
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

JUNE 2017

Good News Challenge



Who is that new person sitting next to you in the pew? Has anyone ever asked you that question?

For 98% of us, it has been a long time since anyone asked us that question because it has been years since we have invited someone new to worship God with us. The seats next to us remain empty or occupied with people we have known for years who also have not invited someone new to worship God with us.

Picture Peter, James, John and even Paul in Scripture gathered and seated with each other for worship. They do this for six months, a year, maybe 5 years with no new person ever joining them from their invitation. God would speak to these mature Christians quickly about their responsibility to invite others and be "disciples helping make disciples."

Spread that good news that Jesus is Lord and He is gathering people to worship. God seeks people to worship Him truly. (John 4:23)

God has placed many people or a few people in your life to worship God with you. Be a disciple and invite them.



The following were discussed/approved by the Elder/Ministry Boards at their May meetings:

1. Approved the Youth Sunday School class to use the book *"10 Reasons to Stay Christian in High School"* by Michael Ross & Greg Johnson.
2. The budget giving in April was very good. We also received more than we spent.
3. The Ministry Board discussed some ideas for outreach.

If you have concerns regarding the church, please see Yvonne Blair or Lori Nelson, our Board Members at Large. They will bring the concern before the board for discussion.



Greensburg Salem High School

♦Erik

Norwin High School

♦Lauren

♦Harley

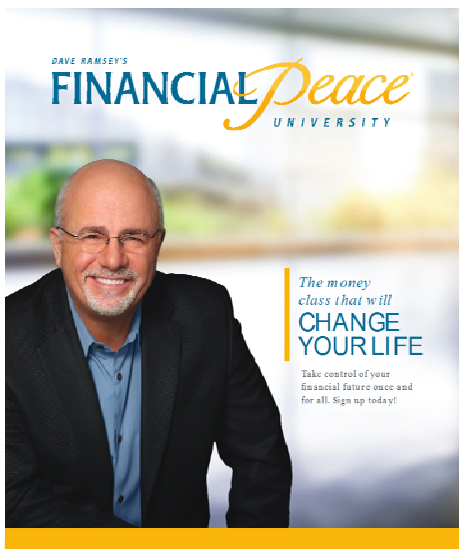
♦Kayla

PA Cyber Charter School

♦Benjamin

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**Graduate Sunday is
June 11, 2017**



Norwin Alliance Church is offering
Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University*.

Summer session begins on:

Monday, June 5, 2017

6:00 pm

The money class that will CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

- Approximately 76% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, regardless of their income. "Broke" has become the new normal in our nation, but this doesn't have to be true for you.
- Taking control of your money starts with a plan, and *Financial Peace University* is that plan!
- *Financial Peace University* is financial expert Dave Ramsey's **nine-week** money class. You'll learn practical ways to pay off debt, overcome your fear of budgeting, and create a savings plan to replace retirement worries with financial peace.
- More than 4.5 million people have changed their futures with *Financial Peace University*. You can too!

Childcare provided.

Cost: \$93 per household and includes workbook, envelope system, *Complete Guide to Money* by Dave Ramsey, online access to lessons, 90-day access to *EveryDollar* premium budgeting software, and lifetime FPU membership. **Scholarships are available.**

Please register at: <https://fpu.com/1040940>

Contact Lindsey Boone at lindseyrboone@gmail.com for more information.

Happy Father's Day



FAITHFUL

"A faithful man will be richly blessed"

PROVERBS 28:20

ATTITUDE

"... A prudent man gives thought to his steps."

PROVERBS 14:15

THAT

"... That his children obey him with proper respect."

1 TIMOTHY 3:4

HELPS

"My help comes from the LORD"

PSALM 121:2

ENCOURAGE

"Encourage one another daily"

HEBREWS 3:13

RIGHTEOUSNESS

"... He blesses the home of the righteous"

PROVERBS 3:33

Vacation Bible School

**Sunday, June 11th -
Wednesday, June 14th**

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Ages 2 - Grade 5

"In the Beginning"



From the W.P.A District Newsletter:

WPA District Finals were held April 21 and 22, 2017, at East Lake Road Alliance Church in Erie. The top five Junior Quizzers earned a \$200 scholarship to an Alliance summer camp. The top ten Senior Quizzers earned a spot on one of the two International Quiz teams and will represent the WPA District at the International Quiz Finals at Crown College in July.



Top 11 Seniors (l-r beginning with #11): **Emily** (Norwin), **Benjamin** (Norwin), Deven (North East), Madeline (ACAC), Drew (Chicora), Mary Kate (ACAC), David (ACAC), Chad (Chicora), Dakota (ACAC), Anna (ACAC) and top quizzer in the district is Nicole (Cherry Tree). Emily will replace Deven who is unable to go to Internationals. **CONGRATULATIONS!**



Thursday, June 22nd

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

PICNIC TIME

Good Old Summertime is here. Time to put away all the winter garb and spend time outdoors and enjoy God's beauty all around us.

Happy Father's Day to all dads this month, God Bless all our Dad's who keep our families centered and guided through our lives.

Lunch Menu will be Chicken and Picnic Food. Bring a covered dish or dessert to compliment the entree. Don't forget to bring your best voice to sing together and your own favorite table service.

Entertainment will be presented in song by Marci Smith.

Devotions will be read by Sophie.

Decorations on the tables will be done by Ruth and Sheila.

Lets all get together and share how we are all spending our summer this year.

All Seniors 50 and up are welcome to join us for Lunch and Entertainment.

God Bless and Keep You in His Care Always.

