

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

JANUARY 2021



In heaven someday, the angels might sing that the year 2021 was a year when God's people loved God with their whole heart and mind and loved people as Jesus loved them with the greatest of intensity.

Although this love in 2021 did not save us, it was God's love that brought this love and it was His love that saved us to love.

Some old time Christian brothers shared these thoughts on God's love in the New Year:

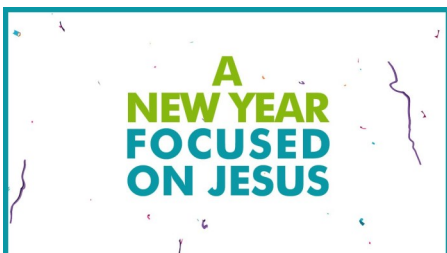
“God gave you two eyes in the front of your head to see where you are following Jesus today, not two eyes in the back of your head to dwell on past sins or past imagined success.”

“Why shouldn't you each New Year be more obedient to God, knowing more love, usefulness, and joy? After all, you are closer to the hills of heaven, and have had more experience with your Lord, so you should be more like Him.”

“Jesus put His robe of beauty on you as the Father did for the prodigal son. Why are you relying on your moth-eaten, cheap imitation, hokey beauty, when He offers you His beauty today?”

“Lord, forgive us when we forget Your loving mercies given so abundantly to us. Refresh and rekindle our hearts so we overflow with love for You and others.”

HAPPY NEW YEAR! THIS IS THE YEAR THE LORD HAS MADE!



YEAR END REPORTS

ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS.....from KEEN-AGERS, DMC, LEAD ELDER, LEAD TRUSTEE, TREASURER, ASST. TREASURER, YOUTH... your End-of-Year reports are due to Cindy Barnhart no later than Sunday, January 10th. Please make sure that your report includes a financial report (if applicable).

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a meeting of the congregation on **SUNDAY**, January 24h at **11:30 AM**.

Even though only members are permitted to vote, everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

Come hear how NAC did in 2020.



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. January's collection item: **SOUPS/ RAMEN NOODLES**

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.





A New Year's Resolution

Hallelujah to the Father,
And give glory to the Son!
Voice your joy unto the Spirit,
Echo praises, everyone!

At God's throne, lay down this new year,
His, the battles to be won;
As each problem comes before you,
Pray in trust, "Thy will be done."
Place your hopes and dreams in *Jesus*,
Your whole life is in His care;

No more anxious, fevered worry,
Each new day, give thanks in prayer.
With this new year in God's trusting,

You'll have peace from up above;
Every day
And every hour,
Rest within your Saviour's love

by: Connie Hinnen Cook

Prayer of an aborted child:

"Lord, it is so soon I am done for.
 I wonder what I was begun for."

(taken from a church grave)



VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA

Looking east	Back to the Laurels
Laurel Mountains	During winter months.
Glaring at us	It looks vacant
In the beginning	Sometimes sad
Of a year;	But getting ready for
She looks empty	Spring - - by resting.
Like we often feel.	
Could it be	An excellent example
The challenge of newness	For mankind
After thoughts	The need to REST
Precise completeness;	PRAY - PRAY - PRAY
Knowing how difficult it is	Be excited for 2021!!
Emotionally, physically,	A distinctive year
socially,	In many ways.
Politically, spiritually,	Most important
financially	JESUS LOVES YOU!!
With family, neighbors, co- workers,	Blessings and celebrations.
National or international heritage	
Persons of various ages	
And skin colors.	
God created a variety.	
Newly elected people	
Coming into office	
January 20, 2021.	
Representation for our great nation	
Support by PRAYER	
Asking God's guidance	
And leadership.	



Verses I chose for 2021 are Psalms 143:8-10 and Romans 11:33-36. Look for a few verses to encourage and teach you in the new year. VSW