
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

May 2015



Spring Inspiration

Jefferson Bethke and Tullian Tchividjian are young Christian leaders who help stir-up God's people to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24). These Good News quotes will stir you up:

“Don't be stingy with God's love, it doesn't run out.” (JB)

“Of 100 lost people, one might read the Bible, but the other 99 will read the Christian.” (JB)

“Jesus loves you, delights in you, saw your sin before He went to the cross, and He still went.” (JB)

“What God does for us, God does in us.” (TT)

“Our salvation does not depend on our behavior but on Jesus' behavior. He justifies, He sanctifies, He glorifies. Salvation is of the Lord.” (TT)

“Should we sin that grace may abound? No! When we sin does grace abound? Yes it does!” (TT)

“Do you want to be more intelligent or more loving? Which does God value more?” (TT)

Amazing
LOVE!



1. Approved the youth holding a car was on June 6th at the Marathon Gas station for the LIFE fund.
2. Approved a youth trip to Ohio on July 11th.
3. As a church we want to connect with new families and remember those who do not have families leaving close by.
4. Donna Kunkle was hired as church custodian to replace Annette Fetterhoff who resigned the end of March.
5. The Trustees are looking into the cost of fixing the lower parking lot.
6. A fourth Trustee is needed with the resignation of David Fetterhoff (due to his new job in South Carolina).
7. Please pray for faithful stewardship within the church.
8. Bressler Lawn Care and Landscaping will maintain the church lawn. Mulching of the beds and trimming of the shrubs will be taken care of in-house.
9. A new laptop computer was purchased for the church treasurer and loaded with Office 365 and Quicken 2014 software.

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

PROVERBS 31:30 NIV

Wishing you God's unending favor, kindness and love this

Mother's Day
and always.





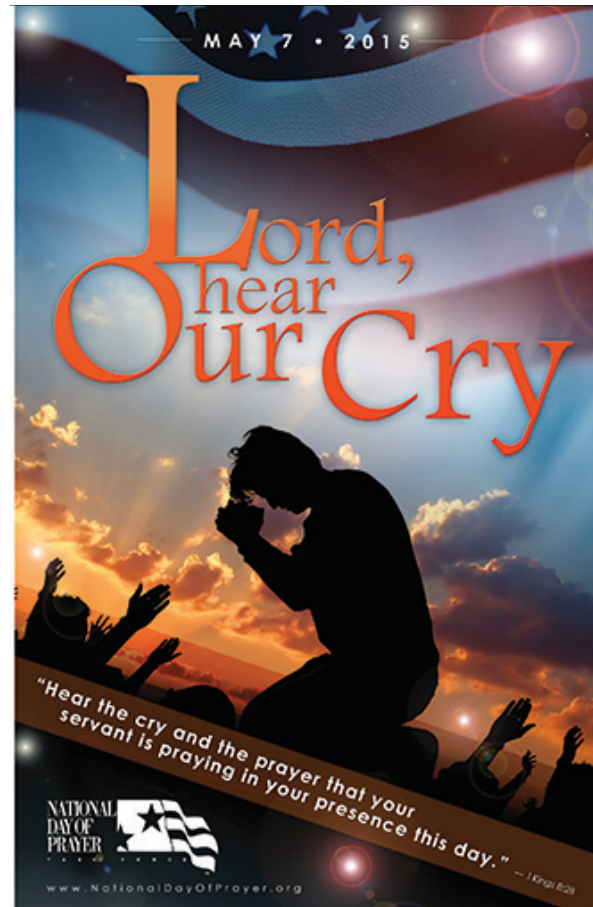
Monday, May 25, 2015



**With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember**



THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015



2015 NATIONAL PRAYER by Dr. Jack Graham

Heavenly Father,

*We come to You in the Name that is above every name—
Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Our hearts cry out to you.*

*Knowing that you are a prayer-answering, faithful God—the
One we trust in times like these—we ask that You renew
our spirits, revive our churches, and heal our land.*

*We repent of our sins and ask for your grace and power to
save us. Hear our cry, oh God, and pour out Your Spirit
upon us that we may walk in obedience to Your Word.*

*We are desperate for Your tender mercies. We are broken
and humbled before You.*

*Forgive us, and in the power of Your great love, lift us up to
live in your righteousness.*

*We pray for our beloved nation. May we repent and return
to you and be a light to the nations. And we pray for our
leaders and ask that You give them wisdom and faith to
follow You.*

*Preserve and protect us, for You are our refuge and only
hope.*

*Deliver us from all fears except to fear You, and may we
courageously stand in the Truth that sets us free.*

We pray with expectant faith and grateful hearts.