Co-Presidents,

Joe and Pat Beyer





Saturday, JUNE 3, 2017

Norwin High School Stadium

10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Opening Ceremony: 10:00 am
 Survivors Lap: 5:00 pm
 Caregiver Lap: 7:00 pm
 Luminaria Ceremony: 9:30 pm
 Closing Ceremony: 10:00 pm



FLAG DAY ~ June 14

"And let us never forget that in honoring our flag, we honor the American men and women who have courageously fought and died for it . . ."

~ President Ronald Reagan

Vignettes by Virginia

CONFIDENCE is defined as, “a trusting relationship”; “belief in own abilities”; or “faith in somebody to do right”. Similar words used for confidence are: assurance, backbone, boldness, certainty, courage, daring, faith in oneself, firmness, fortitude, GRIT, heart, morale, nerve, poise, reliance, resolution, self-reliance, spirit, spunk, sureness, and tenacity. (If curious, check a thesaurus and/or dictionary.)

Example: A very special party is being planned. You have CONFIDENCE with the persons who are helping you prepare the food, bake/decorate a fancy cake, set-up tables/chairs/etc., plus all the invitations and last minute preparations. We depend on many people throughout the months when we go to the grocery store, a department store for a memorable outfit, and the dollar store for a cluster of decorations. As important as the party is to us, it is much more imperative that we stop and guarantee that our CONFIDENCE abides in Jesus.

The word CONFIDENCE is found in God’s Word. A few verses to review are:

Proverbs 3:26 *“For the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared.”*

Jeremiah 17:7 *“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him.”*

II Corinthians 7:16 *“We may approach God with freedom and confidence.”*

I John 5:14 *“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according*

to His will, He hears us.”

(also Psalms 71:5; Proverbs 25:9; and Isaiah 32:17)

There are many Biblical examples of persons CONFIDENT in God: King David and his special friend Jonathan; Noah; Queen Esther; Moses; Daniel; Paul; John the Baptist; Mary and Joseph - - just to name a few. Think about it.

Much more recently three missionaries who almost lost their lives to the disease of Ebola, Nancy Writebol, Dr. Rick Sacra and Dr. Kent Brantly, have been excellent testimonies to thousands of people. Remember the native Africans in the Liberian hospital who lost their lives? But also be thankful for many who were healed from the disease, and also were introduced to Jesus, their Savior and HEALER.

Observe the significance of being CONFIDENT - - of having CONFIDENCE - - in others; our personal family, fellow employees, educators of children/youth, friendships, our neighbors, our church and places of worship - - the list could go on and on. In today’s society we should become extremely thankful for His CONFIDENCES, His assurance with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Hebrews 10:19-25 and verse 35 reminds us “we have confidence to enter the most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus. . .

Do not throw away your confidence.”

Dr. David Jeremiah has this prayer: *“Approach God’s throne of grace with confidence so that you may receive mercy and find grace to help you in your time of need.”* (From Turning Point, May 2017 issue).

Connection Service

Sunday, June 4, 2017

6:30 pm

So as not to interfere with Vacation Bible School, the June Connection Service has been moved one week earlier (June 4).

The video, *“Pilgrim’s Progress - Journey to Heaven”* will be shown. The video is a modern adaptation of John Bunyan’s beloved classic tale:

“It follows Christian and his companions on the great journey from the City of Destruction to the gates of Heaven. Along the way, the pilgrims face obstacles large and small, man-made and demon-spawned.

Beyond the gripping drama, Bunyan’s powerful allegory teaches us the hazards and hopes of the Christian life, and the triumphant glory that awaits all who faithfully follow the King of kings!”





Library Book Reviews

Dr. Dobson ~ Part 1:

There are many interesting and inspirational books in the church or other libraries and also online. The plots are interesting and convoluted as any commercial book. On the other hand, the sad spots find comfort in renewal in Christ, which is missing from many non-Christian books.

Besides plots in made-up stories (LEFT side as you enter the library), there are many inspiring true stories (on RIGHT). Here's one by Dr. James Dobson, who inspired me with his radio show while I was raising two children.

In ***“Stories of the Heart and Home”***, James Dobson collects many inspiring stories by category. They are from his own life and amazing stories he's heard. Categories range from “Growing Up” to “Facing Adversity.” Under “Facing Adversity” he quotes the famous scientist Stephen Hawking . . . *“it is very important not to give in to self-pity. If you're disabled and you feel sorry for yourself, then no one is going to have much to do with you. A physically handicapped person certainly cannot afford to be psychologically handicapped as well.” (p.216)*

Many of us have other, non-physical disabilities, such as prejudice or bullying.

~ Sara

“Dana’s Valley” by Janette Oke/Laurel Oke Logan

The two Oke women, mother and daughter, wrote this book together.

The story is about a Christian family whose circumstances their family faced together—the joys and triumphs, the difficulties and sorrows—had provided a firm foundation for their families spiritual journey.

During her sister's illness, young Erin thought she had given up on God. But she didn't realize that God hadn't given up on her.

The author speaks of how carefully and intricately the circumstances and events of childhood weave together to form the person we become. Our attitudes about life, our values, and most of all, our understanding of God, all are profoundly affected and formed through what we see modeled in our homes. When someone's mental images and memories are not positive, the authors say they are sure God's abundant grace is available in extra measure for that person.

I have come to believe this to be true as to my own growing up years.

~ Janice



*Duffers and Daubers
2017 Golf Outing June 17th
Butlers Golf Course*



Please go to www.theshorefoundation.org ~ **upcoming events and dates** for more information and to register for these events which helps support organ transplant recipients, or contact Janis and Brian West.

Vacation Bible School**Registration Form**

(one per child)

June 11-14, 2017**6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Child's name: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Church: _____

MEDICAL:

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

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