

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 2019



In the season of spring, we as God's children have a great calling in common with God's creation. "We give to the Lord the glory due His name." Psalm 29:2.

Here are some Bible truths preached on Easter that give the Lord the glory due is name.

Jesus is more brilliant than all sunrises. He created them all and He is the Light of the World.

Jesus defines loyalty in His character. He is called Faithful and True.

Jesus is the Friend of sinners. Isaiah wrote He was numbered with the transgressors.

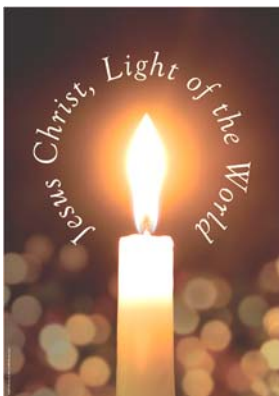
Jesus justifies the ungodly. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Jesus is All-Compassion. No one cares about you and feels with you more than He does.

Jesus is 100% reliable. He said I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Jesus is for everybody. He said whoever comes to me I will never turn away.

Keep passing on the good news of our Wonderful Savior.



LADIES' SPRING LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 18, 2019

11:30 am

Menu: Wedding Soup and Fresh Cold-Cut Sandwiches.



Please plan to join us for a fun-filled day ~ sign-up by **May 5.**



COOKIES and CANVAS

Saturday, May 11, 2019



Please join us on Saturday, May 11th from 9AM to Noon for our first multi-generational craft event. All ages are welcome to participate!

Led by Tammy Combs (Creations by TLC), attendees can choose from either a canvas or wooden sign project. There will be two design choices: "Bless this Home" or "Faith". Any children attending will be given a choice of canvas to paint the day of the event. All materials will be provided and cookies and beverages will be served. Cost will be \$5 per person.

Please sign the sheet in the narthex by May 8th. You may also register by texting or calling Kerri Bryer (724-822-4080) with your name, number attending (please specify number of children), choice of "Blessed" or "Faith" and whether using canvas or wood.

We look forward to seeing you!!





Join us Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00 pm
as we pray together for America.

2019 NATIONAL PRAYER for AMERICA

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, we look to You alone for the future of America. By Your providence, You have placed each of us here at this time in history to be in this nation. Thank You for this blessing. Thank You for America.

BUT ABOVE ALL, we thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. It is in His name, we come to You as we intercede in prayer for America.

FORGIVE US, OH LORD, for the sins we have committed against You in America. We are failing You by dishonoring one another through our harsh and bitter words about each other. We are failing You through broken relationships. We are failing You by devaluing human life from conception until death. We are failing You with the division in our nation.

LORD, WE TURN FROM these sinful actions and refuse to live this way. Please forgive us now and help us to choose love over hate, unity over division, and life over death.

WE CHOOSE to live by Jesus' words: Love One Another. Therefore, upon the authority of Your Word in John 13:34, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you," we pray for a future America that will choose to love willfully, sacrificially, and unconditionally just like Jesus loves us.

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH in America to love one another. Empower each church to be full of love for one another. Ignite a revival of love for one another. Since we are to be known by our love, help us to love one another.

WE PRAY FOR EVERY FAMILY, EVERY WORKPLACE, EVERY COMMUNITY, AND EVERY CITY IN AMERICA to choose love. We believe there is power in love. We believe love is the better way. We believe love is God's Way. Oh Lord, change families, workplaces, communities, and cities through the power of love. Raise up a Love One Another movement across America.

WE PRAY FOR ALL ETHNICITIES AND PEOPLE IN AMERICA to love one another. Lord, tear down every wall of division and change any attitude that divides us today. Bind up our nation's wounds and may the transforming love of God lead us to the day when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

WE PRAY FOR YOUR LOVE to surround America. We pray for Your love to surround and protect us in every public setting and private place. Protect us from harm.

WE BELIEVE ALL OF THESE THINGS, OH LORD, represent our deep need for the next great move of God across America. We ask You alone for the next Great Spiritual Awakening in America. Please, oh God, wake up Your church and revive Your people today. We ask You to begin a mighty spiritual awakening in every town, every city, and every county in America.

WE NEED AND DESIRE THIS SO MUCH, THAT BEGINNING RIGHT NOW, we are choosing love and forgiveness, love and restitution, love and healing, love and unity, and a future that will be transformed by the power of unconditional love. When we belong to You, we belong to love. We choose to Love One Another!

IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, the only Savior and Hope in this world we pray.

Amen

Written by:

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Senior Pastor, Cross Church*



*It's time to have **GAME NIGHT** again!*

If you haven't tried us yet, you're missing out! We laugh, smile, and chat while we play and eat.

*Come **Friday, May 17 at 7:00 PM** in the youth area. (Only the youth door will be open.) This will be our last Game Night until the fall.*

Bring something to share ~ snacks, appetizers, dessert, or family friendly drinks. If you don't have time to bring something, come anyway.

Please plan to attend. Game nights are for ALL ages and abilities! Don't be shy, no one will be forced to play.



