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Jesus Christ
and strengthen lives through Him!*

**Pastor Domingos
Fernando
September 2023
Newsletter**

This November is our 135th Anniversary!!

THE CHURCH HISTORY

Methodism in Norwood began in March, 1888, in a mission established by the Prospect Park Methodist Church in the vacant old Norwood Hotel located on the south side of Ridley Avenue, between Welcome Avenue and Chester Pike. Out of this mission grew the desire to build a Norwood Methodist Church, and the Norwood Church Building Association was formed. Mrs. William Hazzard donated a plot of ground and lumber was purchased. The men worked at night and in two weeks completed building a temporary chapel. The Ladies Aid Society was organized June 15, 1888, the first Trustees were elected by the Prospect Park Quarterly Conference on June 17, and the first regular meeting of the properly constituted Board was held October 9.

Membership and services grew so rapidly that erection of a new church building was necessary. The corner stone was laid on November 14, 1888 and the building was dedicated on April 10, 1898. It was decided that a more central location would enable the church to better serve the community, so moving of the church building to the corner of Chester Pike and Ridley Avenue began on November 23, 1908, and the new corner stone was put in place on December 13, 1908.

During the succeeding years, the increase in church and Sunday school attendance made it necessary to provide much larger facilities. The hopes of years were realized when the members and friends gathered for ground breaking exercises on June 7, 1924 and construction started immediately. The corner stone was laid on August 17, 1924 and the building was dedicated on November 1, 1925.

Due to continued growth, a building program was presented for constructing a religious educational building and making certain alterations to the present church building. It was approved by the congregation and the corner stone was laid September 11, 1955. Consecration by Bishop Corson took place December 18. History goes on. As each day and year passes on, it leaves behind it some worthwhile service performed. The Christian service begun by the founders of Norwood Methodist Church is continued by each new generation of Christians who accept the challenge and contribute to the advancement of Christianity. Allow God to reveal your part in His plan for building a new tomorrow for our community and world. As God loves us and gives us life abundantly, let us continue to share it with others.

Our Mission Statement

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

Scripture: ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:16)

A church anniversary celebration gives us many opportunities of:

Spiritual Reflection: Church anniversaries provide an opportunity for members of the congregation to reflect on the spiritual journey and growth of the church. It's a time to remember the church's founding principles and its mission.

Community Building: These celebrations often bring together current and former members of the church, fostering a sense of community and unity. It's a chance for people to reconnect and strengthen their bonds.

Gratitude and Thanksgiving: The church anniversary celebrations are a time to express gratitude to God for the blessings and guidance received throughout the church's history. It's a moment to give thanks for the growth of the congregation and the positive impact it has had on individuals and the community.

Renewal and Rededication: The church anniversaries serve as a call for renewal and rededication to the church's mission and values. It's an opportunity to recommit to the principles and goals of the church.

Outreach and Evangelism: we want also to have the church anniversary celebrations as an opportunities for outreach and evangelism. Churches may use these events to invite new members to join the congregation and share their faith with the wider community.

Cultural and Social Celebrations: as our UMC tradition we want the church anniversary celebrations to include cultural and social elements. These can include special religious services, musical performances, feasts, and community service projects.

Fundraising: We are also thinking of uses church anniversary celebrations as fundraising events to support the church's ongoing mission and maintenance. This can involve collecting donations or selling commemorative items.

We need your help! How would you like to celebrate? What are some things you'd like to see included in commemorating our anniversary? Please use the suggestion box or call 610-532-0982 or email Melanie (office admin) at numcoffice315@gmail.com.

"UBUNTU"

"I am because you are"

~ Pastor Domingos

Blue underlined text
in the newsletter is a link to
SAFE websites / forms. Click & explore!

