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# KOINONIA

“That the communication (Koinonia)(pronounced:coy no nee a) of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.” Philemon 1:6

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**NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH**

**JANUARY 2009**

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Love and Discipline in 2009

In the Bible, God connects the words “Love” and “Discipline”. The following passages are life-changers:

“The Lord disciplines those He loves” ~  
Hebrews 12:6

“The Lord . . . gives . . . a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline”  
II Timothy 1:7

High love and high discipline in a home trains children for a fruitful life. High love and high discipline in a church does the same. The chart below by Chip Ingram illustrates:

High love + low discipline = permissive, irresponsible, unsure people.

Low love + high discipline = authoritarian, legalistic, works righteousness people.

High love + high discipline = secure, loving, God-fearing gracious people.

Most churches stress Christ's love and not much of Christ's discipline. Some of the following activities are opportunities to experience discipline from Jesus. These vehicles of grace are great training for loving God and people:

- 1 ~ Daily Devotions - What is God telling you in your quiet time? Jesus want to disciple you. What are you waiting for?
- 2 ~ Sunday School - Historically this is the #1 discipling area in the church. Be strong in the Lord, not week and flabby.
- 3 ~ Wednesday Night Service - A mid-week work-out for all ages with the spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible study, and

fellowship. These gifts are waiting to be opened.

4 ~ Worship on Sunday - Worship is a delight and a discipline. To participate is a blessing. To miss, unless hindered by God, is a sin.

5 ~ Out-reach - Loving people during the week, fills the empty church seat. The seat beside you in church is your opportunity to bless others. Pray the Lord will use you to fill it with someone who needs the Lord.

Charles Spurgeon once said, “If I had 1,000 years to live, I would fill each one with serving the Lord.”

Get some discipline in 2009  
and have a blessed New Year!

**YEAR END REPORTS**

**ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS.....from KEEN-AGERS, ALLIANCE WOMEN, ALLIANCE MEN, DMC, LEAD ELDER, LEAD TRUSTEE, TREASURER, ASST. TREASURER, YOUTH...All** End-of-Year reports are due to Cindy Barnhart **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please make sure that your report includes a financial report also. If you chose to do your report on a computer, please put it on a CD and give it to Cindy (She will provided the CD if needed) or you may e-mail it to the church at [ncma@norwinalliance.org](mailto:ncma@norwinalliance.org).

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a meeting of the congregation on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Even though only members are permitted to vote, everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

Please make every effort to attend.



**KEEN-AGERS**

The first Keen-Agers meeting of 2009 will be Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am. All those who are 50 years of age and over are invited to the Keen-Agers in this New Year for a covered dish lunch and time of fellowship and fun.

Watch your bulletins for more information.

**MEN'S WILD GAME DINNER**

**Friday, February 6, 2009**

February 2009

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Men ~ circle February 6<sup>th</sup> on your calendars now ~ invite your friends and plan to attend Norwin Alliance Church's annual Game Dinner.

Assistant football coach for Geneva College and former Penn State and Indianapolis Colts player , Leo Wisniewski, will be the speaker.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm on February 6<sup>th</sup> with doors opening at 6:00 pm. Please fill out the registration form and turn in before January 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any wild game you would like to donate to the dinner, please contact Jim Worley 724-864-3874 or the church office 724-864-1570.

Men ~ whose life will be changed by your invitation to the Men's Game Dinner?



A Space-saver,  
"Pro Form" Treadmill

3 years old

Asking \$225.00

Please contact Betty Kunkle if you are interested.



Mahaffey Camp  
Volunteer Work Days

January 22-23, 2009



Work will include assisting in small projects around the camp. Housing and meals will be provided.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Ken Simmons.

REGISTRATION  
for the

**MEN'S "WILD GAME" DINNER**

**Friday, February 6, 2009**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by Wednesday, January 28, 2009**



**DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

We would like to print an updated Norwin Alliance Church directory and need your help. Please fill out the form below and return to the church by Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to include your name, birth date and birth year to aid in keeping track of the age-groups of our church family.

Whether you have been here 30 years or have just begun to attend, we would like you to fill out one of these forms. Please feel free to contact the church if you have any questions.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (mo/dd/yr) \_\_\_\_\_

(please include name **AND** year)

Spouse's birthday \_\_\_\_\_

(please include name **AND** year)

Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

Child/Children's Names	Birthdate
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*Thank you for your help!*

VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA

A new year has begun. As we contemplate 2009, several "changes" are in store for us as a nation, as individual families, and perhaps as a church family.

Many of us are also changing our spending habits because of the current recession. This writer wishes to share two money-saving opportunities available to us locally. Maybe you have heard of "Angel Food Ministries", a non-denominational organization that serves 500,000 persons nationally. "Angel food groceries are sold in a unit that can fit into a regular laundry basket for \$30.00 per unit. Each month the menu is different and consists of fresh and frozen items. The food is high quality. Specialty boxes of steak, chicken, and pork are also offered. There is no limit to the number of units you can purchase, no applications to complete or qualifications. Also available to order are Senior Convenience Boxes for Seniors or people on the go consisting of ten perfectly seasoned, nutritionally balanced, fully cooked meals ready to heat and serve." We have several ordering and pick-up sites in Westmoreland and Allegheny counties. If you, or someone you know can benefit from this ministry, please inform them of this program. Local phone number is 724-863-4393, or on-line at Angel Food Ministries for information.

The second excellent money-saving opportunity is the Westmoreland County Community College Dental Hygiene Clinic. If you have no dental insurance, consider trying the services at WCCC (parking is free, and it beats going into Pittsburgh to the dental school). This writer has been going to WCCC for many years. You need to allow a few hours for each appointment. You save dollars, as well as giving the students time/skills needed to complete their program. You can't beat \$15.00 for complete cleaning and fluoride treatment. X-rays cost \$5.00 for bitewings and \$10.00 for full mouth. They will be sent to a dentist of your choice. Dental hygiene services are reimbursable by most insurance companies. Call 724-925-4283 or 1-800-262-2103, ext 4283 for an appointment.

Also remember our military personnel. We can send them expired coupons, up to two months expiration, for their use. Speak to this writer if so inclined.

Remember we are to be stewards of the many blessings God has given us. The financial situation in our country my turn around, or worsen. Continue to tithe and give to missions. God honors our obedience and faithfulness.



## New Year Word Search

Q	R	Y	P	R	Y	G	S	W	D	Y	R	H	C	Y
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G	H	N	R	L	U	J	L	N	B	N	C	Y	Q	R
T	B	M	W	U	B	D	L	R	A	B	E	X	X	X
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Q	V	G	E	I	P	T	B	F	R	I	E	N	D	S
P	Z	E	I	O	E	N	W	O	D	T	N	U	O	C
B	A	N	R	N	Q	P	R	M	Y	Z	O	Z	J	Y
B	V	R	V	S	D	S	R	N	K	Y	I	D	E	P
N	F	V	T	J	G	I	F	U	T	G	S	B	N	W
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Balloons

Eve

Midnight

Resolutions

Celebrate

Friends

New

Time

Countdown

Fun

Noise

Year

Day

January

Party

