
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

September 2021



Pastor's Corner

Bible Truths for Day of JOY and Everyday:

“Become friends with God. He is already a friend with you.”
2 Cor. 5:20 MB

“I planted the seed, Appollos watered it, but God made it grow.”
1 Cor. 3:6

“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
Mark 1:17

“There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”
Luke 15:10

“Known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ.”
2 Cor. 3:3

“Go out to the roads and country lanes, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be full.”
Luke 14:23

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news . . . All the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.”
Isaiah 52:7, 10

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”
John 20:21

“I know that you will stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel.”
Philippians 1:27



INVITE A FRIEND
to **Day of JOY**

Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021

The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with a Continental Breakfast followed by Worship on the Lawn, Lunch and Fellowship

If you would like to help, please contact Vicki Booher.

Please pray for this special day and who you can invite to attend!

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*Join us for a time of prayer for **Day of JOY** as we pray for our neighbors, family, and friends **Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.** in the sanctuary.*



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IS MY
strength
NEHEMIAH 8:10



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

1. Approximately 1,000 homes have been reached with *Saturate USA*.
2. Grove City College's DRIVE will come for a retreat at Norwin Alliance.
3. Discussed a "Dream Incentive" grant.
4. Joe Cox has organized a "20-something" group gathering.
5. Offering plates will continue to be placed in the narthex.
6. The Communion stewards will continue to serve communion to each person (not passing the elements down the row)
7. Bill Swope will serve as the DMC Small Groups Coordinator and Bill Sarber will serve as Secretary.
8. Youth Sunday School is watching the movie *Overcomer* and will be utilizing a study based on the movie.
9. The 2022 budget is being reviewed and will be voted on at the September Ministry Board meeting and will be available to the congregation prior to the September Congregation Meeting.
10. Preschool resumes September 8th.

If you ever have any concerns to be brought before the boards, please contact Janis Swope or Harold Lawhorne, our Board Members-at-large.



Congregation Meeting
SUNDAY, September 26th
11:30 am

Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Some items of business that will be discussed are:

1. Nominating Committee members will be chosen.
2. The 2022 Church Budget will be presented and voted on.

Don't be left in the dark ~ stay and hear what is happening at Norwin Alliance Church and let your voice be heard. * * A quorum is needed to approve the 2022 budget.

All are encouraged to attend ~ but only members can vote.

Responsibilities of the Nominating Committee:

~ Nominate Officers of Norwin Alliance Church (Ministry Board Secretary, Church Treasurer, Asst. Church Treasurer, Board Members at Large) to be elected at the January Congregation Meeting.

~ Nominate "positions of serving" to be appointed by the Elder Board.

~ Consider nominees from the Elder Board for the position of Elder and if desired, make Elder nominations to the Elder Board.

If you have any questions, or would like to suggest a person for an office, please contact the Board Members-at-Large (Janis Swope or Harold Lawhorne), Lead Elder (Jeff Ewing), or Pastor Bob.



Bible Quizzing is a program run by the CMA for kids in grades 3 - 12 to encourage kids and teens to connect with God and other youth through studying Scripture. This year they will be studying the books of James and Romans.

We meet weekly for practice, generally on Sundays after the second service and then meet monthly to compete against other teams in our district. Competitions are usually held the first Saturday of the month from October through April.

Our first practice will be September 5th. Please join us.

Vignettes by Virginia

Romans 15:13 ~ an encouragement to me reads: "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Psalms 40:11 ~ another passage of promise: "Lord, don't hold back Your tender mercies from me. Let Your unfailing love and faithfulness always protect me."

Having thought and (asking permission) I decided to share my 'testimony' with you. The last few years of life have been a challenge, to say the least. When I think of my employment of helping to care for patients twenty plus years, and to know I have the same medical problems that many of those people endured. I definitely know how God takes care of us, loves us, protects us, holds us tight, forgives us when we get discouraged, sad, and even depressed at times.

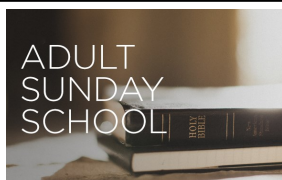
It is so amazing how a physical body holds together when I feel lousy, meds or chemo attacks my stomach, etc, extremely tired, desire to be left alone and not bothered by other people, but I know they really care for me. PRAYER is my largest encouragement. I know that people all around the world are praying for me. Most of our grandchildren live right down the street. They have told me time and time again that I am a 'fighter'. Can you imagine

that? Of course that give an opportunity to thank them for those words but also how God takes such FANTASTIC care of us. God is the Great Physician (excellent C&MA doctrine).

My daily routine has changed, somewhat, to say the least. I still take care of laundry, housework, cleaning up after our dog Biscuit (who is an answer to prayer after brain surgery and needing a 'therapy pet'), meal prep, and basic chores. Miss the privilege of driving, hope to get that back. Try to spend more time in God's Word and talking to Him in prayer. I am very aware of the blessed benefit of being a believer and knowing even though our world is in a horrible mess, God is in control; He loves us so very, very much. AND He will be sending His Son Jesus back to earth to get the Christians. We need to be ready NOW!

I want to thank you so much #1 for your prayers. #2 for cards. I miss coming to church; playing the organ. Most Sundays I watch the service on the computer. It is not the same; we can still share fellowship/prayers/music. I notice the bulletin. So many are ill in so many different ways. I do hope and pray that they are aware of God's presence in their healing physically, spiritually, mentally, or any other concerns. Most of all - and it is for ALL of Norwin Alliance - SALVATION. Hope walking through 15642 brings new families to church. REMEMBER THE BLESSINGS AND GUIDANCE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR!

PS ~ I am in year 8 of cancer already.

**Sunday Mornings****9:45 am**

We have three Sunday School classes for adults:

Book of Genesis

This class meets in the Sanctuary and is taught by John Peles. He has been leading his students through the book of Genesis, the wonderful book of beginnings! Genesis is so much more than just Adam and Eve. In Genesis, you have the beginnings of all mankind, the beginning of the Israelites starting with Abraham and the beginning of the Israelite nation; and Jesus is at the center of it all!

Wisdom Proverbs

This class meets in the Craft Room, located just down the hallway before the Youth area, and is taught by Janis Swope. This is a women's class that

is currently looking at various proverbs to gain wisdom and learn how to walk righteously in Christ. In October the women will begin using a study by Elizabeth George called, "*Discovering the Treasures of a Godly Woman*" with focuses on Proverbs 31.

Marriage & Parenting

This class meets in the Fellowship Hall and is taught by Jeff and Becky Ewing and Ron and Elena Dornin. This Fall they will be starting a new study called "*Runaway*" by Jim Putnam. In the "*Runaway*" series, Jim share his life journey of going from being a prodigal child himself, to becoming the parent of a prodigal child. It is a powerful story of restoration, Biblical truths, and practical advice. The series will walk you through what Jim and his wife experienced when their oldest son left home to live a life filled with drugs and bad decisions that ultimately led him to life on the streets. If you have a prodigal in your life, or even if you were once a prodigal yourself, please join this class.