



**Norwood**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

315 Chester Pike

Norwood, PA 19074-1401

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



*We exist to introduce people to Jesus Christ and strengthen lives through Him!*

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### Worship

10:00 am in-person Worship,  
and live-streamed on YouTube

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[Eastern PA Conference of the  
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**<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.**

**<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say:  
"His love endures forever." The LORD is my  
strength and my defense<sup>[a]</sup>;  
he has become my salvation. The LORD has done it  
this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad. Psalm 118:1-2,  
14-24, (NIV).**

Dear Norwood Family,

As we enter into the season of Easter and the new month of April, it's a time for reflection, renewal, and hope. Just as nature awakens with the arrival of spring, Easter reminds us of the possibility of renewal and rebirth in our own lives. Let this season be a time to shed old habits, embrace new beginnings, and grow in faith. As we celebrate the triumph of life over death, reminding us of the hope we have in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Whatever challenges or struggles we may face, let us hold fast to the promise of new life and eternal hope found in Christ. Easter is a time to reflect on the incredible gift of God's grace and unconditional love. As we contemplate the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and his victory over sin and death, let us

express gratitude for the forgiveness and redemption offered to us freely.

However, Just as Easter brings families and communities together, let us cherish the bonds of fellowship and connection with one another. Reach out to loved ones, offer support to those in need, and celebrate the joy of togetherness in this season of renewal. Also, this is a time of joyous celebration and feasting. Amidst the busyness of life, take moments to savor the simple pleasures, rejoice in the beauty of creation, and embrace the joy of Easter with gratitude and enthusiasm.

Also, as we begin a new month, let us set intentions for growth, purpose, and fulfillment. Seek opportunities to serve others, pursue Christ's passions, and live with intentionality, knowing that each day is a gift to be cherished and embraced.

May this Easter season and the month of April be filled with blessings, joy, and renewed hope as we journey together in faith and gratitude.

Blessings,

Pastor Domingos Francisco Fernando

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SAFE websites / forms. Click & explore!**

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*"I sought the Lord, and He delivered me, and delivered me from all my fears."*  
**Psalm 34:4**



**Ongoing Prayer Needs**

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| All those affected by violence & war, and for peace between world governments | Carol Luther Lauria (Sally Vickers)          |
| Russell & Bethany Alexander   | Gary Leranian (Madeline Deane)               |
| Bob Arrants   | Eleanor Luther                               |
| Joe Bradford  | Janice MacBride                              |
| Brooke & Natalie (Maggie McCans)  | Susan Markow (John Jones)                    |
| Jim Chambers (Sally Vickers)  | Mary (Gina Dukes)                            |
| Jerry & Barbara Chreiman  | Liz Murray (Lynn Seidel)                     |
| Michael Fletcher (Lynn Seidel)  | Rev. Bill Neff                               |
| Bill Gibbs  | Donna Riegel                                 |
| Joan Glisson (Anna Glisson)   | Ruth Schenkenberger                          |
| Tommy Glisson   | Sandra Shanahan                              |
| Eugene Holt (John Venafra)  | Bernie, Bobbie & Katie Shimkus (Laura Welch) |
| Marla Hsu (Anna Glisson)  | Sue (Mary Thompson)                          |
| John & Terri Jones  | Michael Tate                                 |
| Miriam Martin   | Jacob Tercha (Bobbi Blum)                    |
|   | Joan Touhill (Lynn Seidel)                   |
|   | Toya (Gina Dukes)                            |
|   | Tina Kadri (Judy Arrants)                    |
|   | Robin Kim                                    |
|   | Jamie King (Lynda Stine)                     |

**If you have requested a Loved One be added to the On-Going Prayer list, please inform the church of any updates.**

**Current Prayer Needs**

Andrew	Norman Passarella
Brittany	Melanie Passarella
Ava	John Jones
Amadio family	Vietro family
Bobbi Blum	Ken Hampton
Patty Davis	Valentina
Raelinda's family	Terri Jones
Cheryl Kane	MaryAnn

**Residing in Retirement Care & Nursing Homes**

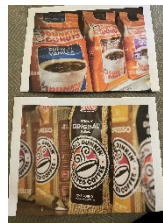


Sally Vickers .....	12
John Venafra, Jr .....	18
Christy Melrose.....	20
Laura Welch .....	24
Glenn Goldsborough.....	25
Joyce Anderson.....	27
Gabrielle Thompson .....	28
Jim Vickers .....	28
Judy Arrants.....	29



If severe winter weather makes travel to the church unsafe, services and events may be canceled or rescheduled. If the church has your email address, you will be informed of any cancellations or changes using that media. We also will use our "robo" calling system, "Dial My Calls", which will call your home/cell, again, only if we have that information. If your phone is set up to not show your caller ID, the "robo" calls will not be accepted

**LITTLE BLESSINGS NEW PROGRAM! / TerraCycle.com**



Save these Entenmann labels (bags) and Dunkin coffee bags send them into school.