In Jesus' name, our Savior.

Amen

Vignettes by Virginia

Question? ? When was the last time you read the back page of the bulletin? It explains the Four-fold Gospel, the Doctrine of the C&MA. We have a blessed heritage, a rich Bible-based theology that we need to be reminded of often.

With the help of several talented and Spirit-filled writers, we are going to briefly look at "Sanctification", Christ, as our Sanctifier, as depicted by a laver, using the verses I Thessalonians 5:23 and 24. According to Webster, sanctification means: 1) to set apart to a sacred purpose; b) to purify, to free from sin; c) to make efficient as the means of holiness; d) to give moral or social sanction to. According to Smith's Bible Dictionary, sanctification means: to set apart; separation; devoted to; consecrated; be holy.

Maybe some of you have not heard of the word "Sanctification". You may ask how can a believer be sanctified? Note: this writer used the word—a believer. You must be born-again. As so aptly stated by Mrs. Mildred Eicher, "Holiness is a cleansing out of the carnal nature and a filling of the heart and life overflowing with the Holy Spirit. Holiness is heart conformity to the nature of God." And Rev. Charles Stanley is quoted that, "Sanctification is both a position and a process. It is God's higher purpose." A.W. Tozer writes, "One ploy of the enemy is to so affect a man's conscience that it no longer functions. The Holy Spirit wants to touch it and bring it alive. Conviction is necessary for true conversion. The beginning work of the Holy Spirit is to pierce the moral area of the human heart."

Many hymnals have several hymns and choruses that should reflect the desires/longings of our heart to surrender to the Holy Spirit's tug. Some examples are: "I Am His and He Is Mine"; "Moment by Moment"; "Let the Beauty of Jesus be Seen in Me"; "Himself"; "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"; "Be Still My Soul"; "The Solid Rock" and "Complete in Thee". This writer is sure that you can come up with a song/chorus that is special to you.

Closing with another quote from Mrs. Eicher, "We are called to holiness because we are Christ's ambassador's to a lost and sinful world. We are to represent Jesus."

This is a very brief study on Sanctification. Background material for this information included:

Eicher, Mildred. Called Unto Holiness

Issac, Rev. E.M. The Extremely Spiritual Man or Holiness in Action. 1907

Maxwell, L.E. Born Crucified: the Cross in the Life of the Believer. 1945

Stanley, Charles. A Journey to Wholeness. 2014

Thomas, Major W. Ian. The Saving Life of Christ. C. 1961

Tozer, A.W. God's Power for Your Life: How the Holy Spirit Transforms You through God's Word. 2013

Tozer, A.W. The Knowledge of the Holy. 1961

Part 2 next month . . .



GRADUATES

*** * * If you graduate from H.S. this year, please submit a picture to the Secretary's office asap. Include your name and school you are graduating from on the back of the picture. All pictures will be returned. Also include the college where you will be attending in the fall.**

*** * * Also, if you graduate from college this year, please give your name, college you are graduating from, and degree earned to the Church Office.**

WOMEN'S SPRING LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 23rd

11:30 am

Menu: Beef, Turkey, Ham Sliders; Jello Salads; Veggie Tray; Dessert and Beverages

Program: A video by Liz Curtis Higgs will be shown.

Please plan to join us for a fun-filled day. Watch the shelf for a sign-up sheet.



With Mother's Day approaching we all tend to think about the role our mother plays in our lives. I have been blessed with a Mom and Dad that continually show unconditional love (trust me it has been tested...). Their love for me has made it possible to both love others and accept love. If human love can be this powerful then the perfect love of God can move mountains.

"The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18. This describes my feelings before answering God's call. I'm sure that my mom has been praying for my soul since infancy, but Jesus had his own timing. When the time came for my heart to be softened I turned to Mom. She encouraged Steve and I to attend church, introduced us to everyone, and included us in everything. There was no condemnation or "pushing religion". It became impossible to stay in the dark once we learned about Jesus.

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world be saved through Him." John 3:17. My mom kept her faith strong and unwavering so that when Jesus was ready He worked through her to save two souls instead of one. "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household." Acts 16:31. Never stop praying for lost loved ones!

