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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**

September 2019

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## Pastor's Corner

### Your Motive to Memorize

by David Daniels

Do you ever forget by the afternoon what Scripture you read that morning? If so, that could be a sign that you, friend, are a human being . . . an organism that is finite, barely knows anything and frequently forgets the little he once knew.

We would be wise to follow in the footsteps of the Psalmist who says, *“I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”* (Psalm 119:11) Storing up God’s Word in your heart - memorizing Scripture - takes effort. It is more challenging than binging on the Internet. It demands more perseverance than scrolling on social media.

Pastor Andrew Davis, author of *“An Approach to Extended Memorization of Scripture,”* has memorized over 40 entire books of the Bible. Davis, like you, is finite. He just might be a tad more disciplined - for now.

Motive #1 ~ REMEMBER JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS. YOU HAVE WILDERNESS MOMENTS EVERYDAY.

“Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion. . .” A lion does not wait for a hiker to find the pepper spray in his backpack before eating him. Neither does Satan wait for a Bible app to load when attacking you. The Holy Spirit will aid your memory of Scripture to fight.

Motive #2 ~ YOU CANNOT OBEY WHAT YOU CANNOT REMEMBER

“I will never forget Your precepts, by them You have given me life.” (Psalm 119:93). God’s glory is at stake in our remembrance. We invest valuable time to learn the little we do know, it’s wise to invest time to remember it.

Motive #3 ~ YOU WILL BE A HAPPIER CHRISTIAN

“I speak in the world, that they may have My joy” (John 17:13) Your most compelling motive to memorize should be knowing Christ and joy in Him. Bible memorization allows you to behold the glory of God in His Word more often. You will greet family and friends with a wider smile. You cannot earn joy or kill sin by your own strength. God’s Word is a means of grace paired with ceaseless prayer as we abide in our Savior.

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### JOIN US Sunday, September 15

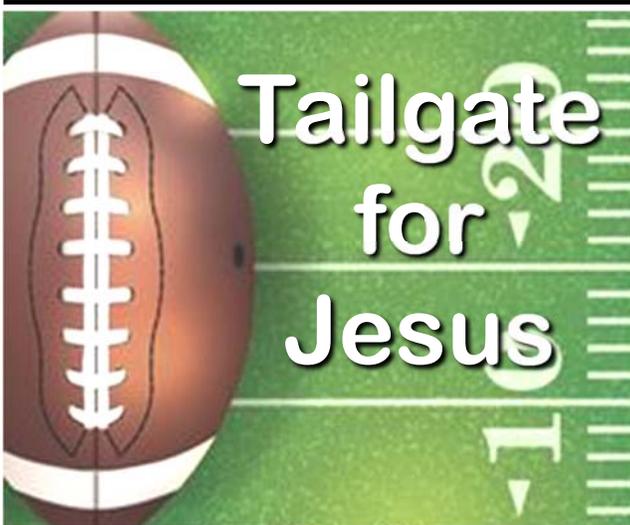
We will be worshipping under the big tent on the side lawn, followed by a tailgate party and watching the Steelers win over the Seahawks on the big screen.

The fun begins at 10 AM with donuts and coffee – wear your favorite team jersey. Worship with us on the lawn. Then share your favorite side dish for 15-20 people. There will be trivia games, a cornhole tournament, and much more! Activities for all ages...and of course couches to watch the game in the fellowship hall.

Please sign the sheets in the narthex if you are attending, if you are participating in the Chocolate Chip Cookie Bake-Off, and if you are able to help in any area.

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**Game nights resume Friday,  
September 20 at 7 PM**

All are welcome! Bring a snack, appetizer or favorite food to share with about 15 people.



**Norwin Alliance  
Men's Dartball  
Team**

The new Dartball season will be starting up. Any male age 12 years and older are welcome to join. Games are played on Monday nights at various local churches. This is a great evening of fun and fellowship.

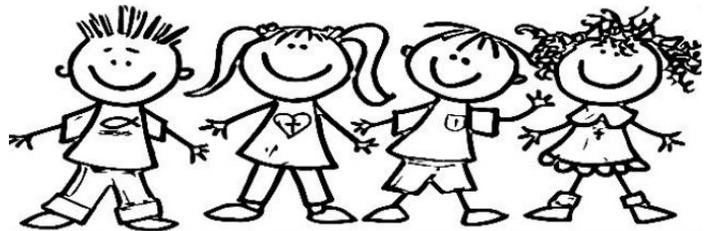
Please sign the sheet in the narthex if would like to join this team. Questions? Contact Terry Blair.