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



Ongoing Prayer Needs

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
Brook & Natalie (Maggie McCans)	Susan Markow (John Jones)
Tracy Cangelosi	Mary (Gina Dukes)
Jim Chambers (Sally Vickers)	Liz Murray (Lynn Seidel)
Jerry & Barbara Chreiman	Rev. Bill Neff
Madeline Deane	Donna Riegel
Michael Fletcher (Lynn Seidel)	Ruth Schenkenberger
Sam & Dolores Getty	Sandra Shanahan
Bill & Anne Gibbs	Bernie, Bobbie & Katie Shimkus (Laura Welch)
Joan Glisson (Anna Glisson)	Sue (Mary Thompson)
Tommy Glisson	Michael Tate
Eugene Holt (John Venafra)	Jacob Tercha (Bobbi Blum)
Marla Hsu (Anna Glisson)	Joan Touhill (Lynn Seidel)
John & Terri Jones	Toya (Gina Dukes)
Miriam Martin	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

A.J.	Helen
Delano Anderson	Jim
Joyce Anderson	Dan McGee
Judy Arrants	Joan Schaefer
Vickie Boyle	Lynn Seidel
Vivian Forry	Sharon
Ed & Michael	Liz Stewart
Edie	Taylor
Girl wearing Satan worship t-shirt	Torbin
	Tony Tursi

Residing in Retirement Care & Nursing Homes
 Bob Nelson – Broomall Rehab & Nursing Ctr




Jane Hutchinson 2
 Mary Thompson 5
 Michelle Griffith 8
 Deborah Choi..... 10
 Dick Goldsborough 11
 Vivian Forry 16
 Monica Paye 19
 Joyce Parcell 21
 Breindel Agudzi-Baidoo 24
 Logan Dreyer 26
 Lynn Crump 31
 Melanie Passarella..... 31

September Birthdays!

Anna Louise Buchanan 3
 Randy Gibbs..... 4
 Joseph Choi 9
 Holly Goldsborough 9
 Anna Glisson 16
 Kurt Schaefer Jr 20
 Melissa Hooper 21
 Stephanie Beckett Bartolomeo 24
 Carly Dixon 24
 Roland Dixon 26
 William Gibbs 28
 Kurt Schaefer, Sr 30





Brendan Shanahan,
 96 East Baltimore Ave Apt F,
 Lansdown, PA 19050-2210

The Rev. and Mrs. DongJin Choi
 704 Lincoln Gardens
 Ephrata, Pennsylvania 17522

PARENTS' CORNER

YELLING ISN'T NECESSARY—BUT FIRMNESS IS

Posted on 26 Mar in [Coaching Program](#), [Emotions](#), [Heart Work](#) by [scott turansky](#); Dr. Scott Turansky

Some parents believe that the only way to be firm is to be harsh. But firmness and harshness are very different.

Firmness says that a boundary is secure and won't be crossed without a consequence. Harshness, on the other hand, uses angry words and emotional intensity to make children believe that parents mean what they say. Ask yourself an important question about your own parenting. What cues do you give your kids that you mean business? Is it anger or is it firmness? If you find yourself using harshness, take time to reevaluate your response. More action and less yelling can go a long way to bring about significant change.

NOTE: Please see the video at the bottom of this post to hear Dr. Turansky share more.

For some, this is such a new concept that they have trouble grabbing onto it. One mom said, "The thought of separating firmness from harshness is like listening to a foreign language—it sounds nice but doesn't make any sense."

TWO STARTING POINTS

How do you make the change to using firmness without harshness? Two things will help you remove harshness from your interaction with your children: Dialogue less and show less emotion. Don't misunderstand; talking to your kids is good most of the time because it strengthens relational bonds between parent and child. And of course showing emotion is helpful because it can communicate empathy.

However, in an attempt to build relationship, some parents spend too much time dialoguing about instructions. They try to defend their words, persuade their children to do what they're told, or logically explain the value of obeying.

This is often counterproductive and teaches children how to resist more. Parents then resort to anger to end the discussion, complicating matters further.

"But," one mom said, "I thought talking and showing emotion are signs of a healthy family, leading to closeness in family life." And that is true when they're used in the right way. Unfortunately, when added to the instruction process, these two ingredients often confuse children and don't give them the clear boundaries they need. These are two good things, just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Part of the problem is that anger often works. It quiets children, moves them toward the car when it's time to go, and motivates them to clean their rooms. But anger and harshness have a downside. They damage relationship and build walls of resistance in children over time.