We'll receive \$\$\$ back, and we're helping the earth!!! ~ **Thank you**

**COMMUNITY EVENT NIGHT**

**Sunday April 14!**



5:30p Dinner    6:30p Event TBA  
 contact Jim Vickers at  
[jimsallyvickers@verizon.net](mailto:jimsallyvickers@verizon.net)



**What would you like to see happen for our church anniversary? Leave your comments in**

**suggestion box or email us! We'll be sure to take into consideration!**

# PARENTS' CORNER

## THE ABC'S OF IMPROVING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR KIDS

Posted on 24 Jan in [Heart Work](#) by [Joanne Miller RN BSN](#) 1 Comment 0 Likes

by Guest Author BJ Meurer, one of our trained coaches and seminar presenters

### Too Busy for Change

As parents, we tend to get discouraged and frustrated by our kids' attitudes, bickering, disobedience, arguing, and the constant struggle family life seems to be. We complain to friends, search online for answers, mention our struggles as prayer requests, try a little of this and a little of that, but nothing changes.

We know family life can be better, but we wonder if it is possible for *our* family or if we just have to struggle through it.

If you're tired of the struggle, I have good news for you! Jesus wants better for your family, and He's empowered YOU to be the way He brings change.

Jesus's answer to our struggle is simple: Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28-30).

Jesus wants to bring change to our families so that we may feel His rest and invite others to follow Him in His Kingdom ... starting with our children and extending to the world.

To do this, we need to start with relationships.

### Jesus Focuses on Relationships

God's desire for relationships can be seen from the very first pages of the Bible as the Creator walks in the Garden with Adam and Eve.

That relationship was broken when humanity decided to go its own way. It is the restoration of that perfect relationship that has motivated God throughout time to be about the business of rescuing His creation and building His kingdom. So relationship clearly matters to God.

Jesus brings change through relationships. Throughout the gospels, we don't see Jesus just calling people out on their sin (except perhaps in some interactions with religious leaders). He also never uses anger, manipulation, or control. Instead, Jesus stands for truth while practicing restraint, patience, and kindness in the context of relationships because "His kindness brings us to repentance" (Romans 2:4).

Jesus has blessed us and trusted us with our children, and He wants us to joyfully bring His Kingdom into their world. So if we're going to follow Jesus's lead, we too must put relationships first.

Now is the time for change.

### The ABC's of Relationship Work

While relationships can be complex and require work to address underlying issues, in many cases there is a ton that we parents can do to shake things up and make positive changes now to the relationships we have with our kids. Starting to make changes in relationships begins with the ABC's.

### Assess

Before we can move forward in a relationship, we need to assess. We need to prayerfully consider which of our children are feeling more connected, known, and valued to/by us and which one(s) may not be feeling this way. This is an early indication of where to adjust our parenting.

It is also helpful to assess how specific children best hear "love". The concept of love languages is a staple in our culture, but too few of us take the time to think about how love languages may apply to our relationships with our children.

This does not require us to take some online assessment to figure this out. Just start thinking of things that make this child you are thinking of feel loved. You'll soon notice a pattern.

### Build

Once you have a better idea of which child needs some strategic relationship work and what love language(s) speak best to that child, it's time to start building a plan for change. One way to do this is to take a small calendar, 3x5 card, or even a post-it note, and write down 3-5 actions you will take in the next week to express love to your child.

You don't need big, impressive, day-long trips and actions to express love. You just need small, consistent steps in the right direction (i.e. reading a book, giving extra hugs, going for a walk).

Building a simple plan is important for success. If we just come up with a few good ideas and think we're going to do them without writing them down, we're only fooling ourselves. Parenting is hard and life gets busy. Something changes when we write things down.