*"May our praise be a sweet aroma to You, Lord, for You are our God and we are Your people."*

Calling all musicians! Choir is going to start again on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

We rehearse weekly for Sunday mornings. You do NOT need to read music or be a solo voice to sing.



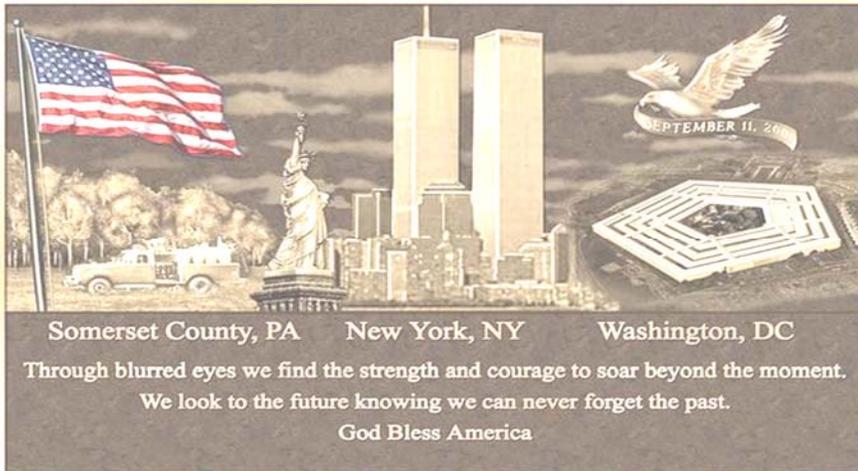
**Norwin Alliance Preschool**



First day of  
**PRESCHOOL**  
2019-2020

**September 4 ~ 4year olds**

**September 5 ~ 3year olds**



**A.C.T. Service**  
**September 8th**  
**at 6:00 pm**




**A**cknowledging  
**C**hrist  
**T**ogether

**“See You at the Pole”**

Wednesday, September 25, 2019



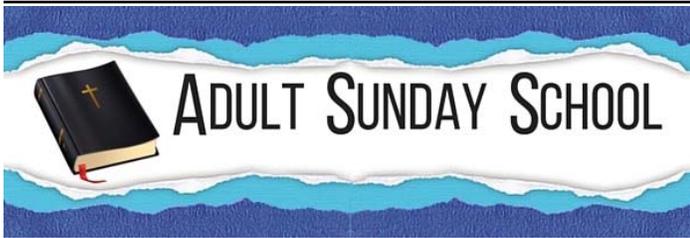
“See You at the Pole” (**SYATP**) is an annual gathering of Christian students of all ages at a flagpole in front of their local school for prayer, scripture-reading and hymn-singing, during the early morning before school starts. The American SYATP events occur on every fourth Wednesday of September.



If you are age 50 or over, this is your special invitation to attend the September meeting of Norwin Alliance **KEEN-AGERS** on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30 am.

Our menu will be heritage foods, we can’t wait to see what heritage side dishes and desserts everyone will bring.

After lunch, join in the fun with our “Oldie” Wed Game.



New Adult Sunday School classes beginning **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If you do not already attend an Adult Sunday School class, please consider joining one of these classes:

**General Epistles** ~ meets in the Sanctuary ~ teacher: John Peles

In September we will begin a study of the General Epistles, starting with the book of James. This book provides a practical guide to Christian living, especially for those facing trials, tribulations, or temptations - in other words, all of us! Although this general letter covers a variety of topics, we will focus on: (1) Responding to trials and growing spiritually in the midst of difficulties; (2) Recognizing and resisting temptation; (3) Demonstrating practical faith through our works and the relationship between faith and works; (4) Controlling our tongues and the consequences of our words; and (5) Conducting ourselves with humility and grace. As always, we use our study of God's Word as a self-examination to identify those areas where we, as individuals, can grow closer to God by seeking His help in those aspects of our Christian walk where we are falling short.

*Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.*  
– James 5:19

**Marriage & Parenting Class** ~ meets in the Fellowship Hall ~ teachers: Jeff/Becky Ewing and Ron/Elena Dornin

*Raising a family in today's culture is a difficult task. There is no shortage of distractions and temptations that aim to steer us and our children away from Christ.*

The Marriage & Parenting class will have two major areas of focus: 1. Building and maintaining a Christ centered marriage and 2. Praying and supporting each other as we seek to lead our children to Christ.

