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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**

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As you praise God with song and obedience, here are four examples of contemporary praises to Him:

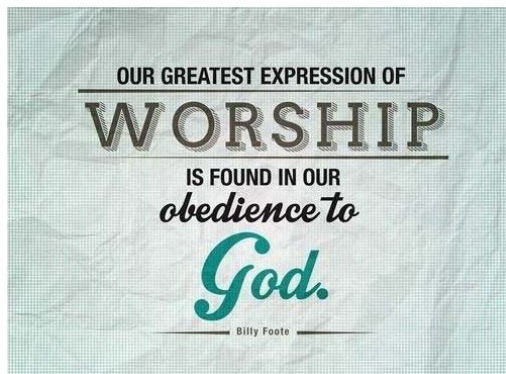
*So let it be today  
We shout the hymn of heaven  
With angels and the saints  
We raise a mighty roar  
Glory to our God  
Who gave us life beyond the grave  
Holy, holy is the Lord.*

*I'm living proof  
Of what the mercy of God can do  
If you knew me then, You'd believe me now  
He took the old and made it new  
That's just what the mercy of God can do.*

*You've carried us in faithfulness  
Upon the paths of righteousness  
Our gracious King  
You've crowned us with Your lovingkindness*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me.*

Glorify God and enjoy Him forever in this New Year.



## BIBLE DISCUSSION ON **ANXIETY and DEPRESSION**

Wednesday Evenings

7:00 - 8:00 pm

January 26 - February 16

Norwin Alliance Church Sanctuary

Discussion Leaders:

Mr. Brandon Ricker, MS, LPC

Pastor Bob Daniels

Bring your questions, experiences, and helps from God.

Who experienced anxiety/depression in the Bible?

How is mental health similar to heart health, lung health, etc?



**VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA**

Welcome HOPE as new year 2022 begins. Hope is a challenge with unknown blessings in store for us. As concerns surround us, we are secure in the Lord. God the Father is in control of the world despite all the ugliness and sin we witness. TRUST and HOPE in Jesus, whose birth was just celebrated.

The hymn, "The Solid Rock" begins with these words: My HOPE is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Verse 2 reads: "When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.

Verse 3 reads: "His oath, His covenant, His blood Support in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my HOPE and stay.

CHORUS: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand - all other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand. (written by Edward Mote, 179701874 with William Bradbury 1816-1868. Looks like these men also depended on HOPE many years ago like we must in 2022).

Pastor David Jeremiah reminds us to "live every single day this year - 2022 - with Jesus, for Jesus, and like Jesus". **Turning Point's** Devotional, Dec. 2021. Charles Stanley, pastor in Atlanta, Georgia has written, "Thank God for the blessings that are yours in Jesus". **In Touch**, December 2021.

As the new year will start quickly, it is especially important that our attitudes, routines, desires, relationship, safety, and responsibilities are on the right track - sometimes easier said than done. That is why it is such a privilege and blessing to have God's Word available. Thousands of people around the world must 'hide' the Bible to protect from torture. Often that is hard to believe; but it is, unfortunately, becoming easier to understand even in the U.S.A. Every opportunity, every moment we can stop to PRAY, we need to take advantage and listen to what God needs to tell us.

HOPE is to trust, have reliance, confidence or security. A few verses about HOPE are listed. When the snow does arrive, you can use that time to look into God's Word as you begin a new year—after shoveling the walks. Many verses are available; this is just a start: Psalm 24:5 and 129:8; Proverbs 10:6 and 26:6; Matthew 25:31-46; Romans 8:24-28, 15:4 and 13; I Thessalonians 5:8; Titus 1:2; and I Peter 3:15.

The most important blessing for any time is God's love and redemption. Be thankful. Grab on tightly to His promises. Be ready for Jesus' return. IT MAY BE 2022!! We do not know. Whatever this New Year brings to you, your family, fellow/female workers, children/teenagers, best friends, medical staff, police, pastors/missionaries, government representatives, President Biden/etc, and you can easily add to those names - PRAY, PRAY, PRAY.

Reminder - the world needs Jesus, our HOPE! Enjoy the NEW YEAR 2022!! And God Bless!!

**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 16th. Please make sure that your report includes a financial report (if applicable).**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a meeting of the congregation on **SUNDAY, January 30th 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 2021.



**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.





Working with Alliance missions, we are able to give Christian love and aid to Afghan refugees.

Please sign-up in the foyer to help in one of the 2 or 3 areas you would like to help with.



**THE GIFT OF TIME**

Families are stuck waiting in hotel rooms

Take a family out to places like the mall or grocery store

Provide Basic English lessons

**STOCK A HOTEL ROOM**

New Household Supplies

**WELCOME A FAMILY ~ AIRPORT ARRIVAL**

**GIFT OF MONEY**

You can always directly donate financially to help with the burden of ongoing needs.

