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“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**

**JUNE 2013**



Pray daily for open doors. Always love people with actions and friendship. Open your heart, open your hands, and open your ears before opening your mouth ☺

## Evangelism Part 6

“Do the work of an evangelist.” 2 Timothy 4:4  
Timid Timothy was anxious when he heard this calling from God which is for all Christians.

The Bible is clear:

+ Evangelism is our responsibility. Romans 10:14

+ Evangelism is our calling and privilege.

2 Corinthians 5:20

+ Evangelism is following Jesus. Mark 1:17

Evangelism is one of the most joyful and fearful experiences we have as Christians. Eternity is sobering. It's not easy to talk of Jesus, forgiveness, and the realities of heaven and hell in an anti-Christ world. Only God's Spirit can help us. I find that I am more consistent in my relationship with Christ when I tell the good news than when I neglect doing so. Like most of our obedience, evangelism is a moral question, not a question of knowledge or how much I know. (Sproul).

Below are examples of how God co-labors with us in this awesome responsibility:

<u>God's Work</u>	<u>Our Work</u>
God Plans	We pray
God leads	We follow
God sends	We go
God befriends	We befriend
God loves and speaks	We love and speak
God converts	We rejoice



The following were approved by the Elder Board:

1. Vacation Bible School to be held on a weekend rather than during the week. It will be held July 20 & 21.
2. Youth Sunday School Movie Night on Saturday, June 1st.
3. Becky Cox will lead Neighbor Day this year.
4. Gift Basket/Backpack Giveaway on August 10th. Bria Craycraft will lead this event.
5. Pastor Bob will not lead the Basketball Camp this year. Others may step forward to lead if desired.
6. Participating in the *My Hope with Billy Graham* presentation that will take place in homes across America in November 2013.

The following were approved/noted by the Ministry Board:

1. Blinds were replaced in the kitchen, DMC office, craft room, and large youth area.
2. Since there were no offers made to purchase the church van, it was sold to Spitz Auto Parts for scrap.
3. Money will be donated to Rachel Wilson for the rental of a vehicle while she is in the United States.



**High School Grads**

**Hempfield High School**

- ◆ Sean Daniels

**Norwin High School**

- ◆ Jason Bucklew
- ◆ Curtis Fetterhoff
- ◆ Jordan Horvat
- ◆ Kensy Johnson

**Yough High School**

- ◆ Kelsey Marconi

**Graduate Sunday is  
June 2, 2013**

*I will instruct you and teach you in  
the way you should go;  
I will counsel you and watch over  
you. ~ Psalm 32:8*



**COME FOR A PICNIC!**

The next meeting of the Norwin Alliance Keen-Agers will be on **Thursday, June 23rd at 11:30 am**. Lunch will consist of chicken and picnic foods. The program will be by the "Gideons".

Everyone age 50 and over is cordially invited to attend this and all meetings of Keen-Agers. First time attendees do not have to bring a covered dish, and all others will be contacted about what they should bring.

We look forward to seeing YOU there.

Due to Mahaffey Camp, there will not be a meeting in July, but the group will meet again August 22nd.

LIFE 2013

**RENEW**

GOD'S MISSION. OUR PURPOSE.

**July 9 - 13**

**St. Louis, Missouri**

LIFE 2013 is an Alliance Youth Retreat for grades 9-12. Attendees from NAC:

Youth

- Devin and Erik Angiolieri
- Trevor Barry
- Laura Buchanan
- Ben Cox
- Sean Daniels
- Luke Fetterhoff
- Alex Niedermeyer

Leaders

- Kevin Craycraft
- David Daniels
- Paul Tierney
- Stephanie Tierney

**YOUTH PROJECTS for LIFE 2013**

**BREAKFAST @ LUNCH**

Sunday, June 2  
Noon

Everyone is invited to stay after the service and enjoy a "Breakfast @ Lunch" prepared by our youth and youth leaders.



**YOUTH CAR WASH**

Saturday, June 15

The Car Wash is free but donations are welcome. Any donations supports the youth attending LIFE 2013.



## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

### BREAKAWAY IMPACT

During the weekend of April 19th, four of our Sr High youth participated in Breakaway 2013 at Family First Sports Park in Erie, PA. This is the annual retreat for Sr High youth from the western Pennsylvania district of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Our participating youth included Laura Buchanan, Stephanie Blenko, Sean Daniels, and Alex Niedermeyer. Youth leaders in attendance were Rachel Slafka and Kevin Craycraft.

The weekend's main speaker was James Grout, who is the new national Youth Director for the CMA. The worship band for the weekend was The Guarantee (a combination of the Gaithers, Hee-Haw, and Casting Crowns all in one). The worship and message complimented each other in perfect harmony.

