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# Air Hill Breezes

The Source of our Hope:  
Tomorrow or Christ

Throughout the ages people have been predicting the Second Coming of Christ. Each generation has considered itself to be the last age before the final great battle and the establishment of God's Kingdom.

Our own age has not been an exception to this pattern. In 1970 a popular book entitled, "The Late Great Planet Earth" identified the Soviet Union as the beast and promoted hardline Cold War politics in the name of evangelical Christianity. Its reading of Revelation was disconfirmed after the demise of the Soviet Union and the collapse of the Iron Curtain.

Another example was two books written by Edgar Whisenant in the late 1980's. The first book sold 30,000 copies and claimed to predict the present year to be the time of the rapture. After failing to accurately predict the rapture, he then wrote another book and made a second try and failed again at a prediction. This book sold more than 4.3 million copies.

Another prediction occurred during the Gulf war and when the 20th century was about to come to an end. During the beginning of the Gulf War in 1991, there was a feverish speculation that this might lead to the great final battle (Rev. 16:14-16). Others were saying that the beginning of the new century, the year 2000, was the time and the Y2K problem was evidence of the beginning of chaos.

Throughout the centuries the results of such predictions have remained the same. They have all been wrong. History has continued, while the prediction of the interpreters were sent to the junkyard. Yet history's inexorable disconfirmation of all such attempts never seems to discourage new generations of readers from thinking that now at last the pattern of events concealed in Revelation's mysterious symbolism were coming to light.

I have come to the conclusion that often this drive within folks for the end times is based upon their own pains and feeling of hopelessness. As Martin Luther said in describing his century, "I hope that the day is near at hand when the advent of the great God will appear, for all things everywhere are boiling, burning, moving, falling, sinking, groaning." Many Christians long for the Rapture, not because of the intense love for Jesus, but because it symbolizes an escape from the distress of our age.

The Bible tells us that our hope for deliverance from the struggles of this world is not in the future but in Christ. Our strength is found in the presence of the indwelling Christ: "In the world you will have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). He has already won the battle through His death and resurrection (Revelation 12:10-11), and His presence that leads us on, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me (Psalms 23).

Someday history will come to an end. He will return and there will be a new heaven and a new earth. But as Christians this hope for a new tomorrow is not our greatest aspiration. Our hope, strength, joy, and motivation are found right now in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Chuck

## MEET THE LEDFORDS



Chris and Ann Ledford have been attending Air Hill since January, 2013. Chris is an owner operator of a 1988 Kenworth T800. He hauls rail containers for JB Hunt; working in the Greencastle to Harrisburg area, shipping by CSX and Norfolk Southern Railroads. Prior to trucking, he was involved in carpentry and mechanics.

Chris grew up in Frederick, MD., and attended with his family a variety of churches, including Southern Baptist, Pentecostal, Methodist, and Catholic. Religion was always a high priority with his family. After graduating from North Hagerstown High School, he joined the Army, but, regrettably, after just 2 years of service, he received an honorable medical discharge. He attended Penn Foster College and has a degree in ATV motorcycle, small engine repairs. He attributes much of his learning to trial and error from the school of hard knocks.

Ann grew up in Hagerstown, MD., and graduated from South Hagerstown High School. She attended church with friends of her family and was saved in a Brethren Church @ age 9. She attended college in Vermont, majoring in creative writing and literature. She is just an internship away from her paralegal degree.

Ann is a "stay at home mom" of their three children and a party planner. She has planned baby and bridal showers and birthday parties, mostly for family members. Her catering menu ranges from simple to elaborate. Ann's hobbies include cooking, scrapbooking and writing poetry. She feels one of her greatest achievements is that she is a published poet. At 18 years of age, through a poetry contest, she had her first of three poems published. Some of her family's favorite dishes are peach chicken and Hunter's smoked BBQ salmon.

Chris and Ann met when Ann was 14 and was working at Burger Park. Through God's intervention, their paths crossed off and on for about 10 yrs. The event that really brought Ann into Chris' life was his serious motorcycle accident on Sept. 11, 2004, that left him with 2 shattered arms and a helmet scar above his left eye. After a 2 week hospitalization, Chris lived with his parents for nearly a year during his recovery. At this point, Ann was working at the video store where Chris went to rent videos during his recuperation.

They were married in Winchester, VA., in May 2006. They are the parents of 3 sons; 1 yr. old Patrick, and Hunter & Sebastian, both of whom are 7 yrs. old. Hunter was born in February and Sebastian in November of 2007. Hunter and Sebastain attend Lurgan Elem. The family pets are a guinea pig, tree frog and fish.

