

# 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 2022

## From the Pastor's Desk

They Said It: Quotes to build up your faith in the Lord from people who are strong in Him.

*“God loves you even when you don't love Him or won't love Him.”* David Jeremiah

*“I have just trusted Jesus and now all I have ever written seems like straw.”* Tomas Aquinas

*“God's way of allowing pain is a massive 'question mark'. But His friendship is a massive rock of refuge, stability, and strength in the troubles and sorrow of life.”* John Piper

*“Until heaven, God has limited out understanding of Him. When we try to get a handle on how He works, He keeps most of His wisdom to Himself. This makes trusting Him very exciting.”*

David Gibson

*“Nothing stops God's sovereign will. Whatever God says will happen, does happen, on time, every time.”* James McDonald

*“Just do what the Bible says and you will pretty much be all right.”* Phil Robertson

*A little faith will bring your soul to heaven; a great faith will bring heaven to your soul.*

CHARLES SPURGEON

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## WEDNESDAY PRAYER TIME

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month

**Wednesday, May 4th**

7:00 pm

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month 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. If you have a specific prayer request, please join us for this time of prayer, or if you cannot attend, please contact the church office with your prayer request. We pray that this special time of monthly prayer together will help us see what God wants us to do as a church and build unity in and through our church members.

*“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

Come Support  
our youth as  
they raise  
funds to go to  
**LIFE 2022**



**Sunday, May 1, 2022**  
**Noon**

## Volunteer Clearance Information

If you are planning to work with youth and children in our church this year, the Western PA District of the Christian & Missionary Alliance requires updated clearances. Your “criminal background check” and “Child Abuse” clearances need updated:

1. “PATCH” ~ <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>
2. <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis>

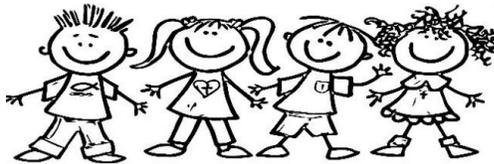
Please do the clearances in this order.

Also, a “Disclosure Statement for Volunteers” is required by the Child Protective Service Law 23 PA. C.S. Section 6344.2 (relating to volunteers having contact with children) must be signed and witnessed.

When you complete the two above clearances, come to the church office and Cindy can witness your signing the Disclosure Statement and copy your clearances.

If you come on a Sunday, Carole Sarber can witness your signing the disclosure and copy your clearances.

Please go on the internet and complete the clearances. If you have any questions, please ask Carole Sarber.



### Norwin Alliance Preschool News

Each month the preschool children collect specific food items for the Irwin Area Food Pantry.

If you would like to contribute, a box is available in both narthex's. May's collection item: **Laundry or Dish Soaps.**

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.



The following items were discussed and approved at the Elder and Ministry Board meetings in April:

1. We will resume our Saturate USA project—visiting homes on May 11 at 7pm, May 18 at 7pm, and May 21 at 10:00 am.
2. Travel cost for LIFE has increased. It was approved to ask the youth to contribute towards the trip. Other monies will come from the Special 500 LIFE and Youth funds.
3. It was approved for the Preschool to raise their tuition for the 2022-2023 school year. Registrations are being accepted and classes are filling up. An Open House will be held on Tuesday, July 12th.
4. We fell short of our asking budget for March as our expenses exceeded our receipts.
5. Approved to renew Elk's Maintenance Agreement.
6. Lights around the church continue to be changed over to brighter LED tubes.
7. We are still awaiting quotes from painters for the painting of the church.
8. A Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 1st to help fund LIFE 2022.
9. All those who are/will be working with youth/children at the church need to update their clearances.
10. An in-person VBS will be held 4 consecutive Wednesday evenings: June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13
11. The following outreach events were approved: Petting Zoo on Wednesday, June 1 and July 20 at 6:30 pm; Men's Putt-Putt outing at Kerber's - Saturday, June 25th.

If you have concerns regarding the church, please see Harold Lawhorne or Janis Swope, our Board Members-at-Large. They will bring the concerns before the board for discussion.



**Wednesday  
Evenings**

**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**June 22nd, June 29th,  
July 6th, & July 13th**

We're getting

**"BACK TO BASICS"**

as we head back to in-person Vacation Bible School this year, with a slightly different format! Mark your calendar now, and watch for registration information soon!

- DAY 1:  
"God, The Creator"
- DAY 2:  
"I Was Made With a Purpose"
- DAY 3:  
"Jesus Loves Me All The Time"
- DAY 4:  
"Jesus is Coming Again and I Need to Tell Others About Him"



**KEEN-AGERS**

The May meeting of Norwin Alliance Keen-Agers will be on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at **11:00 am**.

