
KOINONIA

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to the fellowship (Koinonia), and to the breaking of the bread, and to prayer”. Acts 2:42

NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH

September 2015



Alliance President Says, “Don’t Forget Jesus’ Love”

John Stumbo, President of the C&MA, recently gave some excellent messages to 2,000+ Christians at a special gathering. Here are some excerpts from his first message:

“If we display amazing spiritual gifts, but don’t love, it’s just noise.”

“If we move mountains, but are not loving, it’s meaningless.”

“If we show incredible dedication and sacrifice, but don’t love, we have gained nothing.”

I Corinthians 13:1-3

“So let me ask you this: Is your church a loving church? . . . I didn’t ask if your church is a friendly church or a nice church? Being nice or being friendly may be experiences of love, or they may actually be shallow substitutes.”

“Church leaders, do you love your congregation? I know you teach, preach, counsel, spend time with and have picnics with the people . . . But do you love them?”

“May our human deficiency in love drive us deeper into our relationship with Jesus . . . We are not left with condemnation. Instead God’s Spirit is calling us to come to Him to experience the love of Jesus FOR us and THROUGH us to others.”



COMMUNITY SERVICE & PICNIC at IRWIN PARK

Sun **SEPT 13** 10 am - 2 pm

 **Norwin Alliance Church**
724-864-1570

Service • Free Food • Games

COME

INVITE your friends, family, and neighbors

SIGN-UP to help

PRAY

* * Please bring your lawn chairs/blankets, hats, sunglasses, sunscreen . . . and **JOIN US** for a great day in the park with our neighbors (dress is CASUAL)!

The day will begin at 10:00 am with coffee, juice, and donuts.

The service begins at 10:30 am at the Park Amphitheatre followed by lunch and activities.

Activities include (but not limited to): Corn Hole, Basketball Toss, Karaoke, Balloon Animals, Obstacle Course, Bounce House, Pony Bops.

HELP US spread the Good News
to our Community!



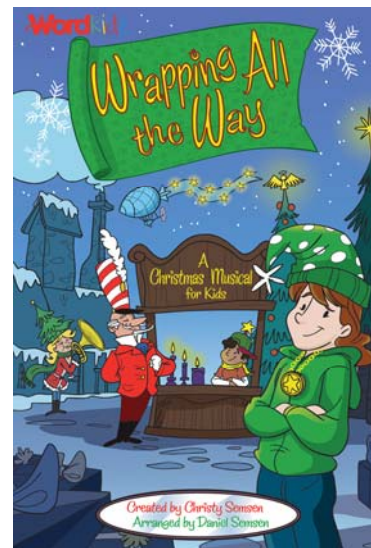
The following items were approved at the Elder's and Ministry Board meetings in August:

1. Approved moving the Congregation Meeting from Wednesday, September 23rd to SUNDAY, Sept. 27th at 11:45 am.
2. Approved workers for the DMC year (8/23/15 - 8/2016)
3. Approved DMC Curriculum
4. Approved the following people as DMC Council Members: Renee Himler (Asst. DMC Director), Sue Hoffman (Treasurer), Bria Craycraft (Secretary), Ruth Long (Supt. of Senior Adult Ministries), Virginia Wilson (Supt. of Adult Ministries), Beth Buchanan (Supt. of Children's Sunday School), Becky Cox (AWANA Commander), Lindsey Boone (Supt. Nursery), Bill Sarber (Small Groups Coordinator. Shelli Prindle, Director of Youth/Young Adults, serves on the DMC Committee.
5. Approved the Proposed 2016 Budget. This budget will be presented to the Congregation at the meeting on Sunday, September 27th.
6. Approved American Paving to patch, seal, and re-line the church parking lot.
7. It was stated that more Children's Church workers are needed.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS

Weekly rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Program will begin on Sunday, September 20th in the 10:45 service. Children's Choir is for all kids ages 4 through 13.

This year's Christmas Musical is called "Wrapping All the Way". Please encourage your children to come and participate in this ministry. We are looking forward to getting started!"