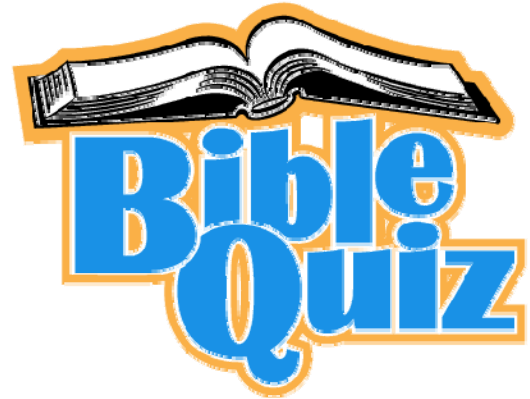
My Mom continues to be a strong influence on my faith. She's a partner in every outreach event, an example of how to love God's people, and does not boast about good works.

Thank you for all that you do. I love you!



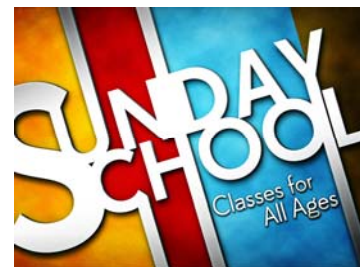
Happy Mother's Day!

~ Steve and Katie Smith



Norwin's Bible Quiz teams ended their third year quizzing on April 11th with a final quiz meet and awards banquet. This year we had three teams quiz from Norwin; a Junior Team consisting of David and Hannah Hargraves and Meleah Beatty, a Senior A team including Benjamin and Emily Cox, and a Senior B team consisting of Mike Ewing, Christian Beatty, Charlie Blenko, and Luke Fetterhoff. The Senior B team ended the year in FIRST place in their division. Benjamin and Emily Cox and David Hargraves all qualified to move on to the District Finals competition in New Castle on April 24-25. The kids spent the year studying and memorizing the book of Acts. Next fall they will begin to study the books of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians.

Thank you to leaders Becky and Joe Cox for helping these quizzers achieve success!



New **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** classes will begin in June and continue until the Sunday before Neighbor Day (September).

The teachers for the summer session will be: John Peles, Janis Swope, and Mark Lazzaro and Bill Swope.

Watch your bulletins and June Koinonia for additional information.

The Children's Choir Presents



Sunday, May 17th at 10:45 AM

"Abandoned long ago and nearly forgotten, the H/O-2000 is discovered by the kids in our story while attending the annual VBS program at Midway Community Church. A series of time-traveling escapades ensue, taking our intrepid gang of time-jumpers on a wild ride, immersing them in strange times and cultures (including the totally tubular 1980s, the roaring '20s, the Wild, Wild West, and even the Garden of Gethsemane!), all leading to a point of discovery about the importance of the Cross and the message of the Gospel. So jump into the H/O-2000, buckle your seatbelts, and embark on a Biblical truth-seeking trek through time!"

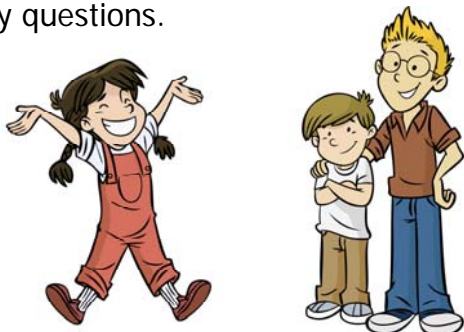


IMPORTANT REHEARSAL DATES

Thursday, May 14 @ 6:30 PM – DRAMA ONLY rehearsal in the Sanctuary. If your child has a speaking part, no matter how large or small, they should attend.

Saturday, May 16 @ 10:00 AM – FULL GROUP dress rehearsal in the Sanctuary. All participating children must attend.

Please contact Chris LoChiatto or Shelly Denney with any questions.



It's gradually being organized more. It's downstairs, to the right. Once there, on the left wall are FICTION books (novels and stories). On the right are NON-FICTION books (true to life: personal, biographies. Straight ahead are STUDY GUIDES.

Borrow books and write down your name and the book's title.

Of special note:

- 1. There are Family and Children's videos and books to borrow.*
- 2. Wholesome comedy*

Anyone want to write a half page review of a Christian book or movie? Leave a note at the office for "Library".

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KEEN-AGERS

Seniors 50 and over ~ Come to the Keen-Agers meeting on Thursday, May 28th at 11:30 am for Good Food, Good Fun, and Good Fellowship.

"The Keen-Agers is an organization of the Norwin Alliance Church intended to provide opportunities for Christian-based fellowship to those who are fifty (50) years of age or older from both this congregation and the community at large." Invite your friends and join us.

Our menu this month is: Ham Barbecue. Our program will consist of a game of B-I-N-G-O.

We would love to see you at our meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Long, President of the Keen-Agers.