
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 2020



Great Truths in the Bible - Book by Book

Here are some favorite verses in God's Word to build your faith in Him.

<u>Obadiah</u>	"The day of the Lord is near for all nations . . . And the kingdom will be the Lord's." (1:15, 21)
<u>Jonah</u>	<i>"Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs . . . Salvation comes from the Lord."</i> (2:8-9)
<u>Micah</u>	<i>"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."</i> (6:8)
<u>Nahum</u>	<i>"The Lord is slow to anger and great in power; the Lord will not leave the guilty unpunished."</i> (1:3)
<u>Habakkuk</u>	<i>"Though the fields produce no food . . . yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior."</i> (3:17-18)
<u>Zephaniah</u>	<i>"The Lord is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with His love, he will rejoice over you with singing."</i> (3:17)



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

1. Approved the following DMC activities: Graduate Sunday (June 14); Teacher Appreciation w/ luncheon (June 28); Promotion Sunday (August 23); Petting Zoo (August 26); Advent Luncheon (December 20).
2. Music/Art Night Sunday approved for May 3, 2020.
3. Approved offering the congregation to join Norwin Christian on a trip to Sight-n-Sound in May.
4. Discussed the age breakdown of our church - what will it take to reach the next generation? What programs can we have for the young college age adults in the summer?
5. John joined the Elder Board fulfilling Patrick's term.
6. In December, our receipts exceeded our asking budget need and also our expenses. Year to date we fell behind our asking budget but our receipts exceeded our expenses. We finished 2019 very well.
7. Registrations are coming in for the 2020-2021 Preschool year.

MEN'S "WILD GAME" DINNER

Friday, March 6, 2020

6:30 pm

Speaker: Ed Neiman

Please begin inviting your family, friends, and neighbors to this year's Men's Dinner.

Circle the date on your calendar and plan to attend. Watch for more information.

VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA

What is prayer? What is the most logical reason a person would pray? A basic definition of prayer is: to make supplication or entreaty; to address God with adoration, confession, and thanksgiving; to approach deity in word or thought; and an earnest request.

It is very common that a small child is taught a prayer that is repeated before a meal, or before he/she goes to bed. Often that prayer is not meaningful but it is amazing to hear him/her say a personal prayer at a young age. When a child understands who Jesus really is and asks Jesus to be his/her Savior, a prayer becomes a conversation with the Heavenly Father. The adult who happens to hear those prayers can learn some secrets about a relationship between a human and God the Father that can heal some difficult problems in life.

Immediately most of us think of the prayer that Jesus shared with His Father. We pray that most every Sunday, hoping it is meaningful in worship. God's Word has examples of prayer, beginning in the Old Testament. Samuel, the prophet prayed for the Israelites; King Solomon prayed at the temple; mother Hannah thanked God for a baby; Jonah prayed while inside the belly of a great fish; Job prayed for his 'friends'; the book of Isaiah shares prayers throughout his ministry, as does King David in Psalms and the Proverbs. Those are a few Scriptural Old Testament examples about the topic of prayer.

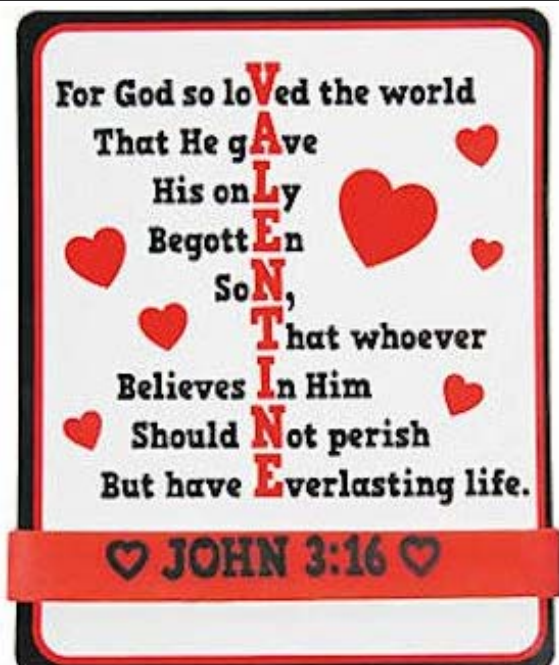
As we look into the New Testament, the teachings of Jesus' beatitudes reminds us to pray for our enemies. (Matthew 5:44) Jesus went to the temple, chased away the 'bad guys' and told them the temple was a house of PRAYER. Jesus went off to pray several times, to talk with His Father, especially when He knew what was in the future. Jesus LOVES us. Long ago Jesus taught His followers to pray and not