It was through the Good News Club that they became acquainted with Air Hill and liked the "warm welcome" that Air Hill extended to them and have been enjoying worshipping and fellowshiping with us.

Chris says, "How can you say, There is no God?", when they see God's hand in their lives and in the sequence of events that have formed rich full lives for both he and Ann.

Submitted by Lois Denlinger

The Land Use Committee requests that each of us pray about how the newly acquired land behind the church can be used to enrich the ministry's of Air Hill BIC Church. We are asking for you to share any ideas you may have with the Land Use Committee members or in writing submit your ideas through the church office mail box.

Thank you

Land Use Committee Members  
Chris Rickabaugh, Jeffrey Wiley,  
Larry Goshorn and Sito Montano

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- \* **Jan. 18, 2015:** Council Meeting
- \* **Feb. 13-15:** Youth at Snow Camp
- \* **Feb. 14, 2015:** Lamplighters Valentine Banquet with Elva Hurst, Chalk Artist
- \* **Feb. 28, 2015:** Sportsman Banquet with Tracey Breen, a full-time outdoor writer.
- \* **March 10-14, 2015:** Church Pictorial Directory

## **ZUMBA** *with a conservative slant*

**Beginning Jan. 8, 2015**

**For Ladies 13 yrs. and older**

**Time: 6-7 pm in the Gym**

**Cost: \$5/family (family being mother/daughter under 18 living at home)**

**What to Bring: Small hand weights if you have them.**



## **SPORTSMAN'S POTLUCK BANQUET**

**FEBRUARY 28, 2015**

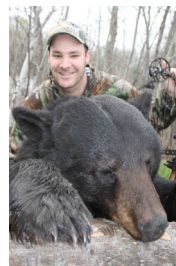
Meal begins @ 5:30 pm

**GUEST SPEAKER: TRACY BREEN**



Sign up now to reserve your seats. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Questions?...See Tim Poe or Todd Bender



### **PANERA BREAD**

Do you enjoy the benefits of Panera Bread Donations?

We are looking for a few more couples to volunteer to pick up the donations on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday nights. Contact the church office!





## **SPICE**

The Sponsorship Program for International Children's Education (SPICE) is a cooperative effort led by Brethren in Christ in India and Nepal and supported by Brethren in Christ World Missions. SPICE exists to provide educational access to underprivileged children in a Christian hostel experience.



Established by Brethren in Christ Missionaries in the 1960s, the program began as an outreach to children in India. As the BIC Church in India experienced dramatic growth over the next decades, so did SPICE. Today, the program serves nearly 1,000 children at nine hostels located in Nepal, as well as Bihar and Odisha (formerly Orissa), India. These children, who range in age from 5 to 18 years old, come mostly from rural communities. Often, they do not have access to education, either because the local schools are so far away or because they do not have the resources necessary to fund their education. If it were not for the generous donations to SPICE, many of these children would never have the opportunity to attend school.

As part of the SPICE program, however, they are able to live in hostels located near government schools and to receive loving, holistic care that includes nutritious meals, clean water, and a nurturing staff. Additionally, each hostel is located near Brethren in Christ Church, where the children join in worship.

It is this merging of educational instruction and spiritual enrichment that makes SPICE so effective and so unique. Many of the current leaders in the Indian and Nepali churches have come from these hostels. These leaders are now serving as teachers, local officials, evangelists, church planters, pastors, and church administrators.

In addition to helping raise up leaders, SPICE also serves as an encouragement to believers in both India and Nepal, where Christians experience extreme pressure and even persecution just because they follow Jesus. Helping children to be strong in Christian faith is one way to partner with our brothers and sisters in these countries.

<http://www.bic-church.org/wm/spice/about.asp>

### REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW: THE ORDINATION OF PASTOR CHUCK NAYLOR

The people attending the morning worship service at Air Hill Church on November 23, 2014 were fortunate as we witnessed our pastor being ordained as a Brethren in Christ minister. It was the culmination of the credentialing process mandated by the Commission on Ministry and Doctrine. This is the committee responsible for providing the standards and requirements for Brethren in Christ ministerial ordination.

Hopefully, our congregation recognized the significance of this service in the life of our church and that it will help to develop a better understanding of the call to ministry along with the spiritual gifts given to a pastor. The *Manual of Doctrine and Government of the Brethren in Christ Church* notes that "Ordination is the church's endorsement of a person to specific ministry in the life of the denomination and the setting apart for particular service. It is recognition of God's gifting and empowerment and of one's renewed dedication and commitment."