### Connect

Now it's time to connect with your child. Go out and do the things you planned to do. As you get started, here are a few quick tips:

- Pick only 1 child to focus on
- Plan your week(s) well
- Pray strategically for your relationship
- Prepare anything you need a day ahead
- Find a fellow parent to do this with to hold yourself accountable
- Give yourself grace if you miss a day

Not everything will change in just a week or two of doing this. Some children have a tougher shell built around their hearts. Other children may be a bit older and just

need more time and intentional acts of love to break through. That said, if you start to look for ways to express love, you will start to see change happen. If you want more help with getting started on this, grab your free copy of a resource I created titled [Develop a Closer Relationship with Your Kid in 2 Weeks](#). You'll be so glad you did.

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### Bible Classes for Children and Adults

#### Adult Bible class - 9:00-9:45 am:

The Cornerstone Bible class meets in the Chapel

#### Children's Bible classes - 10:00-11:00 am

For parents attending 10am worship service, we offer two children's classes:

**Little Sprouts Bible Time** / ages 0 -5 yrs; and

**Bible Bunch for Kids** / ages 6-12 yrs

*The children's classes meet during worship service. Children will be dismissed from the Sanctuary with their teachers for a Bible lesson.*

*Please note that the children's Bible classes will **not** meet on the first Sundays of the month (1/7, 2/4/, 3/3, 4/7, and 5/5).*

*~ NUMC Commission on Education*



### Handy Hands

Do you like to knit, crochet or do other types of hand work? If so, please join us **Monday April 15 at 1:00 pm** in the Parlor. Questions?

Please contact [Lynn Crump](#), [Randy Gibbs](#), or [Lynda Stine](#).

Date	Ushers	
Apr 7	Holly Goldsborough	Carol Hammes
Apr 14	Lynda Stine	Bill Shanahan
Apr 21	Bill Fisher	Tom Glisson
Apr 28	Kurt Schaefer	Bob Gibbs

Date	Liturgist Schedule	Joy & Concerns
Apr 7	<a href="#">Kelli Bradley</a>	Bill Shanahan
Apr 14	<a href="#">Ashley Gibbs</a>	Ashley Gibbs
Apr 21	<a href="#">Bill Fisher</a>	Sally Vickers
Apr 28	<a href="#">Lynn Crump</a>	Anna Glisson



We will have the Men's Breakfast **Saturday, April 6 at 8:00 am**. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, October to May. It is a time for fellowship and to build a relationship with one another. Please join us. Contact Bob Gibbs [rwgibbs@comcast.net](mailto:rwgibbs@comcast.net)

The Women's Breakfast is **Saturday, April 13 at 8:30 am**. Faith-building friendship, fun, food, and fellowship. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, October to May contact Sally Vickers 610-565-0924 or [JimSallyVickers@verizon.net](mailto:JimSallyVickers@verizon.net).



Children's Bible Classes Schedule		
Date	Little Sprouts	Bible Bunch
SSV= Safe Sanctuary Volunteer		
Apr 7	NO CLASS	NO CLASS
Apr 14	Teacher: Rochelle Amadio SSV: Holly Goldsborough	Teacher: Sally Vickers SSV: Cindy Tuttle
Apr 21	Teacher: Rochelle Amadio SSV: Ashley Gibbs	Teacher: Lynn Crump SSV: Randy Gibbs
Apr 28	Teacher: Rochelle Amadio SSV: Mike Nelson	Teacher: Sally Vickers SSV: Bill Shanahan

We received a letter from Sarah!  
(a missionary in Brazil that our church supports)



Word of Life: Sarah's Story  
March 2024

# Deus é Bom God is Good



Last year was full of challenges that I was afraid would push me over the top. It is interesting how the devil tries to break you with no intention of putting you back together. Guilt and feelings of worthlessness is what he leaves behind. But GOD, as a potter forming His creation, rebuilds a broken and weak vessel into a beautiful and strong vase to be used

for His glory. I was substitute coordinator as Ellis went through treatment for her cancer.

The weight of the Vinde world never felt heavier. As much as God said to me, "I am with you", I still felt unworthy and uncomfortable of the call, despite having the desire to one day in the future be in this position. The Lord had to break me of my pride, my unbelief, and my grumbling attitude (which complained many times of injustices taking place) and give me a



new spirit of humility, mustard seed faith, and contentment laced with thanksgiving. You see, God makes beautiful things out of the dust and ashes. The Lord brings growth and we really do reap what we sow. I



praise God that He changed my heart and mind with this ministry He put me in. I have grown closer and more dependent on Him.

