
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

March 2012



"I do not hide Your righteousness in my heart. I speak of Your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal Your love and Your truth." Psalm 40:10

I invite you to write out your Christian testimony for a church booklet we are putting together called, "This is Our Story". Your testimony of what Jesus means to you honors the Lord, builds the church, and draws people to faith in Christ.

Here are some guidelines:

1. full page written or half-page typed single spaced.
2. content suggested of 25% B.C. days . . . 25% how you received Christ . . . 50% your life with Christ now
3. mail, e-mail (ncma@norwinalliance.org), or bring to the church office. I will edit as needed. All testimonies will be included in the booklet.

The Apostle Paul's testimony in Acts chapter 26 might serve as your outline:

Acts 26:9-11 Paul's B.C. days

Acts 26: 12-18 how Paul trusted Christ

Acts 26:19-29 Paul's life with Christ

Your experience with the Lord is the most important and personal aspect of your life. Thank-you for taking this adventure and responsibility with the church by sharing your life with us.

Submit the good news by May 1st. Our goal is 100% participation.



1. The Elders approved putting together a church book of testimonies from people attending Norwin Alliance Church ~ "This Is My Story"
2. The following dates/events were approved:
"Breakaway" Sr Youth Event—April 20-22
Teacher Appreciation—April 29
Church Picnic—August 4th at White Oak Park
Hope and Passion event—December 1
3. Approved Carole Sarber to chair the Easter Egg Hunt—March 24
4. Financials statements for the month of January are available in the hall next to the DMC office.
5. The walls of the Sanctuary will be painted the week of 2/20.
6. It was approved to go with Elk Htg/Air to replace the air-conditioner in the Fellowship Hall (above the kitchen)

Elder and Ministry Boards

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), Fred Angioleri (Elder-in-Training), Kevin Craycraft, Ron Dornin, Wes Hughes, Denny Irwin, Frank Kolar Charlie Metzger, Bill Sarber

Ministry Board Members-at-Large ~ Bill Freise, Justin Metzger

Ministry Board ~ Cindy Barnhart, Jeff Ewing, Bill Freise, Roy Koch, Charlie Metzger, Justin Metzger, Bill Sarber, Carole Sarber, Ken Simmons, Bob Tierney

Jesus for People



Daylight Savings Time

Please be sure to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before retiring for the night on Saturday, **March 10th**. Daylight Savings will begin at 2:00 am Sunday, **March 11th**.

The Women's Corner by Janis Swope

You and I have often been told that change is inevitable and I wholeheartedly agree to that statement. Therefore, you can expect a change in this article. You will no longer be given updates on the world of Alliance Women because our Alliance Women's group is no longer active. The only holdover will be the annual retreat in June. God's word in Ecclesiastes 3:1b says "For everything there is a season ..." (RSV) and our current season of Alliance Women has come to a close. Our last meeting was in February and we took the opportunity to look back at the fellowship and activities that we participated in – the rallies, the teas, the prayer meetings, the walk-a-thon, and Mahaffey Camp Missions Day to name a few. Hugs and kisses go out to the women who made these events possible. Thank you for your faithful service and fellowship. We all look forward to what God has in store for us as we move forward.

Ladies Bible Study

Now, in case you were wondering, we are still getting together every Monday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our Ladies Bible Study. We are a strong group of women (I mean spiritually – please don't count how many of us have had knee replacements!) of various ages and stages in our lives and we truly enjoy our Monday morning get-togethers. We welcome any and all women to come and join us (seriously, you don't have to have a joint replaced to come!). Coffee and fellowship are served each Monday. Our current study is part of the Women of Character studies and is called "A Woman of Balance." Join us as we discuss relevant issues that we all can relate to.

