
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

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God so loved . . . Christians so love.

Here's 15 truths on love from 15 New Testament books (next 12 truths will come next month). God will cause us to love like this!

- † “But I say, Love your enemies” Matthew 5:44
- † “Love your neighbor as yourself” Mark 12:31
- † “Love the Lord your God with ALL . . .” Luke 10:27
- † “Love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12
- † “I have many people in this city.” Acts 18:10
- † “The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts” Romans 5:5
- † “Shall I come to you with a rod or in love.” I Corinthians 4:21
- † “The love of Christ compels us.” II Cor. 5:14
- † “Faith works by love” Galatians 5:6
- † “Know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge” Ephesians 3:19
- † “Your love may abound more and more.” Philippians 1:9
- † “Being knit together in love.” Colossians 2:2
- † “Faith and love as a breastplate.” I Thess. 5:8
- † “Direct your hearts into the love of God” II Thessalonians 3:5
- † “Faith, love, patience, and meekness.” I Timothy 6:11

To paraphrase Augustine: “By loving you, God has made you lovable and a lover of all humanity.”

Happy loving!



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

- † Both boards continue through the book “*Gospel Fluency*” as their monthly devotions.
- † Pastor Bob continues his door-to-door visiting on Wednesday evenings. People have been receptive to his visits and friendly.
- † Rich Lippai will lead a weekly prayer gathering for men.
- † Children and youth will read Scripture, serve as usher, greet, and collect the offering on the last Sunday of each month.
- † Adults/Youth were approved to work/teach with the DMC.
- † Fred has resigned from the Elder Board.
- † 2019 Budget was discussed. Further discussion will be had at the August meeting.
- † Considerable discussion occurred about the church parking lot. Bids will be obtained for both re-sealing and also having the parking lot totally re-done.

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



Vignettes by Virginia

SPECIAL REPORT! Rachel Wilson has returned to the USA from Ethiopia. She answered a few questions/comments to bring us up-to-date on her missionary 'adventures'.

1. What were your basic ministries in Ethiopia?

I was under an Educational Consultant for down-country families. They are families that live outside of the capital city of Addis Ababa, who home school their children. Also I was a Missionary Kid (MK) Coordinator who oversaw all the MK's living in Ethiopia.

2. Why so much travel?

I traveled A LOT because I went to the families serving in Ethiopia. So that requires me to be on the road, or in the air, about half of the month.

3. What is the main purpose/ministry of your 'home assignment' in 2018/19?

- * to reconnect with family and supporters
- * to raise more support (prayer and financial)
- * to re-evaluate ministry (reflect, debrief, and refocus)
- * to rest

4. When you wake up in Addis Ababa, what are your main enjoyments/pleasures?

- * friendships with my missionary colleagues and Ethiopian friends.
- * cheap and good macchiatas
- * a slower paced, simple life

5. Personal comments: *How to pray for me during my home assignment:*

- a. finding affordable housing to live in and a reliable car to use.
- b. that I will REST, truly rest.
- c. wisdom and guidance as I seek to know what/where next term will look like.
- d. that I will get some additional financial supporters and also raise funds for a vehicle (\$25,000).

THANKS !!

Rachel J. Wilson



Meeting/Lunch/Entertainment
Thursday, July 26th 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 will be presented by Shelly Denney

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

Connection Service

Sunday, July 8, 2018

6:30 pm



Speaker: Joe Cox