ManUp Pittsburgh
Saturday, June 8, 2019
7:30 am—3:30 pm

Victory Family Church
 21150 Rt. 19
 Cranberry Twp, PA

MAXIMIZE YOUR IMPACT
 in your home, neighborhood and city!

Join Steelers Coach Mike Tomlin, Urban Impact and over fifteen hundred men for an encouraging day of worship, prayer, dynamic breakout sessions, and powerful messages.

Registration fee \$49.00 - include a light breakfast and lunch.

Featured Speakers: Bryan Loritts, Coach Mike Tomlin, Vance McDonald, Ed Glover, Tunch Ilkin, Stephon Tuitt.

Contact Jim Martin (412-628-1843) or Pastor Kevin Truman, McKeesport Alliance Church (412-678-1160) to register or for more information. Can also go online at ManUpPittsburgh.org.



KEEN-AGERS

Senior Group

Thursday, May 23
 11:30 am



IT'S A PARTY!

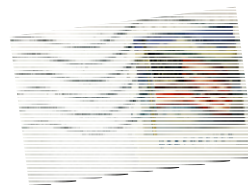
Are you 50 or older? Then You're Invited!

We are celebrating everyone's birthday this month. Join us for fun, fellowship, and of course **LUNCH**.

Lunch for this month is: Ham Barbecue. Please bring a covered dish and/or dessert to compliment our meal. First time attendees do not have to bring any dishes, just come and join us for a time to Praise the Lord together, share lunch and enjoy socializing with each other. Please remember to bring your own table service.

Invite a friend or neighbor to our **BIRTHDAY PARTY!**

If you have any questions about Keen-Agers, please contact Ruth Long, President or Norma Wood, Vice President.



Cancelled Stamps

Please bring in your cancelled stamps. It is a joyful announcement that was in the November 2018 *Alliance Life* magazine. Stamps were begun to be collected in 1972. One million dollars has been raised between 1972-2018 from the collection for the used stamps that were sent to Shell Point Retirement Community in Florida to help fund the printing of literature to spread the Gospel in Central and South American for the Publicaciones Alianza.

Just a reminder to fill the box again so it can be sent to Florida from Norwin Alliance. Sheila Gilpatrick has spent a lot of time getting stamps in the past; she does an excellent job with the cancelled stamps. Thank you!

"The Battle for Men's Souls"
by Brian Rendulich

Behind the violence of this age there is a battle going on but it is not waged with guns and weapons like a visible conflict is. Instead, this warfare is unseen, primarily, but manifests itself in obvious ways via sin and its consequences. Every person in some way is involved in this conflict. Originally, it was fought by the Almighty and the devil who began as Lucifer, a fallen dignity. Suffice it to say, spiritual warfare has existed since man has been treading upon the earth. For example, Adam "fought" an enemy even after the fall. The fact that God did not condemn men since Adam's transgression means He sides with people and desires their victory against all forms of evil. Every person since Adam, then, has experienced temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13). No man today is exempt.

Who, then, are the soldiers? In this conflict? If each soul, coming into the world will sin, then where is the hope of winning and advancing in the virtues of a life well-lived? Spiritually, there are men who enter the conflict over men's souls eagerly and seek to "release" man from the bondage of sin. They are not afraid to enter and wage war in this earthly though spiritual realm in order to side with the LORD thus wrenching otherwise innocent men from the clutches of Satan. Unfortunately, even though the harvest is plentiful the laborers are few (Matthew 9:37-38). The ones who do labor must fight as though to win and besmerch the enemy since he is sorely defeated already! That fact is true and remains true for the duration of the church age.

So it is with great passion these soul winners fight each and every day even though the rewards are not immediately forthcoming. A higher calling exists here: receiving "applause" from the High Commander. And with the good news of the gospel in their heart and grace on their lips, how could they fail since the message carried and shared is one of liberation from sin and freedom from slavery, a destiny God wants for every human being.



Vignettes by Virginia

Most of us are very excited having the privilege to attend a wedding of a special relative or friend. We watch an extraordinary couple, who are anxious and thankful that this important day has finally arrived.

George Matheson, a brilliant Scottish scholar and preacher was totally blind at an early age of eighteen. Because of his inability to properly see, the girl he hoped to marry was so disappointed that she broke their engagement. However, he continued his education with his sister's help; he did not forget the girl he loved intensely and had planned to marry. George was forty years old at the time of his sister's wedding; it was during this time that he wrote the hymn that relates to his testimony despite the suffering and heartbreak he endured. (George lived from 1842-1906).

Verse one speaks of divine love, illustrated through the prophet Hosea.

Verse two features the "Light that follows all my ways: Psalms 119:105.

Verse three relates to joy - - Romans 8:28

Verse four mentions a cross of the believer - - John 12:24,25

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

1. *O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul on Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.*
2. *O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
My heart restores it borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day.
May brighter, fairer be.*
3. *O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.*
4. *O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.*



Kira Shcherbakova

is coming to Norwin Alliance on June 23rd for a concert.

Kira was born in Kiev, Ukraine and moved to the United States with her family at the age of ten. She learned English within a few months and began dreaming of becoming a famous, professional singer.

