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*“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**

**JUNE 2018**

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## **For Graduates and Christians Advancing in Learning**

Here is some news from John Piper, edited, meant to keep graduates and Christians grounded and growing in their faith.

In Romans chapter 9, we are called “vessels of mercy.” You are called out of spiritual deadness by God’s mercy and to express God’s mercy.

In our rebellion we didn’t deserve to be awakened to God or to graduate into knowing His grace. Every influence that worked on us to bring us to Christ was mercy from God.

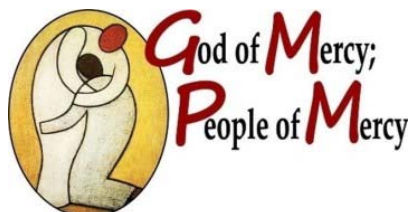
Mercy means we do not deserve to be Christians. We do not deserve to graduate and learn more. We do not deserve to be chosen, called, saved, transformed, and be heaven-bound. It’s all mercy. Undeserved.

When we receive anything good, any forgiveness, any friendship with God, any confidence of everlasting joy, this is all mercy.

Therefore, we are at our best when we are merciful to others and to ourselves. Mercy fits us well as we graduate into a new chapter of God’s plan for us.

“Tis mercy all, immense and free!  
For oh my God, it found out me.”

God bless you with a future singing of God’s mercies forever. (Psalm 89)



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

1. Chuck & Jan were accepted into membership.
2. Hosting the DRIVE Retreat team from Grove City College in October
3. Elders continued to discuss ideas from the Mar. 9th Joint Board Meeting.
4. The downstairs water fountain was inspected and declared damaged beyond repair. A new fountain has been ordered and will be installed.
5. A refrigerator alarm was installed—this is to let people know that the doors are not closed all the way. If you hear the alarm, please just push both doors closed.
6. The preschool has started bringing in their furniture/equipment. 1st day of classes for the 3 and 4 year olds is September 4th and 5th.

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If you have concerns regarding the church, please see Brian Denney or Ken Sherman, our Board Members at Large. They will bring the concern before the board for discussion.



**Saturday, JUNE 1, 2019**  
**Norwin High School Stadium**  
**10:00 am - 10:00 pm**

## Disciplemaking Ministries Events for the summer.

**Come and be a part of them!**

### **June 9 ~ GRADUATE SUNDAY**

On this day, we will honor our high school graduates: Emily Cox, Michael Ewing, and Mikayla Peles. Each student will be presented with an English Standard Study Version of the Bible to be used in college.

Also on this day, our Children's Superintendents will tell the congregation about the events going on for the children. Sue Hoffman, Becky Cox, and Elena Dornin will each spend time talking about our children and what they do for them.

Then Joe Cox, Superintendent of Youth, will distribute the Bibles.

### **June 9 - 12 ~ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

The theme is **THE ARMOR OF GOD**. You can register on-line ([www.ncma@norwinalliance.org](http://www.ncma@norwinalliance.org)) or fill out the registration form at the end of this newsletter and return to Carole Sarber. Additional registration papers are in the small narthex. Take as many as you need and be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join you at VBS.

### **June 16 ~ FATHER'S DAY**

Just as we did on Mother's Day, the DMC will have our children and teens pass out gifts for all men of the church.

### **June 30 ~ TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY and LUNCHEON**

Who are the teachers who have taught the longest? Pastor Bob will let you know on this date. All teachers and assistants will be honored with a gift of their choice and a luncheon.

Be sure to THANK your teacher and small group leader on this day. Also, please stay for the luncheon to celebrate our teachers and assistants.

### **July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 ~ SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN "Farm Fresh Faith—God's Faithfulness to Joseph"**

Each Wednesday in July the children of the church (ages 4 through finishing 5th grade) will meet in the Fellowship Hall and read about God's relationship with Joseph. They will have song time, work on a craft, play games, read their Bibles, learn Bible verses, and enjoy a snack.

**Teachers are needed for this summer program.** If you like to work with children and have your clearances, please let Carole Sarber know your interest. We need more adults to accomplish this program. If you want to help but do not have your clearances, please let Carole know now so that you can get those done by July.

### **July 20 ~ "PACK THE SHOEBOXES"**

Also, in July is Renee Himler's "Pack the Shoeboxes" night. She wants to strive for 100 shoeboxes packed. This evening will be a wonderful, multi-generational night. Bring the entire family for a fun evening.

### **August 18 ~ YOUTH SUNDAY AND PROMOTION SUNDAY**

Our teens will present their program for youth Sunday. Be sure to come and take part in this special service.

