

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



Throughout the four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; we can observe countless individuals coming to Jesus for healing. Remarkably there isn't a single example where Jesus sent anyone away without healing them. Some might say, "well, that was Jesus."

Perhaps the passage in scripture that gives us the greatest direction on healing today is James 5:13-16. "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

Some argue that the ministry of healing that Jesus demonstrated and continued through the lives of the apostles was coming to an end. That these overt miracles were necessary to authenticate the apostolic ministry and establish the early church. However, what these verses describe are guidance of those seeking healing in the church, going to the elders. There is no indication in scripture, that such healing in Jesus' name would come to an end.

While such signs and wonders seen in the early church during the time of the apostles may not seem to be common occurrences, the history of the church on until today have had countless examples of such powerful healings. Why don't we see more?

Perhaps one reason we see less overt healing today is that we aren't seeking it? Indeed, no small percentage

of the universal church would be classified as cessationists: those who believe that though God still heals people from time to time, but the miracles we see in the apostolic era have ceased. Among the percentage of the church that holds a continuationist theology, we all too often hold this as a theoretical belief, not a belief that we put into practice.

In James 5 we see that the church is involved, hence those seeking healing would go before the elders in prayer. We see that even lack of confession of sin can be something that hinders healing. This of course does NOT mean that lack of healing is evidence of sin or unconfessed sin. In John 9, Jesus was asked whether the blind man's sin or those of his parents were the cause. He responded, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him."

When we come in prayer for healing, we may not get the healing that we ask for. However, Jesus gives us the healing we need to glorify his name. It may be that he brings emotional healing from wounds or that we truly experience his great love for us. We might even receive the healing we ask for later and through the help of doctors and medicine. Yet, we ask in faith, confident that Jesus will glorify himself in our lives. This could even mean that we receive an answer like Paul received in 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Whatever healing you and I receive when we have need, let us ask in faith, trusting that we will receive the healing that we need.

MISSION & VISION



Norwin Alliance's Mission:

Making disciples who grow, serve, and witness through word and action.

Our Vision:

To see a Spirit-empowered church of all generations making disciples who make disciples.

JUNE Prayer Times

Wednesday, June 4 ~ 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 5 ~ 11:00 am

Join us for a time to pray for: one another, our church family; the mission, purpose, staff, and leaders of Norwin Alliance Church; the church universal; our community; our nation; and the world.

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:19-20



Norwin Alliance Church
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL *Ages 3 - Completion of Grade 5*
June 11th, 18th, 25th, & July 2nd
6:30 - 8:00 PM

DAY 1: Christ our Savior
Romans 5:8

DAY 2: Christ our Sanctifier
1 John 1:9

DAY 3: Christ our Healer
James 5:16

DAY 4: Christ our Coming King
Matthew 24:42

THE FOUR-FOLD GOSPEL

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Scan QR Code or visit
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Keen-Agers 50 and over.

Our June meeting is on Friday, June 26th at 11:00 am.

Menu: chicken, picnic foods, dessert

Program: Sgt. Kerry Bauer – K9 Unit

Food Pantry Item: Condiments, Peanut Butter, Jelly (plastic containers)

Hope to see you on June 26th for a great day together.



Live Streaming Change

We now have a YouTube channel!

Norwin Alliance Church now has a YouTube channel to live-stream our worship services. You can also find and view past live streams dated back to January 7, 2024.

Why are we changing live-streaming platforms?

Effective February 19, 2025, Facebook has made a change in how they store archived videos that were live streamed to Facebook. They will now only store videos for 30 days. Thereafter, they will automatically be deleted. This change affects all users who live-stream to Facebook. We will continue to maintain our Facebook page with announcements and posts.

Here are some ways you can access the Norwin Alliance Church YouTube channel. Once you're there, be sure to click on the "LIVE" tab to view current and upcoming live streams.