James laid a great foundation with Colossians 1: 15-23, emphasizing the need for a strong personal relationship with Jesus Christ, not just surrounding oneself with Him. Our Youth were attentive and challenged as witnessed by their thought provoking questions during our small group times. They left with a desire to own a deeper relationship with their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through prayer, devotions, and reading Scripture.

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### LIFE 2013 IS ALMOST HERE



This July, members of our youth and leaders will be venturing to St. Louis, Missouri to attend the Christian Missionary Alliance youth conference, LIFE 2013. The week will be full of activities such as

seminars, group sessions, service projects, activity time, and response times. Our youth will be attending seminars with students from around the country on a variety of topics such as discipleship, family relationships, and being a faithful servant. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to attend these seminars led by the likes of Francis Chan, author of *Crazy Love*, guitar legend Trace Bundy, Skye Jethani, Harmony Dust, and David Nasser just to name a few. We are just as excited to worship and give praise to our Lord and Savior, which will be led by The Jeremy Riddle Band. Another tremendous treat this year will be the chance to attend a concert by Grammy Award winning artist Lecrae who will also be leading a seminar.

This year the theme for LIFE 2013 is RENEW. Students will be given the opportunity RENEW the community as they participate in the Big Day of Serving. Each group attending the conference will be given the chance to roll up our sleeves and give back to the communities of the greater St. Louis area through this service project. We will be painting, raking, and repairing communities in need around the area.

Perhaps the LIFE 2013 website stated it's purpose best with, "The LIFE 2013 youth conference exists to create an EPIC environment (experiential, participatory, image driven and community focused) where high school students will experience God and are challenged to expand His Kingdom." We are so blessed and grateful for the opportunity to attend this conference and pray each of those attending will grow deeper and more faithful in our walk with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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## **TEACHING and PRAYER**

### Middle School

For the last ten months, the middle school students (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders) have been studying "Journeying with God – A Survey of the Old Testament". This survey has given the students a broad understanding of the first thirty-nine books of the Bible. The leaders felt it was important to take a methodical approach to ensuring the students had a firm foundation and understanding of the Old Testament people and be able to visualize a timeline and analyze their relationship to each other as well as explain their importance for today. The journey we took was through the peaks (times when the relationship between God and His people were characterized by obedience and closeness) and valleys (times of rebellion and estrangement). In the process of learning about this big-picture structure, the students have learned to place books, people, and events at the proper points on the journey. When the students link facts to structures of meaning, it aids in learning more facts – and those facts can be retained longer. It has been an enjoyable year of methodical teaching and learning and the growth has been evident among the students and the leaders!

### Senior High

II Timothy 3:16-17 – *"All scripture is God breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."*

Our Sr. High Youth Group students have often referred back to the above verse as we have been working through the curriculum, "Connecting with God", a survey of the New Testament. We are finishing up this overview of each of the 27 New Testament books.

In each book we have identified;


- Theme and theme verse
- Author
- Audience to whom the book was written
- Purpose for writing the book
- Date and place written

How it fits into the big picture of the New Testament and often refers back to the Old Testament.

Most importantly, we have been discussing how to connect the New Testament teaching with our everyday lives so we will be, *thoroughly equipped for every good work*.

### Prayer

Weekly, the leaders and youth participate in either large or small group prayer time. We are showing the youth in a very sincere, consistent way, that prayer allows us to enter into the presence of God. We have discovered that holding both types of prayer time provide unique comfort levels for each youth. Large group prayer time is an opportunity for those who feel led to pray out loud in a corporate setting to do so. We have had some of our most amazing, Holy Spirit filled, prayer times during large group prayer. Small group prayer time encourages the youth to share their praises and concerns in a more intimate setting and reassures the ones who are more timid to open up and comfortably pray in the safety of a small group. Either way we pray, we know that God is being revered as we deepen our relationship with Him and emulate to the youth the



**CONCERT  
of  
PRAYER**

**Sunday, June 30**

**7:00 pm**

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...  
Hebrews 10:22

**CONNECTION SERVICE**

**Sunday, June 9, 2013**

**6:30 pm**

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Message:  
Kevin Craycraft

Worship:  
Mike & Rachel Beckstrom



**Vignettes by Virginia**

WHO: Alliance Ladies of Western PA  
 WHAT: Women's Retreat  
 WHERE: Butler, PA ~ Community Alliance Church  
 WHEN: May 17 and 18, 2013  
 WHY: Fellowship, Worship, Prayer, Spiritual Growth/  
 Teaching, Missions updates, Food, Fun,  
 Laughter

Each spring the Ladies Retreat is a special time to get together. This May we had nine ladies attend; 2 came on Saturday. The others gathered in a carpool and left on Friday. Each year has a specific emphasis/theme. This year was SIMPLIFIED, with the idea of taking time to simplify our lives and let God be our main focus. (Much easier said than done in our very hectic culture; but it is so necessary if we are to serve effectively.)