This year, we have a new coordinator, Liandro and his wife Chrisciane, and Ellis is helping our boss, Roberto, in expanding Vinde. Right now we have a ministry in 4 different cities (Atibaia is our base), and are looking to partner with churches in other cities and even starting to go out of state if the Lord wills. I am able to focus again on my interns and am looking to invest more time in my teens as well. This year the Lord is graciously showing



the fruit of seeds planted last year. All that toil, sweat, and tears were not done in vain and this year I can rest. I am resting in the fact that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He gives me new mercies every morning. Great is His faithfulness even when I am faithless! I praise Him because we have new children and teens that joined this



year. We are in a transition year but it has been good. Good changes that are taking place to further the Gospel message here in Brazil! I do not always love undergoing change, but it is necessary to happen. I am

thankful for God's grace He has poured out and continues to do so!

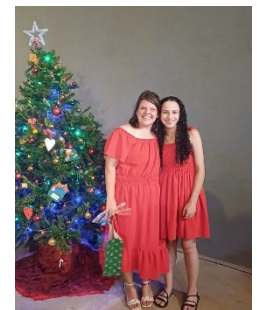
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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Vinde Meninos Relief Center:** Praise God for the growth of the ministry! We have 65 children who attend our afternoon program and 30 teens who attend the morning program. Altogether we have 80 families we are ministering too.

Please pray that God continues to meet the needs that come with growth!

**Outreach Staff:** Unity and wisdom for each one. We have had six people join our staff this year! Pray that God would lead us as a team.



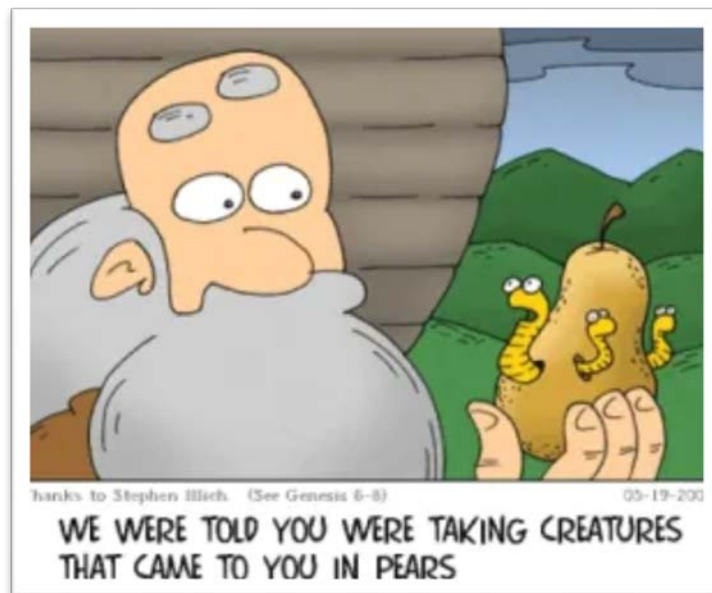
Thank you again for your investment in the Lord's ministry and in my life. Your prayers and financial support are what makes it possible to be here.

\*\*\*\*If you have any comments, questions, concerns, please feel free to message me on Facebook, email me at [sg060812@gmail.com](mailto:sg060812@gmail.com), text at 610-322-1323, or look up my webpage at <https://give.wol.org/sagallo>

**CROSS, TOMB, & RESURRECTION**

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# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:30pm N.A.	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Nar-Anon	<b>5</b> 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>6</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast 1:00pm Private Party
<b>7</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship	<b>8</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:30pm N.A.	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Nar-Anon	<b>12</b> 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>13</b> 8:30am Women's Breakfast
<b>14</b> Native American Ministries Sunday (special offering) <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Children's Bible Classes 10:00am Worship Little Blessings Recognition Day	<b>15</b> Pastor's Day Off 1:00pm Handy Hands	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Trustees mtg 7:30pm N.A.	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Nar-Anon	<b>19</b> 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Children's Bible Classes 10:00am Worship	<b>22</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:30pm N.A.	<b>25</b> 7:00pm Nar-Anon	<b>26</b> 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>27</b>
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