
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

JULY 2017



Jesus gives an either/or invitation and warning in Matthew 12:33 NKJV. *"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad."* Heart, words, and eternity are connected by the Lord. Below are other key Bible themes of either/or challenges. Hear the good news with fear and trembling:

You're either forgiven or guilty.

You're either alive with Christ or dead in sin.

You're either under God's grace or under God's wrath.

You're either loving God or indifferent to God.

You're either loving people or despising people.

You're either praising God or praising self.

You're either living in truth or living a lie.

You're either on God's mission or on your own mission.

You're either building Christians up or tearing them down.

You're either trusting God or trusting your own understanding.

You're either kept by God or kept by self.

You're either obeying God or sinning against Him.

You're either going to heaven or going to hell.

Amen.



The following were discussed/approved by the Elder/Ministry Boards at their June meetings:

- † It was approved to look into expanding the choir room.
- † Approved DMC Council Members
- † Approved Youth and Adults to be teachers and helpers
- † Approved the following youth summer activities: Game Night June 21st; Trip to Kennywood July 26
- † Approved the following dates/activities: Teacher Appreciation/Promo Sunday/Youth Sunday/Luncheon Aug. 20; Petting Zoo October 4; Mission Conference Oct. 28-29; Advent Festival Dec. 17; Teens to prepare Valentine bags Feb. 11
- † Approved list of Publishers to be used
- † Approved cancelling the July Board meetings
- † Dan Wolf will preach on Sunday, July 2
- † Approved helping with funds for a car while Rachel Wilson is in the States.
- † Hooper Roofing will come and repair and seal the 3 flat roofs of the church

If you ever have any concerns to be brought before the boards, please contact Yvonne Blair or Lori Nelson, our Board Members-at-large.

Connection Service

Sunday Evening, July 9 @ 6:30 pm
Message by SHELLI PRINDLE

▶ ***When Truth Is Called
Torture and Underdogs
Become Updogs:***

The Twisted Time of the Two
Witnesses of Revelation

Would you like a difficult, end-times part of the Bible to be made understandable? Let God touch your heart and mind through this message, as we break down the Scripture in a way that everyone can comprehend and apply to daily living in a challenging culture.



Meeting/Lunch/Entertainment
Thursday, July 27th at 11:30

Independence Day is observed and celebrated this month. We are so blessed to live in a free nation. We should keep in prayer all people that live where they do not have the freedom that we all have had all our lives. God Bless the USA today and always.

Come and join us for lunch and entertainment. But most of all praising God in song and devotions.

Lunch Menu: Covered Dish - bring your favorite dish and/or dessert.

Entertainment: Kevin Solecki, Accordion Player

We are looking forward to a special meeting of all our seniors and sharing each others wonderful dishes and everyone's recipes.

Joe and Pat Beyer

Co-Presidents of Keen-Agers

The Women's Corner

By Janis Swope

I can't it believe the last time I talked with you via The Koinonia it was just a day or two into Spring. Now we are almost on top of the first day of Summer. Where does the time go? Do you feel like me that the days are flying by? I spoke to Jessica and Dana Ewing today in church and discovered that when school begins in the Fall they will be Seniors in high school! I told them I remembered once when they were young I saw them in church with their American Girl dolls and they wore dresses that matched their dolls' dresses. Realizing that the time if flying by can make me feel old if I let it. But you know what? I don't let it. Living my life as one of God's children keeps me going. This Christian life is exciting if you allow it to be and it doesn't stop until the Lord calls us home.

One of my favorite things to do is to keep learning. We should all keep an attitude of learning every day. There is so much to learn. Never let your curiosity disappear. The other day our neighbor had tree experts come to cut down a tree in his yard because it was too close to the house. Our neighbor's house is a two-story one and the tree had grown much taller than the house and had branches cascading over his roof. Being the learning nerds we are, Bill and I pulled up chairs on our porch, sat down with our cups of coffee and watched the tree cutters do their work. We found it fun and fascinating to watch as each part of the tree fell, never coming anywhere near our neighbor's house or ours. When the workers were done we thanked them for the entertainment and had a good laugh with them. Our neighbor's two sons, ages 20 and 23, never once came out to see how things were going because they were too busy playing a video game.