Congregation Meeting SUNDAY, September 27th 11:45 am

Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Some items of business that will be discussed are:

- ~ Nominating Committee members will be chosen.
- ~ The 2016 Church Budget will be presented and voted on.

Don't be left in the dark ~ stay and hear what is happening at Norwin Alliance Church and let your voice be heard. * * A quorum is needed to approve the 2016 budget.

Responsibilities of the Nominating Committee:

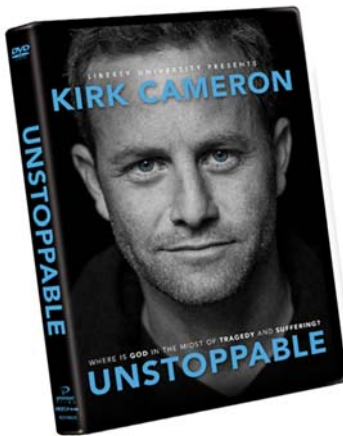
- ~ Nominate Officers of Norwin Alliance Church (Ministry Board Secretary, Church Treasurer, Asst. Church Treasurer, Board Members at Large) to be elected at the January Congregation Meeting.
- ~ Nominate "positions of serving" to be appointed by the Elder Board.
- ~ Consider nominees from the Elder Board for the position of Elder and if desired, make Elder nominations to the Elder Board.

If you have any questions, or would like to suggest a person for an office, please contact the Board Members-at-Large (Harold Lawhorne), Jeff Ewing (Lead Elder), or Pastor Bob.

CONNECTION Service

Sunday, September 13, 2015
6:30 pm

DVD ~ "UNSTOPPABLE"



"In UNSTOPPABLE, a brand-new documentary, Kirk Cameron takes you on a personal and inspiring journey to better understand the biggest doubt-raiser in faith: Why? Kirk goes back to the beginning—literally—as he investigates the origins of good and evil and how they impact our lives ... and our eternities. Reminding us that there is great hope, UNSTOPPABLE creatively asks—and answers—the age-old question: Where is God in the midst of tragedy and suffering?"
- The Dove Foundation

The Youth will be attending **IGNITION** as a group on Sunday, Sept. 20. See one of the youth leaders for more information.

IGNITION
10 YEARS
Pittsburgh's See You At The Pole event
SEPTEMBER 20, 2015,
6-9PM AT THE BIBLE CHAPEL
\$5 before Aug. 31, \$10 til Sept. 19, \$15 at the door
www.seeyouatignition.com

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WITH SPECIAL GUESTS PROPAGANDA AND RED LETTER HYMNAL

TEENS FOR CHRIST
YOUTH FOR CHRIST
GENEVA COLLEGE
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FCA
CHRISTIAN COUNSELING ASSOCIATES

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Shelli Prindle presents at:
NORWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

The END.

(According to God)

Saturday, November 7, 2015
10.00 AM – 12:30 PM

Call / Text **724.552.3122**

WALK-INS WELCOME





KEEN-AGERS

If you are age 50 or over, this is your special invitation to attend the September meeting of Norwin Alliance Keen-Agers on Thursday, September 24th beginning at 11:30 am. The lunch will consist of heritage foods, vegetables, salads, and desserts. Watch the bulletins for program details.

People from other churches in the area attend, but more of our own NAC people are needed. Why not circle this date on your calendar and plan to attend? First time attendees do not need to bring a covered dish, just come. The food is always GOOD!

If you didn't attend the August meeting, you missed out on the grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.

See you in September!

LIBRARY NEWS



1. Thank you to everyone for their help with the library!
 - ◆ Janice Lazzaro for neatening up and sorting books,
 - ◆ Virginia for writing book reviews
 - ◆ Carole Sarber for stepstool and continuing encouragement
 - ◆ Donations of books and videos
2. Any suggestions?
3. We need book reviews!

Thank you! Sara Masters

Ladies Night Out!



Tuesday, September 8, 2015

DeNunzio's Restaurant
Jeannette

6:00 pm

Please sign the sheet in the narthex and join the ladies for an evening of food and fellowship!