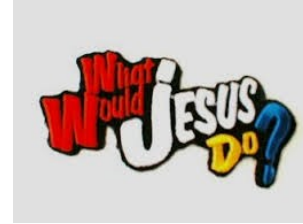
The presence of Bishop Rob Patterson and his participation in the service added to its solemnity. The ritual of ordination administered to our pastor reminded us of the importance in believing that both the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God. Further, the teachings and practices of the Brethren in Christ contain the doctrines taught in the Holy Scripture.

An added dimension of the service was the manner in which the pastoral family was included in the service. Mickey participated in the ritual of ordination and Jonathan preached the ordination sermon. Ethan's contribution was leading the pastoral prayer and Abbey pronounced the benediction. This is an illustration of cohesiveness within our pastoral family and sets a good example of family relationships which should be followed.

Submitted by Avery Zook

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### Sunday School is Cool



In Sunday School, our children are learning about following Jesus' example of obedience and when they have choices to make to ask themselves "What would Jesus do?" God gives us instructions in His Word because He loves us and wants us to live a full and enjoyable life. "Teach me your way, O Lord." Psalm 86:11



On Dec. 13, 2014, the Children's Ministries hosted a CHRISTMAS FAMILY DINNER AND PROGRAM. 340 people were in attendance from our church and community. Our program featured children from our Sunday School, WOW (Wednesday Eve. Club Program) and Good News Club (children from Grandview and Scotland Elem. Schools)

First we praise the LORD for the opportunity He has given this church to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with children.

Secondly, on behalf of the Children's Ministries, thank you to everyone involved in making this opportunity a pleasant and meaningful time.



# WOW

Some of our members have disabilities or barriers that prevent them from participating in worship at Air Hill. We at WOW believe it would be their fondest desire to not be home-bound during this most joyous time of worship in our church. With this in mind, the children of WOW headed out to homes, assisted living and nursing facilities all over the county on the evening of December 17<sup>th</sup> to spread some Christmas cheer. The children and adults took great joy in reading the Christmas story, singing carols and presenting a homemade gift to nine members of our church that are no longer able to get out and about. It was a wonderful evening and I believe the children learned the joy of showing God's love to these wonderful folks.

All of us from WOW pray that God blesses you with a happy and healthy New Year!

Susan Montano

# YOUTH PAGE

## New Heights Youth Group

Grades 6-12

Meeting every Wednesday at  
6:30 pm



## Monthly Passage

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago)

- Luke 1:68-70

## Happy New Year

In Czech they have a word, pohode, that means that life is as it should be or that we are satisfied with how life is going right now. It does not mean that everything is perfect. It does not mean that things are discouraging, but rather it means that I am ok with and dealing with how life is right now. That is my prayer for all of you this year. Not that life is perfect in our materialistic way of looking at life often times, but rather that we seek God in a way that allows us to be satisfied where he has us right now in life. May God bless you with his presence in 2015



## New Year's Eve

**6 pm to 2:30 am**

Join us at the church at 6:00 pm for pizza and games. Then at 10 pm we will go to Nellie Fox to bowl until 2 am and welcome in the New Year together. Bring \$5 and a snack to share!



This year has been a very busy year at the Center. We have had to date:

- 989 Appointments
- 134 Pregnancy Tests (24 negative, 110 positive)
- 9 Professions of Faith
- 1 Rededication of Faith
- 48 Ultrasounds

We have been blessed by numerous items donated. Many churches have done a "diaper-drive" and brought us boxes and boxes of diapers to be given to clients. We have given out 410 furniture items this past year which includes pack-n-plays, swings, high chairs, strollers and car seats.

Thank you and May God Bless you!



Recognize anyone in this picture?  
Sissi, who lives with Pastor Chuck, Mickey and Abbey and attends Shalom went on a mission trip to serve the Lakota People in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. You can check out the story at:  
<http://shalomca.com/the-scroll/>

To the Air hill BIC Church :-

I would like to thank you for sending your beloved Pastor Chuck to India. He was a great teacher and his teaching has blessed our pastors. Hope he has shared his experience with you. May the Lord encourage all of you and enlarge your vision for the global ministry.

If the Lord willing, I am planning to visit and share with you next year in August 2015, as we are planning to attend the Mennonite World Conference in Harrisburg, PA next year.

Thanking you,

Yours in Christ,

**Rev. Bijoy K. Roul** Director, BIC Church Odisha India



**WELCOME HOME  
MARILYN RUTH!!**

**You were missed!**



**A NEW YEAR'S PROMISE**

Another year I enter  
Its history unknown;  
Oh, how my feet would tremble  
To tread its paths alone!  
But I have heard a whisper;  
I know I shall be blest;  
"My presence shall go with thee  
And I will give you rest"

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