
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

September 2016



"CHURCH in the PARK"
Good News

God has a job for you at *"CHURCH in the PARK"* on Sunday, September 25 at Irwin Park from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Invite friends, neighbors, and strangers and be "prayed up" to love God in worship and love people in friendship.

That day we ask the Lord to help us be changed by some of the gospel implications below, compliments of Cloud, Spurgeon, etc.

- ♦ You know God's joy to the extent you let others in your life.
- ♦ Everywhere is holy ground because God is everywhere.
- ♦ You are not created to do life on your own.
- ♦ Bring God's love to the table in all your relationships.
- ♦ God made you to love you.
- ♦ Welcome people into the space where you and God have fellowship.
- ♦ You live on Christ alone for salvation and daily righteousness. You are saved forever by His merits - not yours. The motive of gratitude fuels glad obedience to the Lord.
- ♦ The Holy Spirit does such a work in us that we cling with our whole heart to our Lord Jesus.



Sunday, September 25, 2016

Irwin Park

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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: Corn Hole, Volleyball Game, Bounce House, Pony Bops, and more . . .

Please sign the sheet in the narthex and mark the area you are able to help.

Yard signs will be available - please take one and display in your yard.

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 21st to SUNDAY, Sept. 18th at 11:30 am.
2. Approved Connie coordinating a Baby Bottle Campaign for the Women's Choice Network.
3. Approved the following DMC activities: the Bible Quiz Team to watch the "Jesus" movie during their first meeting on Aug. 21st; the Youth to have a "bond" fire at the Craycraft home on September 17th; the Youth to attend "Ignition" on September 25th.
4. Approved the Proposed 2017 Budget. This budget will be presented to the Congregation at the meeting on Sunday, September 18th.
5. The "backflow" inspection passed. Dana Rogers plans to schedule an annual cleaning of our "plumbing" when he schedules the yearly backflow inspection.

CONNECTION Service

Sunday, September 11, 2016

6:30 pm



"Finding Your Ministry - Serving God in a Secular World"

Speaker: Jeff Ewing

Worship: NAC Worship Team



Congregation Meeting SUNDAY, September 18th 11:30 am

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

1. Nominating Committee members will be chosen.
2. The 2017 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 2017 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 (Yvonne Blair, Harold Lawhorne), Jeff Ewing (Lead Elder), or Pastor Bob.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS

It's almost time to begin rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Program!

Weekly rehearsals begin on Sunday, September 11th, during the 10:45am service.

Please encourage your child(ren) to participate in this program. Children's Choir is for all kids age 4 - 13. Please feel free to invite friends and family to join, also!

We are looking forward to getting started!



The Children's Choir will present their Christmas Program:

"The Power of the KING"

on

Sunday, December 18th

10:45 am

Any questions? Please contact Shelly Denney or Chris LoChiatto:

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The Youth will be attending

IGNITION

as a group
on Sunday, Sept. 25.

See one of the youth leaders for more information.

"See You at the Pole"

Wednesday, September 28, 2016



"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.





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 22nd beginning at 11:30 am.

Fall is arriving and Pennsylvania's trees will be giving us a beautiful rainbow of colors. With that comes raking all the leaves and preparing for (WINTER). We always have something to get done.

Joe and I are so pleased to be a part of our Keen-Agers group. We are trying our best to get to know you all and remember everyone by name. It is such a blessing to see our group growing and having such wonderful meetings every month.

Our entertainment for September will be (singer) George Brletic and his wife Rose doing sign language to the music.

Our menu will be heritage foods, we can't wait to see what heritage side dishes and desserts everyone will bring.

Invite and bring a friend and remember to bring your personal table place settings.

The table decorations will be done by Sheila Gilpatrick.

Devotions will be read by Janis Swope.

Flu Vaccines will be offered by a pharmacist from Rite Aid Pharmacy after our meeting is finished at 2:00 pm. Anyone can get the flu shot at that time. Please bring your insurance card with you if you plan on getting the flu shot.

Our next meeting will be October 27th (Thursday) from 11:30 - 2:00 pm. The entertainment will be Rivers of Steel on the history of the Steel Mills in our surrounding area.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting in September.

Joe and Pat Beyer
Co-Presidents of Keen-Agers

VIGNETTES BY VIRGINIA

In 1978 President Jimmy Carter signed a proclamation for National Grandparents Day. A lady named Marian McQueen from Oak Hill, West Virginia introduced this day for the purpose of honoring grandparents and to give grandparents an opportunity to show love to their grandchildren. Children are to become aware of the strength, information and guidance that older people can offer to them. By the time a child has become mature and an adult, it is important that he/she has had training and LOVE that has been a positive influence.