... to Carrie Stelma and Stacy Radecki for coordinating the Backpack/Diaper Outreach! You could definitely see the Holy Spirit at work. Your efforts and planning are appreciated. It was a blessing to all that were involved.

"See You at the Pole"

Wednesday, September 23, 2015



"See You at the Pole" (SYATP) is an annual gathering of Christian students of all ages at a flagpole in front of their local school for prayer, scripture-reading and hymn-singing, during the early morning before school starts. The American SYATP events occur on every fourth Wednesday of September.

VIGNETTES BY VIRGINIA

John 15:13 states: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." Song writer Graham Kendrick uses this theme verse as the setting for the song **Amazing Love**. The words follow:

1. My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly; That I, the guilty one, may go free?
2. And so they watched Him die, despised, rejected; But, O the blood He shed flowed for me.
3. And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers; come wash your guilt away, live again.

Chorus: amazing love, O what sacrifice, The Son of God giv'n for me; My debt he pays and my death He dies, That I might live, that I might live.

Along the same theme is Twila Paris' song **Lamb of God**. Verse three reminds us that we are lost, so lost; Jesus leads us by His staff and rod And we are washed in His precious blood, Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Many of us get too busy in our lives, and the lives of our families, that we 'forget' the sacrifice Jesus gave for us. We are upset, and unfortunately many of us worry about the world situation - - which by the way is in God's loving care. We must remember that God upholds us DAILY in His loving care. Think of all the blessings He gives that we take for granted; the air we breath, health, employment, our church, creation, pets, the USA, friends, to name a very few. And the best are the spiritual gifts He blesses us with each and every moment. (another little chorus we have sung in the past is "Think About His Love": Think about his goodness, Think about His grace that's bro't us through. For as high as the heavens above, so great is the measure of our Father's love. Great is the measure of our Father's love.)

I am hoping that this month's brief message to you will cheer you and bring you comfort, because I need to remind myself also that I need that hope and comfort in my life. Jesus loves YOU!!



The Women's Corner

By Janis Swope

My mission for organization is still in full swing. Have you ever wondered how long you should hold on to certain documents? I was puzzled about how long to hold on to 401(k) monthly statements so I looked on the internet for an answer. The response of various internet sites all said the same thing – monthly statements should only be kept for six years. Since my oldest statements on file are dated 2001, I have a lot of shredding to do! Hooray! It will feel so good to see the old statements go in the garbage! Getting rid of useless stuff is a grand thing. It frees up the clutter that accumulates in our homes. And boy CAN it accumulate! Have you ever considered how cluttered our hearts can become by all the old stuff we keep hanging on to? Do you have hurts from years ago that you are still hanging on to? Are you hanging on to those old habits that keep you from taking time to talk to God on a daily basis? Are you still harboring the desire in your heart to get better jewelry or a better outfit or a nicer yard than the one your neighbor has? We all struggle every day with these and other thoughts our hearts don't want to let go of. The Bible tells us "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he. (Proverbs 23:7a, KJV) Ladies, just substitute the "he" for your name and it will make it more personal for you. "For as Janis thinketh in Janis' heart so is she." The Good News is, of course, that Jesus made a way for us to overcome the old things in our hearts by dying on the cross for the sins of you and me. Imagine a love like that! Jesus will help us organize and clean up our hearts so that nothing will stand in the way of our relationship with Him. He can help us make our hearts a place where the Holy Spirit will be happy to reside. I once heard someone say, "The Holy Spirit does not want to live in a dirty house." Let Jesus clean up the house in your heart by shredding those things that are holding you back from enjoying the blessing of the Holy Spirit!

The Ladies Bible Study has been looking at the book of Genesis. Just as the ladies predicted, it is impossible for me to do a quick overview of this wonderful book. It has been interesting to see how the early Bible characters had to deal with the clutter in their hearts that kept them from pleasing God. If you would like to join us we would be happy to have you. We meet Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the craft room and end at noon. And as usual, we'll have the coffee on!

The Last Word

"Inasmuch as anyone pushes you nearer to God, he or she is your friend." – Barbara Johnson