Our children will also receive their promotional Bibles this morning. **If your child is turning two, entering Kindergarten, 3rd grade, 6th grade, or 9th grade**, please let Carole Sarber know so that the correct Bible can be purchased.

### **August 21 ~ KICK-OFF NIGHT FOR AWANA and YOUTH**

This Wednesday begins the new year for AWANA and Youth. The Petting Zoo will be here! Bring your children and youth! Register them for AWANA or our youth program. Our Fellowship Committee will be serving dinner. Come and enjoy! Pet all the animals! Ride the pony! Feed the baby animals! Learn about our AWANA and youth programs.

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& OUTREACH



**VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL**  
June 9 - 12  
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Sunday evening, June 9, we will kick-off VBS with food, songs, and games for all.

KIDS ~ invite your friends and neighbors to Vacation Bible School. There will be lessons on the Armor of God from Ephesians 6:10-18: *Breastplate of Righteousness, Belt of Truth, Feet Fitted with Readiness through the Gospel of Peace, Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation, Sword of the Spirit.* There will also be Music, Craft/Mission Project, Memory Verses to learn and of course games and snacks.

Register TODAY - There is a form on back page of this newsletter and on the shelf in the narthex. Or you can register on-line.



**KEEN-AGERS**  
(50 and over group)

Thursday, June 27th  
11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Good Old Summertime is here. Time to put away all the winter garb and spend time outdoors and enjoy Gods beauty all around us.

*Happy Father's Day* to all dads this month, God Bless all our Dad's who keep our families centered and guided through our lives.

IT'S PICNIC TIME ~ Lunch Menu will be Chicken and Picnic Foods. Bring a covered dish or dessert to compliment the entree. Don't forget to bring your best voice to sing together and your own favorite table service.

Entertainment will be presented by *TOOTSIE*.

Devotions will be read by Bill Swope.

All Seniors 50 and up are welcome to join us for Lunch and Entertainment.

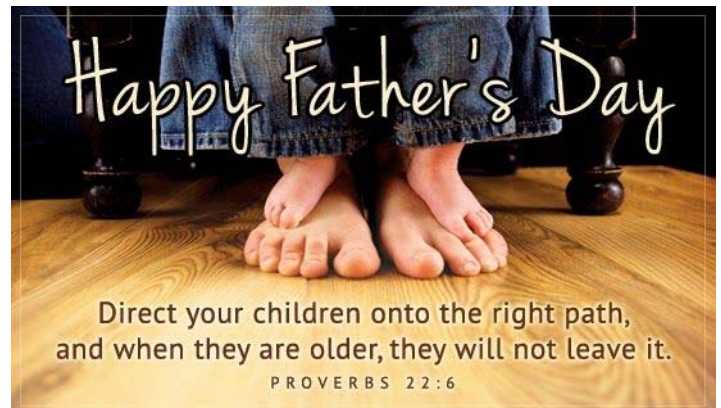
God Bless and Keep You in His Care Always.

**"Obedience and Suffering"**  
By Brian Rendulich

It has been said in Hebrews that Jesus learned obedience from the things which He suffered (5:8). It is presumed that He had to grow up and learn how to obey His Father's will even though He was the Son of God already. Obviously, every human being will have to pass through troubled waters from time to time, but Jesus?! He was God but He was man also. He possessed a flesh like you and me. As He grew up, temptation appeared before His consciousness in much the same manner as it comes to you and I. At each episode of evil, He had to make a decision: follow the Father or His flesh (the devil's avenue to wrongdoing). At every turn, deity prevailed! The Holy Spirit in Him gave Him the victory since He was under the divine influence of the Father like no other man. It was at His baptism that He received a greater portion of the Holy Spirit in order to carry out his divine mission.

So then, how does that apply to the present day Christian? Simply this: we obey God when we choose righteousness even in the midst of our suffering since temptation is like suffering, but we rejoice knowing we are becoming like our High Priest.

Sometimes, the hour of temptation can be chastisement, though, and we must accept it for our good since it was designed to yield ". . . the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Hebrews 12:11 KJV). Moreover, someone has said that growth is slow! Indeed! But God is patient and we must be too . . . with ourselves. No matter what the cost, we must be willing to pay the price as we will earn a far greater reward in eternity as well as the more immediate joy now of "achieving" victory in Christ from doing the holy commandment, the perfect will of God.





## Vacation Bible School

**Registration Form**  
(one per child please)

**June 9 - 12, 2019**

**6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEDICAL:



Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

### Authorization for Publication of Photographs:

I  Authorize Norwin Alliance Church to use Photographs of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do Not Authorize for local publication, brochures or web posting. (name)

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 Do Not Authorize for posting throughout the church facility. (name)

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