National Grandparents Day is celebrated the first Sunday of September after Labor Day. There is a special song. The flower is the forget-me-not".

In the Bible, immediately, we can find stories of families starting with Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, (hopefully sisters) and others. The parents have to deal with all kinds of concerns and problems. AND throughout the entire Bible families are represented. As we look into the stories - - truths - - we can learn good and bad about raising our particular families in the world in the 2016's. In a portion found in Deuteronomy 6:3-9, we receive excellent ideas and spiritual guidance in the extreme necessity for our children and parental emphasis.

These verses remind adults that we are to live in a deep reverence before God; we will live good long lives and abundance and bounty as God promised. We are to love God with our whole heart, with all our soul and with all our strength. Impress upon your children. *"The Lord your God told me to give you all these commandments which you are to obey in the land you will soon be entering, where you will live. Reverence the Lord, and obey His instructions, You will have long, prosperous years ahead - - and you will have many children. Teach your children. Think about them (God's commands) when at home, when out for a walk, at bedtime and first thing in the morning. Live in deep reverence before God, with you, the children and grandchildren."*

Psalm 127:3 reads: *"Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from Him."*

Enjoy children. Pray for them. Play with them. Read God's Word with them. Tell them God loves them.



Versions used for this very quick study were: The King James, New International Version, New King James Version, The Living Bible (Paraphrased), and The Message Bible.

The Women's Corner

By Janis Swope

It's almost the end of August and the children have already gone back to school. This afternoon we sat out on our porch and enjoyed the mild weather. After weeks of high heat, it felt great to feel the soft breeze and low humidity. Two crows came to our yard and entertained us as they poked about looking for something. I said to Bill, "Don't you wonder what they're trying to find in the yard?" His response was "Seeds I guess." They pounded the ground with their beaks, sometimes fluttering their wings. We sat fascinated by their actions when suddenly one of the crows had something in its beak and started throwing it around and hitting the ground with it. We couldn't tell exactly what it was, but we were sure it was a small animal, like a shrew or mole. After they were sure it was dead the two crows, one of which had this tasty morsel dangling from its beak, flew off across our neighbors' yards and up into the trees. It wasn't long before we heard the sound of a young crow making noises akin to a crying baby. Well, it was evident it was going to get a nice meaty dinner harvested right in our own yard. Bill and I looked at each other in astonishment because we had never witnessed this and had never heard that this was typical crow behavior. I always think of crows eating road kill or the eggs of other birds. Well, we were tickled pink to see and learn something new first hand. I have a friend who calls these kinds of experiences "a God moment." I agree because the first thing I think of is "Thank you God for showing me your creation." I believe that God lets these little scenes play out in front of us as a

special treat. It's like God is saying, "Watch what My creation is capable of. I will show you something you have never seen before and it will be a gift from Me to you." I treasure these moments and count them as precious. The things God has created are so numerous and wondrous I can scarcely imagine them. How can there not be a Creator of the universe when everything is so intricately put together. I cannot believe that anything as complicated as you and me and the rest of the natural world were just accidents of chance. Consider the Creator and His creation. As the Apostle Paul says in Romans 1:20-21, "For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made..." (ESV). Next time you are spending some outdoor time or even just looking out your window take a minute and maybe you will experience a "God moment." You never know what He will have in store for you!

The Ladies Bible Study is ready to get back into full swing. August 29th will be our first get together since we stopped for the summer at the end of June. I would like to invite you to join us. We will be resuming our study of Exodus. 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

"Pray often for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan."

— John Bunyan, c. 1680



CONCERT of PRAYER
Sunday, September 18, 2016
7:00 pm

We will meet in the Youth Area

Ladies Night Out!