This is her testimony: *I went to different venues, asking to sing, but got rejected every time. One restaurant owner even said, "My worst singers are better than you." It was heartbreaking!*

One day, I got invited to sing at a Mother's Day church concert, to which I said, "I'm Jewish. I can't go into a church." The women persisted, however, and I changed my mind. This was an opportunity to sing, after all.

When I got there, I was surprised to see that the people were happy and accepting, quite unlike what I've seen elsewhere. I talked to the pastor and he answered all the questions I've had for years about life and the meaning of it all. I realized that what I've been looking for all this time was God and His direction for me. So I repeated the prayer of repentance and accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

I realized that God made me and has a special purpose for me, to sing for Him and about Him.

After much consideration, I decided to leave my full-time job and follow God in starting a music ministry. Six years later, I've sung in over 350 churches and 24 states, plus Canada and Ukraine.

God showed me that He gave me this voice and He wants me to use it for Him. And that's what I'm doing.

CONNECTION SERVICE

Sunday, May 19, 2019

6:30 pm

Speaker: Bill Sarber

Worship: NAC Worship Team



Children's Spring Program

Sunday, May 19, 2019

10:45 am



Saturday, May 18, 2019

What is "Armed Forces Day"?

Many nations around the world observe some kind of Armed Forces Day to honor their military forces. It is celebrated in the United States as a day to appreciate all **active duty service members**. This day is not to be confused with Veterans Day or Memorial Day.

Norwin Alliance Church Preschool



Mission Statement:

Our mission is to provide a loving, nurturing and trusting environment for children. We will work hard to foster each individual child's intellectual, social, physical and moral development in an academic- rich environment. By doing so, this will give the children a strong foundation to be built upon when moving onto Kindergarten and beyond. We will never take for granted the trust placed in us to educate, love, and nurture each child.

The Norwin Alliance Church Preschool has a wonderful staff of experienced certified teachers. Mrs. Daversa leads the 3 year old classes and Mrs. Biedrycki leads the 4 year old classes.

The **3yr old class** meets Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00—11:30 am OR 12:30—3:00 pm. Tuition is \$130.00 per month with a \$50.00 registration fee. Child must be potty trained and be 3yrs old by September 1st.

The **4yr old class** meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00—11:30 am OR 12:30—3:00 pm. Tuition is \$155.00 per month with a \$50.00 registration fee. Child must be 4yrs old by September 1st.

Daily Activities

- Circle time (opening prayer, jobs, calendar, weather, pledge, counting and weekly theme discussions).
- Snack time
- Story time
- Art and science
- Gross motor and music
- Free play/ learning stations
- Bible story



We work closely with the Norwin, Penn Trafford and Hempfield school districts to ensure our curriculum aligns with their Kindergarten readiness requirements.

Norwin Alliance Church Preschool

REGISTRATION

724-237-9387

Parent's name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone : _____

Email address: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's birthday: _____

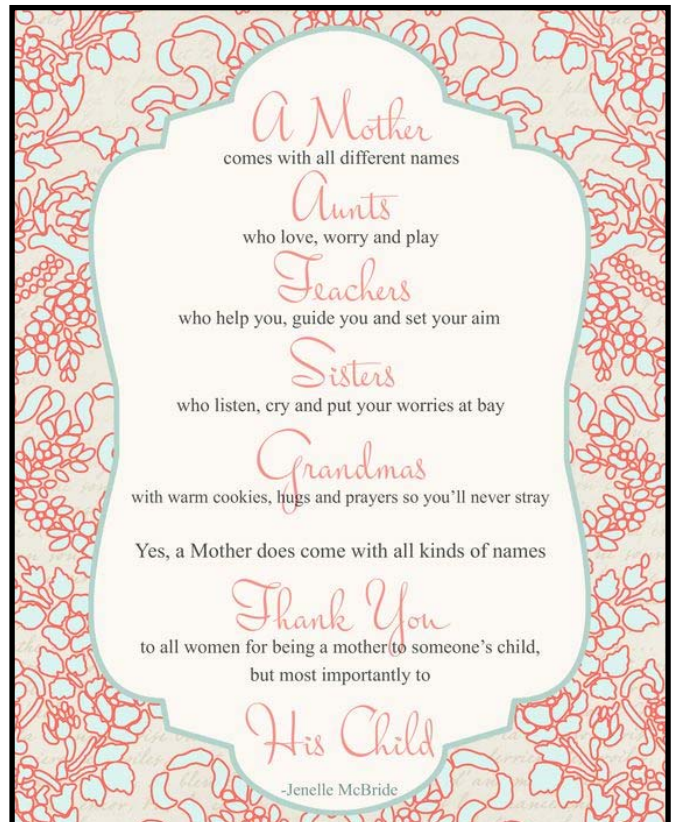
Please register my child in the: 3 year old class _____

4 year old class _____

Class time preference: AM _____ PM _____

****Class preference will be decided by the date the registration form AND the \$50 registration fee are received. You will be notified if your preference cannot be granted.****

****Checks may be made payable to:
 Norwin Alliance Church****





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: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Authorization for Publication of Photographs:

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Crew number or name _____