SON, YOU HAVE A PROBLEM

A good correction routine teaches children that they must change. Their current course of action won't work. It's unacceptable and needs adjusting. Unfortunately, the clear message that the child has a problem and needs to work on it is sometimes missed because of parental anger. A parent's harshness can confuse the learning process. Instead of thinking, "I'm here taking a Break because I did something wrong," the child thinks, "I'm here taking a Break because I made Mom mad."

The child's focus changes from correcting what he or she did wrong to avoiding parental anger. It's important to remember that your anger is helpful for identifying problems but not good for solving them. When you're tempted to respond harshly, be careful to take a moment and think about what you're trying to teach in the situation. It's easy to react with anger when your kids do the wrong thing, but it's more helpful to move into a constructive correction routine.

Firmness requires action, not anger. Having a toolbox of consequences is important to help move children along in life. It's not optional. Some parents use anger as their consequence. These parents need more tools that will help their children make lasting changes. In fact, we would suggest that parents who don't have tools and who don't have a plan use anger to solve problems.

Responding with anger is often a form of revenge. Anger at kids may seem justified but is rarely wise whereas firmness lends itself well to teaching children what to do right and motivating them to do it. Harshness gives a wrong message to kids. For example, Dad yells, "I've had it! I called you five times and you didn't come, so I'm not taking you to the party!"

MIXED SIGNALS SLOW DOWN CHANGE

The child gets a mixed signal. Is missing the party the consequence for not coming when called, or is it the consequence for making Dad angry? Children who grow up with explosive parents learn to focus more on pleasing people than on living with convictions about right and wrong. Instead of asking the question, "What is the right thing to do here?" they ask the question, "How can I maneuver through this situation without making anyone upset?" They may learn to make changes in life, but not because they're determined to do what's right. Rather,

they make changes to avoid upsetting people; they become people pleasers or just plain sneaky. Kids then believe that what they did was okay as long as Mom or Dad didn't find out. As long as no one got angry, then there's no problem.

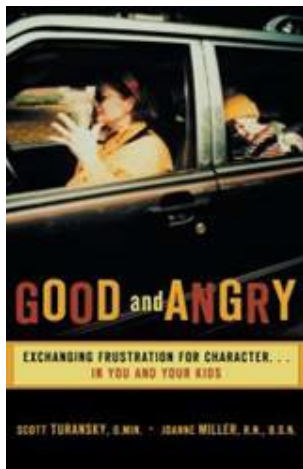
When you make a mistake and correct in anger, it's important to come back to your child and talk about it afterwards. Clarify what was wrong, why the consequence was given, and apologize for your harshness.

Proverbs 14:1 gives an insightful proverb. It says, "The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down." Obviously the tearing down of a house can happen by a father or a mother. The inner strength of emotional control not only guides children and builds them up in a positive direction, but it creates greater closeness in relationships.

Proverbs 15:1 is also helpful when it says, "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Keep in mind that harshness gets in the way of the growth you want to see in your children and in your relationships.

Children need firmness, direction, limit-setting, instruction, and correction. But don't forget, they also need a lot of love. [See Dr. Turansky's blog here on How to Love your Kids when they need correction](#)

THE SEVEN PARENTING TOOLS



There are seven tools in the Biblical Parenting Coaching Program used to bring about major changes in children. Each parent needs to adjust the recipe using the seven tools in order to reach a child's heart. Trained coaches are available to help you develop that recipe and implement it with your unique child. The second tool is FIRMNESS. The others are RELATIONSHIP,

VISIONING, PRAYER, COACHING, TEACHING, and TRANSFERRING RESPONSIBILITY. Learn more about the Biblical Parenting Coaching Program [HERE](#). You also might like the book we wrote called [Good and Angry: Exchanging Frustration for Character in You and Your Kids](#). It's a very proactive and practical book that gives parents actual strategies for change.

Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller, RN, BSN teach live parenting seminars around the country. They have written 15 books on parenting and have created five

video training programs for parents. You may learn more at www.biblicalparenting.org. or www.thrivingkidsconnection.com

Here is the Facebook live video for blogpost: (below is the YouTube link)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=AIDSYW9ieJQ&t=7s&ab_c_hannel=BiblicalParenting



... schedule **ends** September 3. 10:00 am to 11:00 am. We will return upstairs to the Sanctuary on September 10.

