

**November 2015**

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# Air Hill Breezes

## Joy in Troubles

James 1:2 “consider it pure joy, whenever you face trials.”

There was a pastor in Florida who used to have count-it-all-joy parties every now and then. He so believed God’s promise about troubles, that when he would face a difficult situation, he would call friends over to his house for a party. He’d say, “I want you to come over to my house for a party.” They’d say, “Oh, is it a birthday?” “No,” he would say. “Uh, you got a promotion?” they would continue. “No,” he’d say. “What’s the occasion” they would finally ask.

“Well,” he’d say, “I’m going through this incredibly difficult crisis right now, and I’m having a count-it-all-joy party. We’re going to celebrate the difficulty, because I know that this difficulty is going to bring something of special value to my life. I don’t know what it is yet, but I want you to come and count it all joy with me.”

Have any of you ever thrown a count-it-all-joy party? I haven’t. To tell you the truth, it’s tough to consider a difficult situation as pure joy. I react more like King David on the subject of suffering. My prayers are often like his from the 13<sup>th</sup> Psalm, “How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?...Look on me and answer, O Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death.”

In the midst of trials and suffering, I find myself being depressed or discouraged, not rejoicing. I want to give up not go on.

But yet in the midst of my low feelings, God is still present. Maybe this is where the joy comes from—that my feelings, in the midst of a valley, are not strong enough to chase away God. My reaction to pain does not have the power to control God. God is still stronger.

David tells us in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.” Notice David does not say that he “fears no evil because he is with God,” but because “God is with Him.”

The source of joy for a Christian, in the midst of a struggle, is the steadfast presence of God. The joy is, not that we are so faithful, but, that He is faithful.

Maybe this is why David could end the 13<sup>th</sup> Psalm on a positive note. He writes, “But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, for He has been good to me.” David’s change in heart came because God changed it. God brought hope. In the midst of His complaining, God was still holding Him and comforting Him.

God will not be controlled by our cries of anger in the midst of pain. He is stronger. Hebrews 13:5 reads, “God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’”

Submitted by Pastor Chuck

## THANKSGIVING TRIVIA

1. The first Thanksgiving celebration in 1621 lasted for three days, it included not only food, but also games. Furthermore, the Pilgrims gave thanks for the bountiful harvest with the Wampanoag Indians.
2. Pulling the "wishbone" is an ageless tradition at Thanksgiving (and Christmas). Two people pull the turkey's breastbone apart, only the person who has the larger piece of bone is allowed to make a wish.
3. A full-grown turkey has over 3,000 feathers.
4. [Firkee](#) is the Native American name for this tasty bird. Firkee sounds a bit like turkey.
5. When a Tom turkey [male turkey] gobbles, it can be heard from as far away as a mile. In fact, only the Tom turkeys gobble, female turkeys make a clucking or clicking sound.
6. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the second Monday in October in Canada.
7. Benjamin Franklin, proposed that the turkey should become the official bird of the United States. Turkeys now look jealously at the protected rights given to the Bald Eagle when they won the Official USA Bird status.
8. 87% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving according to the National Turkey Federation. During a year the average American eats 17 pounds of turkey, that's the weight of a decent sized bird.
9. Sorry to burst the bubble, but the Pilgrims on the first thanksgiving ate deer and not turkey.



### Christmas Family Dinner/Program

Dec. 12, 2015

Meal: 5:00 pm

Program: 6:15 pm

Pastor Chuck has volunteered to lead our children in a bell choir for our Christmas Program.

You won't want to miss it.



### Thanksgiving Humor

Why did the turkey cross the road?  
It was the chicken's day off.

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?  
Pilgrims.



Even for a turkey, Tommy wasn't very bright.

“But these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”

John 20:31

# Nippon NEWSFLASH



Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you all once again for your continued support of the work God is doing here in Japan! It is hard to believe that we are already on week 7 of this 8 week term!

I praise the Lord for the opportunities He is giving us as staff this term to help our students understand what it means to become a Christian, to have assurance of salvation, to share their testimonies, to act on the truth of the Word of God and not our feelings and to desperately need the Word of God every day of our lives. These are just a few of the major topics that have come to light this term that God has given us opportunities to teach on and live out.

Due to teaching our students about these things, it has also been a challenge for me to examine my own heart and life. God has been reminding me recently about my desperate need for Him each day. Christ said that He is the “Bread of Life.” We all eat about three times a day. We need physical food to sustain our physical bodies. Even more so we need the Word of God as spiritual food to feed us spiritually. When I just barely fit time with God into my schedule, or leave it till the last thing I do before I go sleep at night, I am communicating to God through my actions that His Word and time with Him is not very important. It is pride to think that I am okay and I can make it through my day pretty well without Him, and only try to squeeze Him in somewhere. I want to be desperate for the Lord each day, believing that I can do nothing without Him. The flesh is strong and a real enemy awaits to destroy me, that is why I so desperately need the Lord. I thank God for how He challenges my own heart through the things I am teaching and sharing with the students here.