Direct NAC YouTube URL:

www.youtube.com/@NorwinAllianceChurch

General YouTube Webpage: www.youtube.com – search for Norwin Alliance Church in the search.

NAC Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/NorwinAllianceChurch - We will share direct access live-stream links each week on our Facebook page once they are available.

Norwin Alliance Website: www.norwinalliance.org – there is a link to YouTube on our home page. Just click on it and it will direct you to YouTube.

QR Code: Scan the QR code below.



Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make changes to provide better access to our worship services online.





Saturday, July 19, 2025
6:30 pm

We are once again collecting items to fill shoeboxes for OCC. A sign-up sheet is available on the shelf in the narthex – please sign under the item you would like to donate. Please read the sheet carefully. Ex: if you sign on the line under box of crayons – be aware you are signing up to bring 5 boxes of crayons for each line you sign. Do NOT sign in any of the greyed-out sections.

All items need to be back at the church before July 19th. Then join us for fun and fellowship as we pack the donated items into shoeboxes. Our goal is to pack 100 boxes.

Boxes will be made available if you would like to pack one individually.

Emily Rose, the Westmoreland County student relations coordinator for OCC, has issued a challenge for 2025:

* Build a box/month!

* Over-all Goal: increase Westmoreland County by 10%

In 2024, NAC delivered 148 shoeboxes ~ a 10% increase will be **163** shoeboxes! Can we meet the challenge?



The church library has been moved back downstairs. To access the library, drive to the lower lot and you can enter through the double-glass door (call the church office and Cindy will meet you down there to open the doors).

Library will be available during the day from 11:30 am – 3:00 pm during the school year and from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm from June to August.

Come check it out.



Alliance Stamp Ministry

The Alliance Stamp Ministry is a group based out of Fort Myers, FL that recycles canceled stamps. The stamps are then sold to dealers. The proceeds go toward publishing Spanish-language Sunday school materials and distributing them to churches of 40 different denominations in Spanish speaking countries in Latin America, Spain, and even the USA.

If you would like to help in this ministry, please place your stamps in the box above the coat rack in the small narthex. Please be sure to leave 1/4" to 1/3" of paper around the stamps.

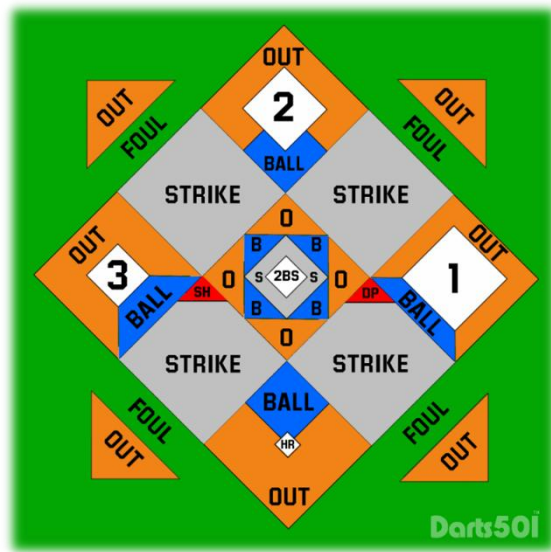
The stamps will then be sent to the Alliance Stamp Ministry at Shell Point.



We will continue to collect items for the Irwin Area Food Pantry during the summer months.

June's collection item: **Condiments, Peanut Butter, Jelly (plastic containers)**

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.



Dartball Fun Days

Starting Monday, June 2nd at 7:00 pm (and every other Monday after), the Dartball Team is inviting anyone interested in Dartball to come and try it out this summer.

This is a great time of instruction, fellowship, and fun with the pressure of league play.

League play will resume in the fall.

Come and join the fun!



Saturday, June 21st

Speaker: Patrick Ewing



Saturday, July 26th

Oak Hollow Park
Locust Pavilion



* Circle these dates on your calendar and watch your bulletins for more information on these events