Bill and I had a discussion that centered on learning about God and His word. There is so much that we will never know because God is infinite in all ways. Every time we learn something new about Him and His word, it is like peeling back another layer of an onion – except we won't ever finish peeling back the layers. Don't get too busy or preoccupied to take time to learn about God. I would hate to have to tell Him that the reason I didn't know much about Him is because I was preoccupied with a video game when I had the opportunity to get to know Him better.

The Women's Sunday School Class is in the middle of learning what James has to say regarding the ungodly rich who do anything to get gain and wealth. We are just a few weeks away from finish our study of James and his counseling regarding the way to live a Christian life. If you are interested, please join me and others in the Craft Room at 9:45 a.m on Sunday mornings. The Ladies Bible Study has just finished studying about the rebellion of the Israelites when Moses went up to Mt. Sinai to receive the law from God and the terrible consequences of their rebellion. If you are considering joining our study, please consider this an invitation to join us as we journey through the book of Exodus. We meet Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the craft room and end at noon. And as usual, we'll have the coffee on!

The Last Word

"Now, my son, every reader of this book (ie. Bible) should read it in its entirety, for truly the things in it are divinely inspired. Whenever the need arises, he can go looking there to pluck benefits from it like the fruits of a garden." – Athanasius (c. 207-373 A.D) was bishop of Alexandria, Egypt, and the great champion of orthodox Christian teaching against the widespread Arian heresy, which denied the full divinity of Christ.



FREE Trees and Bushes

Sara Masters has about 20 little trees and bushes that she is giving away; oak, dogwood, mulberry, lilac, black raspberry and more.

Interested parties will need to dig the trees/bushes up.

If you are interested, please contact Sara Masters, 412-266-5821.

Looking Ahead to August

- Aug 4-6 Youth Event at Ligonier Camp & Conference Center.
- Aug. 9 Church Picnic at the KOA of Madison
- Aug. 19 Children's Day at Irwin Park
- Aug. 20 Promotion Sunday ~ Teacher Appreciation ~ Youth Sunday
Luncheon at Noon
- Aug. 23 New AWANA & Youth year begins

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 2017						
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Blank August 2017 Calendar Printable calendars available from www.blank-calendar-printout.com

Vignettes by Virginia

The summer months seem to transpire quickly. Most of us have a potential list of 'things to do'. Hopefully we can accomplish A LOT, especially family festivities, vacations, and a few days of leisure and relaxation.

July 4th is a noisy day. This of the picnics, parades, games and fireworks. It is a day of CELEBRATION; a family/friend day. We need these special people for **ENCOURAGEMENT** in today's hectic society. To use **ENCOURAGEMENT** is to have inspiration with spirit or hope, and promise to hearten, and give help or patronage. Often we encourage others with applaud, boosting, comfort, energizing, praise, support, defense, guidance, obligation, or excitement. These are just a few examples. (Bear in mind, you ENCOURAGE a team your child/grandchild competes in; or a musical instrument he/she plays; or a talent/gift/skill God has given to you).

We know that we can find several promises of **ENCOURAGEMENT** in God's Word. An example in Deuteronomy 3:28; "But commission Joshua, and **ENCOURAGE** and strengthen him for he will lead this people across and will cause them to inherit the land that you will see."

Acts 15:32; "Judas and Silas, who themselves were prophets, said much to **ENCOURAGE** and strengthen the brothers."

I Thessalonians 4:18; "Therefore **ENCOURAGE** each other with these word."

I Thessalonians 5:11; "Therefore **ENCOURAGE** one

another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

II Timothy 4:2; "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and **ENCOURAGE** with great patience and careful instruction."

Titus 2:6; "**ENCOURAGE** young men to be self-controlled."

Hebrews 3:13 and 10:25; "**ENCOURAGE** one another daily."

We can be very confident that God is faithful! God continues to **ENCOURAGE** us - - to be our **ENCOURAGEMENT**.

George Muller (1805-1898), minister in England, known for the caring of over 10,000 orphans, and a man of PRAYER, has said these words: "The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety."

As we truly put our faith in God we will not be anxious. We can encourage other as God will send that **ENCOURAGEMENT** to us. Romans 15:4-5 reads: "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the **ENCOURAGEMENT** of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God who give endurance and **ENCOURAGEMENT** give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."