**Sunday School Classes begin
September 17, 2023**

Adult Sunday School class - 9:00-9:45 am:
Adult class meets in the Chapel

Children's Bible classes - 10:00-11:00 am
For parents attending 10am worship service, we offer two kids' classes:

Little Sprouts Bible Time / ages 0 -5 yrs; and
Bible Bunch for Kids / ages 6-12 yrs

*classes will meet during worship service. Children will be dismissed from the Sanctuary with their teachers. Both classes will have a Bible lesson every Sunday except for the Sundays designated for Krystal Bell practice. We encourage you to have your children participate in all the classes. **The Krystal Bell practices** are October 1st, 29th November 5th , December 3rd, and December 24th. The children will be playing the Krystal Bells in the Christmas Eve candlelight service on December 24, 2023. ~ NUMC Commission on Education*

Liturgist / Scripture Schedule

Sun	Mo.	Scripture Reading
1st	SEP	Jeremiah Anderson
2nd	SEP	Bill Shanahan
3rd	SEP	Jim Vickers
4th	SEP	Bill Fisher

VBS 2023 Follow-up



This year's V.B.S. theme was Keepers of the Kingdom: Stand Strong in Today's Battle for Truth! The children discovered that the world has two kingdoms: one of light, ruled by the good king – Creator GOD – and the other ruled by the enemy, Satan, ruler of darkness.

To help them stand strong, they were introduced to the Amour of GOD which consists of the Sandals of Peace, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Helmet of Salvation, the Belt of Truth, the Shield of Faith and the Sword of the Spirit – Ephesians 6:14-17. A child can be fitted to do battle with the evils of the world by being armed through prayer and Bible reading.

There were two mission projects to which the children contributed. Their offering went to provide meals and spiritual guidance to poverty-stricken children and their families in five countries through the Children's Hunger Fund. A total of \$325.63 was collected which represented 1,304 meals to be delivered!

School supplies were also given and will aid John Clifford's Greenhouse Project ministry in Chester. Each year the V.B.S attempts to support one foreign and one home mission.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, V.B.S. operated with a very small staff this summer. However, the children had an enjoyable and successful learning experience.

Below are the names who put in much time and effort and to whom goes much thanks:

Pre-K and K - Maggie McCans, Paige Myers, Tristian Foreacre, Leah Magee

Primary - Rochelle Amadio, Shelly Griffith

Middler - Sally Vickers, Jim Vickers, Stacy Foreacre, Delano Anderson

Junior - Anna Glisson, Mary Lou Smith, Lynn Crump, Randy Gibbs

Opening Session and Missions - Lynn Crump

Skit - Randy Gibbs, Lynn Crump

Host - Jim Vickers

Secretary-Treasurer - Lynda Stine

Refreshments - Judy Boutilier, Art Caballero

Video - Bob Gibbs

Photographer - Ashley Gibbs

-V.B.S. Committee

Norwood Community Day Sat. 9/16. 8a-2p.

Need volunteers to represent Little Blessings and the church. Help set up table and tent, man the table, pack up. Call 610-565-0924 or jimsallyvickers@verizon.net



FREE

Community Event Night

*** visit our website for featured monthly activity ***



September 17, 2023

**5:30 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Movie**

Held at

Norwood United Methodist Church

315 Chester Pike, Norwood / www.NorwoodUMC.org

KIDS' STUFF CONSIGNMENT SALE & CHRISTMAS

CORNER - Saturday, October 28, 9a - 1p. Half price

12p-1p. Proceeds benefit Little Blessings Christian

Preschool. Call 610-565-0924 or

jimsallyvickers@verizon.net.

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

-our local food bank-a ministry of the Prospect Hill

Baptist Church-desperately **needs crackers**

of any kind. Please bring what you can and

leave on table next to kitchen door. *This is an*

opportunity to show our thankfulness for all God has

given to us.



September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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Worship

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

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