give up. (Luke 18:11). When He left earth to join His Father, the Holy Spirit came down and intercedes for us now as He did for Paul and Silas in jail years ago. They sang and prayed in prison. (Acts 16:25). We should pray for believers in prison TODAY.

"Pray for a heart that is open to a true encounter with Him, and wait patiently for His provision. Learn to discern God's will as you become more familiar with what He desires." (Pastor Charles Stanley, Atlanta, Georgia)

In summary, think of WHY you should pray. WHO should you pray for? HOW OFTEN should you pray? What is the proper ATTITUDE for prayer?

Praise
Righteousness
Answers
Yearnings
Eternity
Redemption
Scripture





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. February's collection item: **SHAMPOO and SOAPS**

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.



A.C.T. Service
February 9, 2020
at 6:00 pm



Speaker:
Janis Swope

Come hear Janis speak and stay after for fellowship and refreshment.



The first Keen-Ager meeting of 2020 will be held on Thursday, February 27th beginning at 11:30 am.

Menu: Italian dishes, salads, and cherry pie ala mode.

Program: A DVD will be shown (title to be determined)

All seniors 50 and over (from NAC and area seniors) are welcomed to join us for lunch, fellowship, and entertainment.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 27th.

The Women's Corner

By Janis Swope

It's been a long time since I wrote an article for the Koinonia, so I decided to give it another go. I believe my last article was from the summer of 2018. Wow, so much has happened since then! Not just with me and Bill, but for everyone. Have you noticed that things never stay the same? As much as we would like it to, change happens even though we try to fight it. Thank God that no matter how much things change He is still in control. How often we forget that important fact about God. He is our sovereign LORD and I am so glad that I don't have to worry about the changes that take place in my life and in the world. In the mean time I keep busy by reading and studying God's scripture, praying, connecting with family and my brothers and sisters in Christ, trying to take care of our home, and feeding the critters that come to visit our yard (I have to admit, Bill does most of the work in this regard). I would like the Women's Corner to become a regular feature of the Koinonia as it once was, so please pray for me that I can accomplish this goal. If there is something you would like me talk about in this article let me know.

The Women's Sunday School Class has been studying 1 Peter. What an inspiring book! Peter tells us how we are to live our lives for Christ. We just recently had discussions about how we are to behave when we are treated unjustly using Jesus as our example, and how wives should reflect Jesus in our marriages. We have some extra books if anyone is interested in joining us.

The Ladies Bible Study has been studying the Gospel of Matthew. As I write this we are on chapter 10 where we learned that Jesus went up onto a mountain and prayed all night concerning the disciples who were following him and in the morning he came down from the mountain and chose twelve of the disciples to be his Apostles. He then gave the twelve instructions and sent them out to preach that the "kingdom of heaven" had arrived. If you would like to join us on this study, you are welcome! We will have the coffee on!

The Last Word

Why do bad things happen to good people? That only happened once and He volunteered.

R.C. Sproul

2020 PRAYER CHAIN

New 2020 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. You are called to pray only - you do not need to make any phone calls. When the intensive prayer chain is activated (for emergency or critical needs of our immediate church family), your Deaconess will call you to pray. This chain is also activated to inform of service closings. All other prayer requests are circulated through the Deaconesses and Elder only 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 the church office by **February 16th**. **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 Cindy Barnhart, Judy Himler, Betty Kunkle, 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.

1 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 16, 2020.