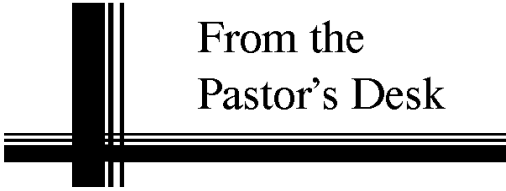

KOINONIA

“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 2020



From the Pastor's Desk

Great Truths in the Bible - Book by Book

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

II Peter *“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (3:18)*

I John *“If anyone says, ‘I love God’, yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.” (4:19)*

II John *“And this is love that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.” (v. 6)*

III John *“I have no greater joy than to hear my children are walking in the truth.” (v. 4)*

Jude *“To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy.” (v. 24)*

Revelation *“To Jesus who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood.” (1:5)*



The following were discussed/approved by the Elder and Ministry Boards from their phone conferences in June:

1. The Elders spent much time discussing our return to Sunday gatherings and implementing safety precautions. Letters were mailed out to the congregation with these guidelines.
2. A 6-week, Wednesday summer Bible Study for adults will begin June 24th. Pastor Bob will lead a study of the attributes of God using the book *“The Knowledge of the HOLY”* by A.W. Tozer.
3. The “Flea Market” was approved to continue on Saturday, July 18th.
4. Online giving has been set-up with the provider. It is now being tested and will soon be available to use.
5. The lower level has been freshly painted - thank you to Chuck & Jan Newman, Jessica Prieto and Harold Lawhorne for their many hours of painting.
6. It was approved to purchase flooring and carpet from Empire Today for the lower level classrooms, library, hall, bathroom and stairs. Work will begin Monday, June 22.
7. THANK YOU to all who have supported NAC financially during these last few months of no in person services. Our receipts exceeded our expenses for the month of May. Year-to-date we are doing very well.
8. Sunday school will resume June 14 with the Ladies Class resuming June 21.

If you ever have any concerns to be brought before the boards, please contact Janis Swope or Ken Sherman, our Board Members-at-large.

Before we celebrate
the freedom
we should not forget
to remember
those who laid down
their lives for us.

Happy 4th of July



Vignettes by Virginia

During the summer months we have several occasions to celebrate and enjoy holidays. Beginning in May, we remember mother's Day, May 16th as Armed Forces Day, and parades on Memorial Day. During the month of June, Father's Day, June 6th D Day (1944), and Flag Day on the 14th, are special dates. July 4th is Independence Day, a most important historical day for the U.S.A.

What do you really mean when you say, "*I pledge allegiance*"? Allegiance refers to loyalty, honor, faithfulness, obedience, fidelity, consecration, and dedication. Allegiance requires action and emotional consistencies to have stability and proper relationship with humanity.

It is a REAL honor to be an America citizen! To anyone who has had the privilege to visit any country outside the United States, stop and be very thankful for our securities/safety we have in the USA. Despite hardships, health problems, financial woes, or any other concerns that need attention, we can find an answer if we are willing to look to the proper assistance.

We are aware, of course, that the BEST answer is the Lord Jesus. Jesus was speaking to the Jewish people, but we can apply these Words to us. John 8:31-32: "*Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, 'If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall*

know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

A freedom, a security where we live, is important. We support safety for our children, senior citizens, military personnel, you name the person (s) who are important to you. But most of our concern, especially at this time in history when a disease is rapid, and people continue to 'fight' with an on-going dilemma, needs to be a reminder that God is still in control. Before we know it, Jesus will be returning to earth. Listen for that trumpet. Read 1 Thessalonians 5 as a reminder. Another excellent Scripture for encouragement is Psalm 119:41-48.

Our very best devotion is the freedom we have as a child of God, to speak with Him in prayer! Knowing Jesus as our Savior and Lord is the greatest relationship and privilege anywhere on earth. Pray for your family, your community, Norwin Alliance Church, Pennsylvania, elections coming up in November, children returning to school, people getting back to work, missionaries, U.S.A., virus and lots of health concerns, people who need to give their hearts to Jesus - - the list goes on and on. The Privilege of Prayer.

Next time you stand before the American flag and repeat the pledge, consider the words: "*I pledge allegiance.*" What does it represent? Is it personal and meaningful to you? Be thankful for the United States of America.



KEEN-AGERS (50 and over group)

Due to the pandemic and the social distance rules, Keen-Agers will take off for the summer months hoping to meet together again in September.

"God be with you 'til we meet again"



MAHAFFEY CAMP

"A Christian Center for Spiritual Growth"

- Mahaffey Family Camp has been canceled for 2020.
- Summer Youth Camps ~ Mahaffey Camp Board of Directors has made the decision to proceed with summer youth camps, "*We will be able to confidently implement all protocols currently required for PA summer youth programs.*" Camps have been rescheduled with a new starting date of July 1st. Go to mahaffeycamp.com to see updated information and registration forms for camps.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Packing Party!

EVERYONE is invited!
Saturday, July 25, 2020
6:00 pm—8:30 pm



Join us for fun and fellowship as we pack items that have been donated into shoeboxes. Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you will be attending the party.

Our goal is **100** boxes!

Demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world through Operation Christmas Child.

**** Please help with this great ministry ~ Sign the sheet in the narthex and donate items to go in the shoeboxes. All donations may be dropped off at the church office.**

Pictures from last year's fun!



CHURCH LIBRARY



The DMC has added the following books on Gender Issues to the church library. The books will help you be a Christian friend with Bible truth to those in the LGBTQ lifestyle.

- "The Secret Thoughts of An Unlikely Convert"* by Rosaria Butterfield
- "Openness Unhindered"* by Rosaria Butterfield
- "Out of a Far Country"* by Christopher Yuan
- "Messy Grace"* Caleb Kaltenbach
- "The Bible on Homosexuality"* by Kevin DeYoung
- "Gay Girl, Good God (I used to be a lesbian)"* by Jackie Hill Perry



Flea Market/Backpack Giveaway Saturday, July 18

20 Backpacks filled with school supplies will be given. You must call in on Tuesday, July 14th to reserve a backpack. Donations of school supplies are needed by July 12th.

"Flea Market" items will be collected Thursday, July 16th from 1-7 and Friday, July 17th from 9-6 (please do not drop items off earlier as we do not have the space to store). Please NO clothing, footwear, or TVs.

HELP is needed on collection days. We also need people on Saturday to interact with our guests. The day is not about getting rid of our "stuff" but to share the love of Jesus with others.

Please contact the church office if you can assist in any way.