The main speaker was Holly Smalley from Allegheny Center Church, Northside Pittsburgh. Holly spoke on three themes; SIMPLIFIED - - Focusing on Him no matter where you've come from; SIMPLIFIED - - Focusing on Him no matter where you go; and SIMPLIFIED - - Focusing on Him no matter what you go through.

We had two special sessions on Saturday. Our gifted teacher from NAC, Shelli Prindle, told us to BUILD OUR ARK. We need to get excited about heaven; but while we are on earth, we have a responsibility to teach our families, friends, anyone God puts in our path, that Jesus died to be our LIFE now. Build your relationship with Jesus so you can stand with your head held high.

The second special Saturday speaker was Michelle Georgiana, who reminded us to Take God Seriously. Jesus knew His purpose; Jesus was obedient; and Jesus grew in wisdom, spirit, and in His relationships with people. (Luke 2:41ff) Declutter your lives so you can serve better and be in the place where God can use you best.

Missionary (or as they are called now, International Workers) representatives were Cheryl Fugate from Chile, and Teresa Bill from the Congo (Teresa's husband was at NAC the same weekend as the retreat). The offering project was for DORCAS HOUSE in Burkino Faso. We gave over \$7,000.00 that will be used to house and feed ten women for a year and purchase a rhino cart.

The Community Worship Band of Butler led the worship times; this is always a fantastic way to tune our hearts to hear what God needs to teach us during this very brief get-away fro the 330 ladies who attended.

Again we extend an invitation to ALL ladies to plan in advance for 2014 and COME TO THE RETREAT. You will definitely be blessed. It is a time to get to know the ladies from Norwin just a little better. If you have attended in the past, we would like to have you join us again.



*The American Cancer Society Relay for Life represents the HOPE that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.*

***“LIGHTS, CAMERA, CURE”***

**Norwin Relay**

**July 13-14, 2013**

**Norwin Knights Stadium**

The “Relay” is a 24-hour team relay celebration of cancer survivorship and a remembrance of those who we've lost to this disease.

Norwin Alliance Church will have a “team” in the Norwin Relay for Life.

1. Because “cancer never sleeps”, each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the 24-hour event. So ~ we need “Walkers” to volunteer to walk the track throughout the day and night ~ A sign-up sheet will be available on the shelf in the narthex. Please pick a time slot that is good for you.
2. Help is needed in the booth . . .

**“Survivors”** ~ You are the reason we Relay. A survivor is anyone who has heard the words *“You have cancer.”* All cancer survivors are invited to be guests of honor at the “Relay for Life”. A special reception will be held in honor of you and your caregivers. Also a “Survivors Lap” will allow you to celebrate what you have overcome while inspiring and motivating us to fight. If you are a cancer “survivor” you are encouraged to participate in the “relay”. Please let the church office know if you are willing to participate so we can register you in the events.

## Symbolism of Each Step of Folding a Flag



In the Armed Forces, the flag is lowered daily at the last note of retreat. Special care is taken that no part of the flag touches the ground. The flag is then carefully folded into the shape of a tri-cornered hat, emblematic of the hats worn by colonial soldiers during the war for independence. In the folding, the red and white stripes are eventually wrapped into the blue, symbolizing the light of day vanishing into the darkness of night.

This custom of special folding is reserved for the United States flag. According to retired 1st Sgt. Joseph R. Curley USMC, each fold has a special meaning.

1. The first fold symbolizes our belief in God.
2. The second fold symbolizes our devotion to the United States of America.
3. The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans who have departed our ranks.
4. The fourth fold represents our reliance on God for guidance and strength.
5. The fifth fold is a tribute to freedom and all that it means to us.
6. The sixth fold represents our heart, for it is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.
7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces protecting our country and our flag against all her enemies.
8. The eighth fold is a tribute to honor mothers whose faith, love, loyalty, and devotion have shaped the character of the men and women who have made this country great.
9. The ninth fold is a tribute to fathers who gave their sons and daughters for the defense of our country.
10. The tenth fold is a tribute to American families everywhere. Our strength is built upon their strength.
11. The eleventh fold is a symbol of our belief in justice and equality for all.
12. The twelfth fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies our faith in God.
13. The thirteenth fold is a symbol of our thirteen original colonies.

ActivityConnection.com – Flag Day (Flag Folding Ceremony)

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**Flag Day is June 14, 2013**

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