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# 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

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NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH

October 2021

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We are very thankful to have an International Worker with us for October 9 and 10. She is one of the strongest Christians I know. Don't miss any of the gatherings with her. She will also speak to the youth and AWANA on October 13.

Here are some inspiring thoughts from a ministry called Love Does. They run schools for illiterate children in Uganda, Somalia, Afghanistan, Nepal, and India. Their founder is Mr. Bob Goff. Enjoy some good news quotes from him:

"Plans sometimes work. Love always works. Go with the sure thing."

"You already have a plan from Jesus. The plan is go love everybody."

"If our heads are full and our hearts are empty, we'll just tip over."

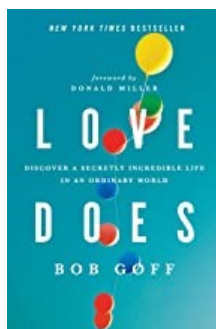
"We won't be new creations if nothing ever changes. We take hold of Jesus who took hold of us."

"How much we love God can be measured by how much we love people."

"Love costs everything. This is the best bargain ever."

"Loving people the way Jesus did is great Bible truth."

"Don't argue with a skunk, even if you win, you'll lose."



The following items were approved at the Elder's and Ministry Board meetings in September:

1. Discussed potential people to serve on the Nominating Committee.
2. Will continue visiting neighborhoods as part of Saturate USA on October 2, 16, 23.
3. Participation in the Baby Bottle Campaign (Women's Choice Network) was approved for Sept. 19 - Oct. 3.
4. The proposed 2022 Budget was approved by the Ministry Board. This budget will go before the congregation for final approval at the Sept. 26th Congregation Meeting.
5. We had a really good month financially in August. We met our asking budget we spent less than we received. Thank you all for your faithful giving.
6. Our Missions Conference will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 9 & 10 and also on Wednesday, October 13 (Youth and AWANA groups).

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*Pastor Bob,*

*Thank you*

*for sharing God's love,*

*not only with your words*

*but also with your life.*

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### Missions Conference

October 2021

## MISSIONS EMPHASIS 2021–2022



*The task of taking All of Jesus to All the World is the reason God breathed The Alliance into existence. This is why we send workers. This is why we plant churches. This is why we extend the love, care, and compassion of Jesus to the world’s suffering, marginalized, and underserved. It’s also why we go to the last, remaining hard places instead of locations more hospitable to gospel messengers.*

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An International Worker will speak at our Missions Conference on Saturday, October 9 and Sunday, October 10th. She will also speak with our youth and AWANA groups on Wednesday, October 13.

#### Saturday

11:00 am ~ Guest Speaker

Noon ~ Luncheon

#### Sunday

8:30 & 10:45 am ~ Guest Speaker during the service

9:45 am ~ All ages will meet together for Sunday School with our Guest Speaker

#### Wednesday

6:30 pm ~ Guest Speaker will speak with the youth

6:45 pm ~ Guest Speaker will speak with the AWANA group. AWANA students, this is *Around the World* Night. Remember to bring or wear something from another country, draw/color a picture of some place from another country, bring a flag from a different country, or create your own idea of “around the world”. Parents are invited to stay with their child to hear our Guest Speaker.



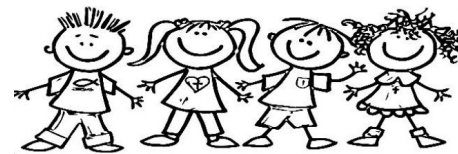
Prayer Warriors are needed for our preschool students, families, and teachers.

A sign-up sheet is available on the shelf in the narthex with the names of our students and teachers. Please prayerfully consider being part of this ministry. There are 18 students and 3 teachers.

Prayer is one of the greatest support we can give to our preschool children but tangible encouragement is important as well. We ask that you periodically send in cards/notes of encouragement to your child. All correspondence needs to come through the church office. They will be given to the teachers who will then put all notes in the students’ folders to go home.

You will be contacted with specific prayer needs as they arise.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy or Mardy.



#### 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 the narthex. October’s collection item: **Macaroni & Cheese.**

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.



### VIGNETTES BY VIRGINIA

Bright, bold colors of orange, red and yellow on autumn leaves. It is a gorgeous reminder that our weather will soon change from windy, cooler temperatures to days of snow and ice, known as winter. The leaves change colors due to lack of chlorophyll and sunshine to prepare for winter.

We take for granted the four seasons - spring, summer, autumn, and winter - that is caused by the earth on a tilted relative of 23.5 degrees to its orbital plane; that is of the solar system as a flat plate. "Each season differs different weather patterns. The tilt is the main reason we have seasons. Also note the position of the SUN in the sky. In the summertime it will be higher up and rise and set at different positions than it does in the wintertime." (information gathered from Thought.Co).

In God's Word it is interesting to note all seasons are not mentioned; summer and winter are in reference. Genesis 1:14 reminds us of creation and the seasons. When Noah can finally leave the ark he builds an altar to the Lord. Genesis 8:15-22 is a great promise from God of His protection, how the earth will return to winter and summer. Psalm 74:17 has a similar promise.

Psalm 104:19 uses the words *seasons, the sun and moon*. All need to work together.

I Thessalonians 5:1 is Paul writing to the brethren concerning the times and *seasons*.

As we glance out the windows to enjoy the beautiful colors, we know people travel to view the glamour of autumn. Wonder if they realize it is part of creation and God's gift to us?! The Biblical reminders of our temporary place of life, despite the hardships, we can be assured that God knows what is happening by just looking at red, orange and yellow leaves and know there is a reason of four seasons. The most important is the gift of salvation. No matter where we live, how many years we are on earth, our final destiny is dependent on our relationship to Jesus Christ.

Will close with verses from missionary friends, the Campbells - Ezekiel 36:26,27. *"Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances."* (read it in the Message Bible also)



### **Operation Christmas Child**

*Delivering Good News and Great Joy to children around the world is what Samaritan's Purse through a project known as Operation Christmas Child (OCC) does.*

There are two ways you can participate in this project:

1. Donate items to be packed in boxes - our goal is to fill 100 boxes. A sign-up sheet is located on the shelf in the narthex with the items to be distributed amongst the boxes. These items need to be returned to the church by October 13th.
2. Pick-up a decorative box from the shelf in the narthex and fill it up with a variety of gifts and small toys ~ Pick up a decorative box (available middle of September from table in narthex) and fill it with a variety of gifts and small toys ~ Include a check for \$9.00 to help cover cost of shipping ~ Secure lid with a rubber band ~ Attach appropriate label (boy/girl) and mark age category (located inside each box). Return boxes to the church by November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Go to: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ> for more information on shoebox gifts, packing, "follow your box", and \$9 donation cost.