
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

NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH

JANUARY 2012



Jesus' Resolutions for 2012:

The Lord makes sure promises that He continues to bring about each year, both single-handedly and through His people. Jesus invites you to get in on His resolutions for each New Year. Here are a few:

- + Jesus resolves to build His church. He has been doing this faithfully for 2,000 years. How do you co-labor in this? Matthew 16:18
- + Jesus resolves to bring salvation and not condemnation to people. Make sure you get this right. John 3:17
- + Jesus resolves to hold the keys to life and death, heaven and hell. Trust no one else with these keys, not even yourself. Revelation 1:18
- + Jesus resolves to disciple us to love one another and to remain in His teaching. Without love, discipleship won't work.
John 8:31, 13:35
- + Jesus resolves to confront us with our sin, forgive us, and help us repent. John 8:11
- + Jesus resolves that we see Him in the face of the poor. Tony Campolo says, "When you look into the face of the poor, you will see Jesus."
Matthew 25:37-40
- + Jesus resolves to return soon and very soon. Christ in His Body is taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. Jesus is coming back, get busy. Revelation 22:20; Acts 1:8

Just One Request

Dear Master for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou leadest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

--Unknown Author

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 8th**. 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.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a meeting of the congregation on Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 pm.

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

Please make every effort to be here.



The following items were approved at the Elder's meeting in December:

1. Discussed Elder and Elder in Training nominations
2. Approved Andy & Tricia Blenko, Brian & Lindsey Boone, and Stephanie Tierney into church membership
3. Assigned new families to Elders
4. Approved names to serve on the DMC Committee
5. Approved various DMC activities

The following items were discussed at the Ministry Board meeting in December:

1. Gail Koch will be retiring as custodian early in 2012. Gail has done an outstanding job in serving the Lord and the people of Norwin Alliance Church as she worked faithfully in keeping the church immaculately clean.
2. The roof work is complete.
3. It was approved to donate our Nativity set to Baldock Health Care Center (along with the stable).
4. Updates from the Kitchen Committee will be presented at the January Congregation Meeting.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about what is happening at the church, please contact Pastor Bob or one of the Board Members:

Elders ~ Jeff Ewing (Lead Elder), Kevin Craycraft, Ron Dornin, Jim Himler, Wes Hughes, Denny Irwin, Frank Kolar (In Training), Charlie Metzger, Bill Sarber, Jim Worley

Ministry Board Members-at-Large ~ Mardy Rogers, Justin Metzger

Ministry Board ~ Cindy Barnhart, Jeff Ewing, Roy Koch, Charlie Metzger, Carole Sarber, Ken Simmons, Bob Tierney, Jim Worley

VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA

Here is a prayer to repeat as we approach another new year:

"Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty; provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous to us. The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us most merciful Father, for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may hereafter serve Thee in newness of life to the honor and glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN." (Anonymous author)

And a prayer by Billy Graham for the new year:

"Help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year. AMEN"

Study the words of a hymn that we have not sung for a long time: "Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand":

*Great God, we sing that mighty hand
By which support still we stand;
The opening year Thy mercy shows;
That mercy crowns it till it close.*

*By day, by night, at home, abroad,
Still are we guarded by our God;
By His incessant bounty fed,
By His unerring counsel led.*

*With grateful hearts the past we own;
The future, all to us unknown,
We to Thy guardian care commit,
And, peaceful, leave before Thy feet.*

*And here Thy name, O God of love,
Their children's children shall adore,
Till these eternal hills remove,
And spring adorns the earth no ore.
AMEN*

Psalms 90:12 (NIV) *"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."*



KEEN-AGERS

The first Keen-Agers meeting of 2012 will be Thursday, January 26th 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.

January Library News:

New to the church library (which is located downstairs in the entrance area) are books for many interests. A few additions include:

Christian Fiction

- "The Amis Nanny"* by Mindy Starns Clark
- "Is Danny Home?"* by Jalyne Lewis

Parenting

- "Raising Great Kids"* by Dr. Henry Cloud
- "Bringing Up Boys"* by Dr. James Dobson

Marriage

- "Men and Women: Enjoying the Difference"*
by Dr. Larry Crabb
- "I Love You, but Why Are We So Different?"*
By Tim LaHaye

Children/Youth

- Video ~ *"Jesus"*
- "God's Wisdom for Little Girls"* by Barnes

Feel free to spend time browsing the shelves. Items are arranged alphabetically by author's last name.

Simply sign out what you borrow on the clipboard and keep 3-4 weeks.



The Library Committee

MEN'S WILD GAME DINNER

Friday, March 9, 2012
Doors Open ~ 6:00 pm
Dinner ~ 6:30 pm

Speaker: Joe Toomey

If you had a profitable hunting season this year and would like to donate any "game" towards the dinner, please contact Jim Worley and let him know.



"No one can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending"
 ~ author unknown



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Looking ahead to summer camps:

There are camps available for children grades 1 - 12. Camp begins June 10th with Teen Camp and ends August 10th with Horse Camp.

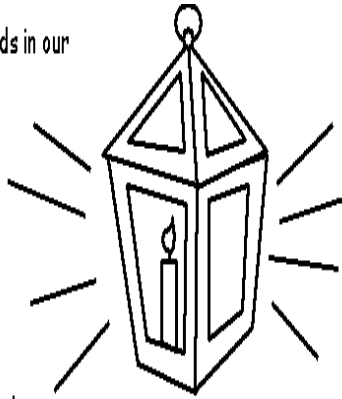
Family Camp will be July 20 - 29, 2012

- Adult Ministry Speakers are:
- Dr. Charles Shepson
 - Rev. Don Jones
 - Dr. Rock Dillaman
 - Dr. Gordan Meier

Check Mahaffey's website for more information.

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Child of God Anagram



Word List:

always, beginning, darkness, detail,
knowledge, planned, powerful, praising,
psalm, search

adeilt _____

adelnnp _____

aalswy _____

acehrs _____

adeknrсс _____

almps _____

beggiinn _____

deegknow _____

agiinprs _____

eflopruw _____

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 23rd. 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 _____

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!