The meal will be HEARTY BREAKFAST for LUNCH. Please bring a dish to share.

We will play a game of Flower Bingo.

\*\* Food Pantry item is: Condiments

Everyone age 50 and over is invited to join us for lunch and fellowship.

Hope to see you on May 26<sup>th</sup> ~ we are looking forward to having a great morning together.

**Norwin Alliance Church Preschool**



The Norwin Alliance Preschool

is accepting registrations for the 2022—2023 school year.

The **3yr old class** meets Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00—11:30 am OR 12:30—3:00 pm. 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. Child must be 4yrs old by September 1st.

You may contact the church office to register or fill out the form below and return to the office.

A \$50.00 registration fee is required to reserve your spot.

Norwin Alliance Church Preschool

**REGISTRATION**

**2022—2023**

724-864-1570



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 \_\_\_\_\_

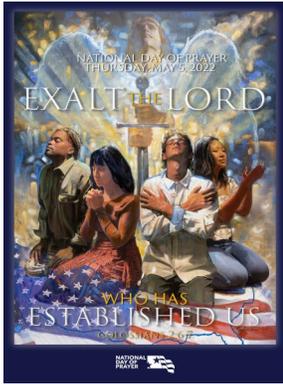
Class time preference:                    AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*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\*\*

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
**Thursday, May 5, 2022**

**Time of Prayer Together ~  
 Noon in the Sanctuary**



*“Exalt the Lord, who  
 has established us.”*

Colossians 2:6-7 NASB

**2022 NATIONAL PRAYER for AMERICA**

*Lord, we exalt You. We are filled with awe and wonder as our praise joins the heavenly hosts saying, “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory.”*

*You have established Your throne in heaven and the foundations of the earth.*

*You alone are the Creator; the earth is Yours and all it contains is for Your glory.*

*You created and established all of us as Your image bearers.*

*May our lips and lives continually praise You, reflecting and magnifying You in all our words and ways.*

*You are the author of our days, You have established Your plans and purpose for us.*

*We respond to your glory and authority in obedience to Your Word and will.*

*You have established prayer that we, Your children, can communicate with our Heavenly Father directing, strengthening, and discipling us in Your everlasting love.*

*We join heaven’s activities as we lift up our prayers and pour out our praise, repentance, thanks, intercession and supplication.*

*Lord, You have established America through the hearts of our founding fathers and the documents they penned declaring our dependence on Your sovereignty and supremacy. We overflow with gratitude having been firmly rooted and built up in our faith in You.*

*Let our reputation be of our faith in Christ alone, our love for all people, and fruitful lives bearing the attitude, affections, and actions of Your Spirit, who dwells and works within us and through us.*

*We pray for America: the Church, Family, Education,*

*Military, Workplace, Government, Arts, Entertainment and Media.*

*United in Your love, we exalt the Lord who has established us.*

*In Jesus Name we always pray, Amen!*

*Kathy Branzell,*

*President, National Day of Prayer Task Force*



**How to Pray for America**

God is sovereign and nothing comes as a surprise to Him. Whether we face fluctuating economics, threats from abroad, unrest at home, or other troubling circumstances, our Heavenly Father is not caught unaware. Through prayer, we are able to tap into His wisdom, strength, protection, and peace. He stands ready to respond to our needs when we humbly ask for divine intervention in the affairs of men.

As we Pray for America whose pledge of allegiance recounts that we are “one nation under God,” and whose currency states that it is “in God we trust,” we want Americans to encounter the God who rules over their country. “He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals His thoughts to man, He who turns dawn to darkness, and treads the high places of the earth—the LORD God Almighty is His name.” —Amos 4:13 NIV

He is the One who gave us this promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14: “If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” As we humbly and diligently seek Him, we’ll be changed, and we’ll see transformation in America through prayer!

Pray for:

**GOVERNMENT** (Federal, State, Local): *“Pray for your leaders, as well as the judges in our courts. Ask God to grant them wisdom to act with integrity.*

**MILITARY:** Perseverance to endure hardship; Wise leaders who inspire respect from those under their command; Protection and support for the families they have left behind.

**MEDIA:** The decision makers to realize they can make a profit producing uplifting projects.

**EDUCATION:** Safe atmosphere conducive to learning; Excellence in educators; Equal opportunities for every student to achieve their full potential.

**CHURCH:** The church would find a new zeal and commitment to the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ; Unity with and among churches that reveal God’s love to the world; Integrity—that God’s people look and act differently from the world.

**FAMILY:** *“If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.”* Mark 3:25. Unity and love in individual families that reach out in hospitality toward others; Establish healthy relationships between parents and children.