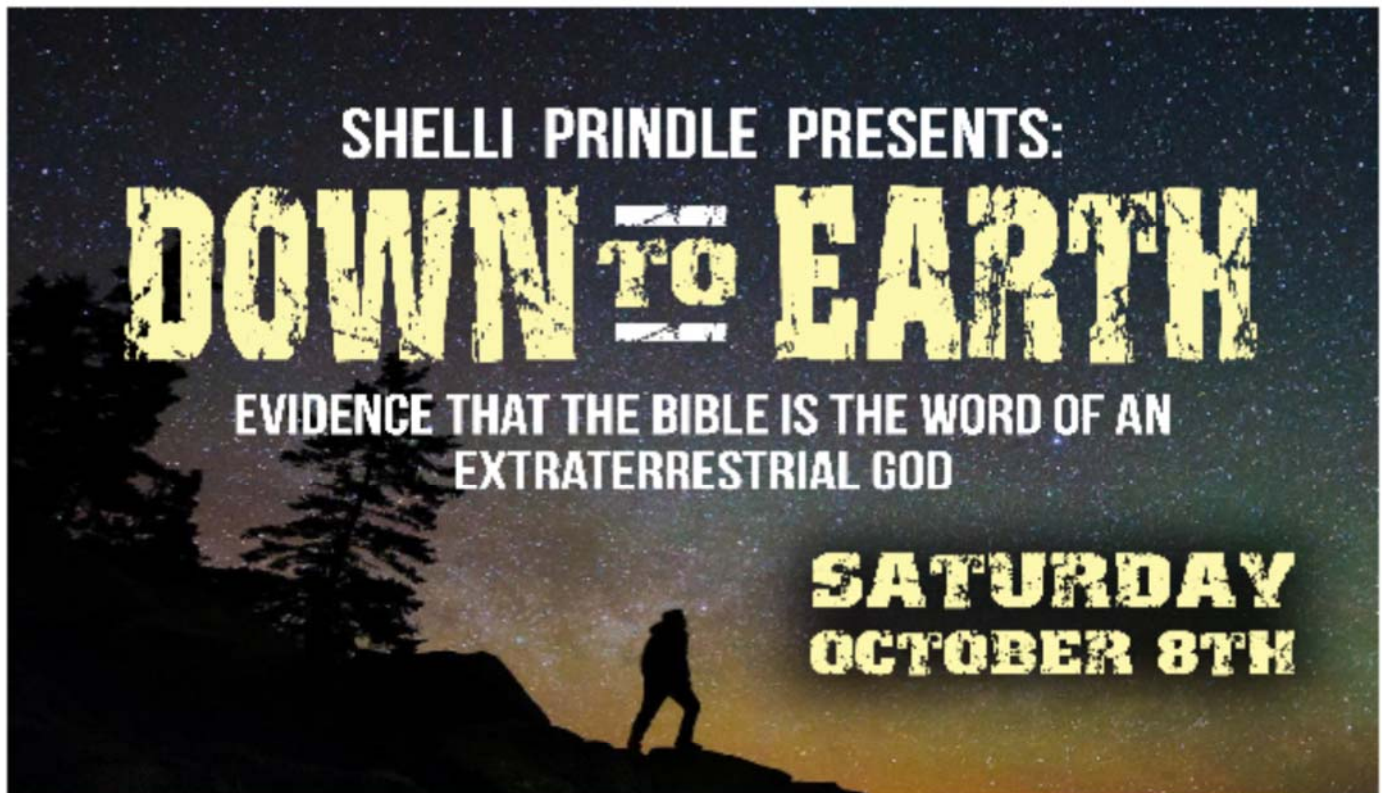


Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Rodney's Restaurant

6:00 pm

A sign-up sheet will be available on the shelf in the narthex. Please sign it when it becomes available and join the ladies for an evening of food and fellowship!



SHELLI PRINDLE PRESENTS:

DOWN TO EARTH

**EVIDENCE THAT THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF AN
EXTRATERRESTRIAL GOD**

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 8TH**

**Session 1 (9:00 - 10:00 am):
HONESTLY FULL OF LOSERS**
The Bible is full of losers, and it is brutally honest so that failures can find hope and be transformed.

**Session 2 (10:30 - 11:30 am):
ONE UNFOLDING, BLOODY THEME**
Over the span of 1500 years and through 40+ human writers, one topic is amazingly revealed - a theme that absorbs guilt.

Lunch - Cafeteria at Founder's Hall

**Session 3 (12:30 - 1:30 pm):
DEFIES MATHEMATICAL ODDS AND WORTH DEATH**
Every detail predicted centuries beforehand comes true, and countless people decided it's worth dying for that truth.

**Session 4 (2:00 - 3:00 pm):
MORE HANDS-ON PROOF THAN
ANYTHING COMPARABLE**
No other work of antiquity has more manuscript evidence than the Bible; history and archaeology testify.

WHERE:
Westmoreland County Community College
145 Pavillion Lane
Youngwood, PA 15697
The Amphitheater in Founder's Hall

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