**Women's Sunday School** ~ meets in the Craft Room ~ teacher: Janis Swope

Beginning in the fall, our Sunday School class will be studying 1 Peter. To help us in our study of 1 Peter, we will use the book, *"Putting on a Gentle & Quiet Spirit"* by Elizabeth George. In this study, we will discuss how it feels to be hurt by another person or treated unfairly. These experiences often cause feelings of frustration, bitterness, and even anger. But God calls His women to respond in a different way - a way that those around us don't expect. He desires for us to put on a gentle and quiet spirit, one that puts our heavenly Father on display to a watching world and brings greater glory to Him.



called to  
**REGIONS  
BEYOND**

*"I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd"*

*John 10:16, ESV*

Get ready for **MISSION CONFERENCE** which will be **October 12-13**.

Our Missionary will be Mike Davis who is the team leader for the Project Portugal Team. He is also the head coach for the Lumberjack, an American football team made up of Portugal players.

The conference will begin on Saturday at 11:00 am with Mike speaking, followed by our "Souper" luncheon. Please plan to attend and bring your favorite soup to share.

Save the dates now.

Young people - bring your footballs.

Watch for more information to come.



**VIGNETTES BY VIRGINIA**

A Bible was stolen from Pittsburgh’s Carnegie Library. The 404 year-old Bible was recovered at the American Pilgrim Museum in the Netherlands. “This Bible was only one part of 320 books, maps, atlases and other rare historic books stolen from the library in Oakland over a course of twenty-five years.” (Tribune Review newspaper, April 26, 2019).

Another note of interest is that 150 MILLION copies of the Bible are printed in China yearly. Over 20 MILLION copies of the Bible are sold in the United States each year, making it the most sold book. Publishers in the United States are Zondervan and Thomas Nelson, with 75% of their Bible manufacturing expenses occurring in China.

You may be wondering WHY this is being discussed? We have access to several Bibles in our homes - - in different versions, for various ages ( a child vs. teenagers vs. adults); boy vs. girl; other languages also. Plus do not forget study books and devotional booklets - - the list goes on and on.

The best, the most dependable is opening GOD’S WORD, reading and praying for direction and Holy Spirit’s guidance in our life. We were recently reminded from some ‘soldiers’ after Vacation Bible School with a song of our protection that is in Ephesians 6:10-17. The Bible teaches us about our armor given to us from God. It is an excellent idea to remind ourselves of FAITH, SALVATION, TRUTH, and BOLDNESS that we receive, and instruction from the Holy Spirit. That song needs to be repeated, often.

As we look around the world, we are reminded of the book of Genesis. WOW - - SIN and how lives have been changed since the beginning of time. It is so interesting to read the Bible to see how prophecy is up-to-date. (Isaiah is so current). Being aware of the horrible, frightening events each day, ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS? Remember He loves each and everyone of us so very much ! (I am reminding myself of that as I type). Jesus is our Protection and Encouragement; He holds us tightly. So, what IF a historical Bible is stolen from the Carnegie Library and it really does upset the staff/visitors there? But just looking at the Bible, is definitely not the same of reading/ studying God’s Word: and praying for direction in your life. It is very important that you take time every single day and look into the teachings in the Scriptures. People around the world would love to have a Bible. We are so blessed in the U.S.A. Take full advantage of the privilege while it is in our hands.

Hebrews 4:12 *“For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and to the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*

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**BIBLE PROMISES**

1. “Casting all your \_\_\_\_\_ upon Him, for He careth for you.” 1 Peter 5:7
2. “I will never \_\_\_\_\_ thee, nor \_\_\_\_\_ thee.” Hebrews 13:5
3. “The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_, I shall not \_\_\_\_\_.” Psalm 23:1
4. “\_\_\_\_\_ thy ways unto the \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.” Psalm 37:5
5. “Be of good \_\_\_\_\_, and He shall \_\_\_\_\_ thine \_\_\_\_\_.” Psalm 27:14
6. “When thou \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_, I will be with thee.” Isaiah 43:2
7. “When He shall \_\_\_\_\_, we shall be like \_\_\_\_\_, for we shall see Him as He is.” 1 John 3:2
8. “Be not \_\_\_\_\_, for I am thy God.” Isaiah 41:10
9. “He giveth \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength.” Isaiah 40:29
10. “\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, the same \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.” Hebrews 13:8
11. “My God shall \_\_\_\_\_ all your \_\_\_\_\_ according to His \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ Jesus.”
12. “\_\_\_\_\_ unto me, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ thee.” Jeremiah 33:3
13. “Thou wilt keep him in \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, whose \_\_\_\_\_ is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee.” Isaiah 26:3
14. “God is my \_\_\_\_\_ I will trust, and not be \_\_\_\_\_.” Isaiah 12:2