New Stuff

Now and then you will see different news and views

here. Some news and views will give us pause. I thought I'd share one of the recent things that gave us all pause at one of our studies. Several weeks ago there was a short article and picture in the Tribune-Review about a new trend beginning in South Korea. It seems that space for burials of loved ones is becoming more difficult to find there. Some of the people aren't comfortable with cremation and don't like the idea of having a loved one's ashes in their homes. So a new alternative has been found. You can now turn your loved one into beads. (That's right, I said beads.) Your loved one's remains are combined with some other substance and turned into beads. The picture showed a South Korean woman holding a bowl with aqua and turquoise colored beads in a bowl. She was smiling because she could display the beads in her home and know that her husband had been turned into something beautiful that she could cherish. How do you view this news? You can imagine the interesting discussion we had about this during our study.

The Last Word

"She smiles at the future." Proverbs 31:25b (NASB)

MEN'S WILD GAME DINNER

Friday, March 9, 2012

Doors Open ~ 6:00 pm

Dinner ~ 6:30 pm

Guest Speaker ~

Joe Toomey

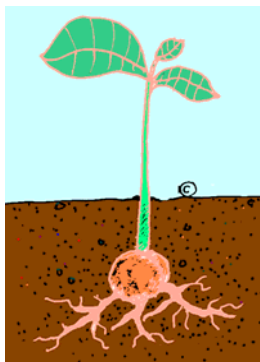


VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA

Personal story this month: I have been thinking about my Dad and his love for gardening and working in the soil. He would begin his seeds around mid-January by planting them in milk cartons and putting them in the basement, where they began to sprout, until the weather broke. Over the years he grew just about every vegetable and many fruits. He loved having a year-round garden, six months in Toledo, Ohio and six months in Florida. I remember him telling me; "Gate, (he called me Gate) you have to make sure that the soil is warm and moist enough." He had already prepared it in the fall with mulch. It was important that we had enough snow or rain for the soil. At times he also let the soil 'rest'. A farmer's horse supplied the fertilizer for him. It was not a huge garden but big enough for hundreds of quarts of canned goods. My Dad did the outside work in the garden, keeping the rows straight, weeds pulled and soil cultivated; my Mom did the food prep and hours of canning. An added plus, my Dad was also a beekeeper, so he had the bees to do their work of pollination.

Why the above story? As I read Ephesians 3:17-19, *"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, **being rooted and grounded in love**, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God."*

Unless the seed has been planted deep enough in the soil so the plant can grow, so also as a believer we have to be grounded and have deep enough roots so we will not let the world around us squeeze un into its mold (Romans 12:2). I can remember my Dad planting the seeds deep into the soil so it took a firm root and would not dry-up or blow away in the first spring storm. We too need a solid grip. We need to be firmly rooted and grounded in our faith.



ATTENTION SENIOR FRIENDS!

The Norwin Alliance Keen-Agers will meet on Thursday, March 22nd at 11:30 am. The lunch will consist of: meatloaf, macaroni, and salads, and GREEN desserts.

Vicki Booher will lead in a game of "Name That Tune".

Everyone age 50 and over is cordially invited to attend this and all Keen-Agers meetings. First time attendees are not asked to bring a dish, just come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

If you would like to learn more about our Keen-Agers, please contact the co-presidents Ruth Long or Betty Kunkle.

EASTER EGG HUNT OUTREACH EVENT

Saturday, March 24, 2012

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Ages 2 - 5th grade

Jeff Vanderhoff (inspirational entertainer and magician) will present the Easter message

Shelli Prindle will present the story of the Resurrection Eggs

Egg Hunt & games will be enjoyed by all

Lunch will be provided

Baskets will be provided ~ please do not bring your own basket.

Please contact Carole Sarber at 412-751-1973 or sarberwk@aol.com if you would like to help in any way with this outreach event.

LOOKING AHEAD:

BREAKAWAY 2012

Senior Youth Retreat
(grades 9-12)

April 20-22, 2012

“OPEN to Jesus”



Jason Ostrander ~
Guest Speaker



Logan Martin Band ~
Worship Leader



Marquis Laughlin ~
Special Guest

WANTED:

If you have a bookcase
that you no longer need,
please call the church office.



Vacation Bible School

June 24-28, 2012



VBS Scripture

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.

Psalm 147:5 NIV

Motto

Awesome God! Amazing Power!

All children ages 2 through 5th grade
are welcome to attend.

Church Picnic



Saturday, August 4, 2012

White Oak Park