 - 8:15 pm on Wednesday evenings! We have been/will be covering topics such as learning how to set priorities, how to transform your decision-making, how to handle money, and how to handle stress. We are also working our way through the themes in the book of Romans. We use hands-on activities, small group discussion, large group teaching, videos, and skits. Worship in music and prayer time are always special during our evenings together.



KEEN-AGERS

Thursday, February 23

11:30 - 2:00 pm

Lunch and Entertainment

Thanks to everyone who worked to make Keen-Agers in 2016 a huge success.

Starting off for 2017 we have many volunteers to help start Keen-Agers Group off to a wonderful New Year.

For our lunch menu we will be having Italian Dishes and Salads and Cherry Pie ala mode.

Our entertainment will be chalk artist, Gary Means. The art work he completes will be raffled off at the end of our meeting.

Devotions will be presented by Bill Swope.

Our tables will be decorated by Ruth Long.

All seniors 50 and over are welcomed to join us (all local churches) for lunch and entertainment.

Bring your covered dish and don't forget to bring your own favorite table service.

Hope to see all our seniors, and you know who you are (50 and over), at our first meeting for 2017 at Norwin Alliance Church. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Sincerely,

Joe & Pat Beyer

Co-Presidents

VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA

Spiritual power is found in God's Word. The introduction discussion in the book written by A.W. Tozer, **God's Power for your Life - How the Holy spirit Transforms You Through God's Word** (c. 2013), is "Can we trust the Bible?" Why is God's Word important to the Christian?

A.W. Tozer was born in PA in 1897. At the age of seventeen he gave his life to Jesus. He soon began his ministry with the C&MA in a little West Virginia church, before thirty years in Chicago; and then moving on to spend his final years in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He wrote over sixty books with notation of two classics: **The Pursuit of God** and **The Knowledge of the Holy**. He had two honorary doctoral degrees. Some of us may remember his editorial responsibilities in the "Alliance Witness" magazine. Tozer and his wife Ada had six sons and one daughter. He passed away in Canada May 1963. "Prayer was of vital personal importance for Tozer."

A.W. Tozer's basic teaching reminds us that the supreme authority is God the Father, Jesus and His Word. "God is in control. His sovereignty has never been compromised." (p.33). God is not an 'author of confusion.' God's Word should

have top priority in all our activities. It is eternal.

To somewhat personalize our lives, fill in the blanks using your name as suggested: Allow God to do what He desires to do in _____ and through_____. Allow the Word of the living God to rebuke_____ the same way_____ allows it to encourage_____. "God's promises are dynamic and deliberate." (p. 148). "The question is not how 'big' or 'small' the sin is. The question is simply whether some part of our life is out of sync with the will of God." I John 1:8,9 (p. 174). "If our behavior does not match up to our belief, we are hypocrites and not true Christians at all." (p. 186). Check Hebrews 1:1-3 and Matthew 11:28-30.

During the years of A.W. Tozer's ministries, thousands of people heard him talk, read his sermons, books and "Alliance Life" magazines. This is still available to us. Take advantage. FOLLOW GOD'S WORD and THE DIRECTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Sometime pick up the hymnal at the pew at church. Look at page 265; one of the chosen hymns that A.W. Tozer uses as meditations is "*Abiding and Confiding*" by Albert Simpson. Look at the words; study them, think of them, grab a hold of the confidence we have in Jesus.

(another excellent book donated to the library)



LIBRARY NEWS

Do you have ideas/suggestions for the library?

Anything you would like to see added/changed?

Please give your suggestions to Sara Masters.

* we are looking for suggestions that will not cost money.



FREE BOOKS ~ please check out the box of books on the table in the library. Feel free to take one for your library at home or pass on to a friend. Questions? See Sara Masters

2017 PRAYER CHAIN

New 2017 Prayer Chains are in the process of being put together.

What is the Prayer Chain and what does it do?

Those members and adherents of Norwin Alliance Church who wish to be prayer intercessors for the church family are placed on Deaconess' lists. When the intensive prayer chain is activated (for emergency or critical needs of our immediate church family), your Deaconess will call you for your prayers. This chain is also activated to inform of service closings. All other prayer requests are circulated through the Deaconesses and Elder for prayer.

Not all prayer requests go through the intensive prayer chain. As stated above, only emergency or critical needs of our immediate church family are placed on the intensive chain ~ unless the family specifically requests that the full chain be activated. Some prayer requests are of a personal nature and only the Elders and Deaconesses are contacted for

prayers.

When calling in prayer requests, if you want the intensive prayer chain activated, please indicate this when calling. In the same manner, not all requests are printed on the Praise and Petition sheet. We try very hard to honor everyone's privacy. If you would like your request printed on the Praise and Petition sheet, please state this when calling in for prayer.

When called to prayer ~ pray as though the need was for a member of your own family ~ we are all a part of God's family.

EVERYONE who would like to be part of the Prayer Chain needs to submit your name and phone number to Judy Himler or the church office by **February 12th**. **If your name is not received, you will not be put on a list**

If you have any questions about the Prayer Chain, please contact Judy Himler, Jeff Ewing, or Pastor Bob.



*Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
I Thessalonians 5:17*

PRAYER CHAIN

Yes, I would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain.

Please include my name.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail _____

Please turn this completed form into the church office by Sunday, February 12, 2017.