I hope this was an encouragement to you as well as you plan your schedule each day. He deserves the first fruits of our time and energy.

Sincerely,

Karina Thrush

## Upcoming Events:

October 17-24: Mid-term break

December 4: Fall term ends

December 10: Fly home

## Prayer & Praises:

Wisdom in taking opportunities to share truth with our students.

Staff unity and teamwork.

Direction as I begin to pray and seek out the next step for the future.





## BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH

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October 19, 2015

*Dear Prayer Partners,*

Greetings to you in His Precious Name.

I am writing this report with a heavy heart. For the last several weeks our believers are going through very difficult time. In Balasore and Mayurbhanj District, in two villages the local militant people have attacked our believers. In Balasore district, the militant people had locked up the believers in a room for 15 hours. We had to take the help of the Police to open the house. In another district, the militant villagers, have attacked one of our Ho believers and given them one week time to change their faith. If they don't come back, they have to face the consequences. Because of the present situation it is very hard for our church planters to visit the non-Christian villages and share the Gospel. Please keep praying for the protection of our staff.

We would like to praise God for what He has been doing in Odisha in spite of severe persecution. We had to change the strategy. In the village churches, where there is lot of restriction for our staff to visit the churches or attend other church activities. We are training the local leaders to visit these villages, take the church service and to do the Outreach work. As the result of our Outreach, several people have accepted the Lord. Enclosed some photographs for your kind information:



Another prayer request is that our staff are going through very difficult time because of the financial problem. Now the prices of general commodities have gone up 4 times more and it is very difficult for the staff to maintain their families. We solicit your valuable prayers and support.

With Prayers,

*Rev. Dr. B. K. Roul*

# MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

This winter I will be traveling to Zimbabwe to serve on a 2-month mission trip to work with Lance and Elizabeth Edwards. They are missionaries in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. My work will involve primarily hand drilling wells for the natives of that area along with a few other agricultural based efforts.

I plan on leaving sometime during the beginning of January and returning back sometime around March 8.

Please join me in prayer as I continue to seek God's wisdom with this decision. To raise the funds I'll need for this trip, I will be hosting a breakfast fundraiser:

A Pancake and Sausage breakfast will be held on

Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

7:00-10:30

We will be serving Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes, and French Toast

Along with a variety of Coffee and Drinks.

This breakfast fund raiser will help me reach my financial goal and all proceeds will be used toward my two month trip.

Please join me in prayer for this opportunity that God has placed before me so I can continue to walk in the path that He has laid before me.

If you wish to give by check, please make it out to Air Hill BIC and memo Zimbabwe Mission Trip.

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Thank you, Ryan Thrush





## Thank You Property Managers!

The Property Managers have been very busy throughout this year.

Some recent projects have been:

- Storage Closet in the back of the kitchen.
- Continuing to work on the elevator.
- Put shelving up for storage in the old Children's Sunday School area.
- Work Days inside and outside the church.
- TV's being installed in Sunday School rooms.
- Mowed a walking/fitness trail around the perimeter of the property.
  - Walking counterclockwise, beginning at the graveyard on the church side and walking the perimeter including the perimeter of the parking lot equals:
    - .57 miles
    - 7 Flights
    - Approx. 1336 steps

Feel free to take a walk and enjoy the sights of God's creation around the church. Listen to praise music, sing and have yourself your own worship time.



Keep our church in your prayers as they plan a missions trip to Merritt Island Florida to help

work on projects at Teens Missions. This group of adults plan to leave Nov. 15th and return on Nov. 21.



Total raised to date: \$7987.45

### THANK YOU

To continue giving to this project, please designate on your giving envelope in the "special for" section by writing Bunk Beds

### Protect Your Family from Pornography

We live in an age when pornography is available at the push of a button. X3watch is a computer program that can block these sites. It also sets up an accountability that if the user tries to go to an inappropriate site a friend or family member is emailed. More information can be found at <http://x3watch.com/premium-support/>

### This Month Missionaries Birthdays:

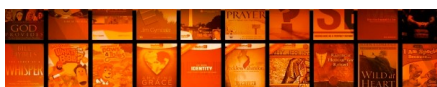
Don't forget to send a card or email

Judy Crider—11/20  
Shawna Myers—11/23

## Church Board Highlights

Sept. 21, 2015

- 2016 Budget is being worked on.
- Finance Committee will present budget to church board in Nov.
- Pastor Chuck will continue to chair the Personnel Committee. Still looking for a chair.
- Persons asked to chair Hospitality have declined. Still looking for a chair.
- Budget Council is scheduled for Dec. 13 following Worship Service.
- Worship Committee needs to invite someone to lead worship 1 or 2 Sundays a month. They will be paid from the Worship Leaders Account.
- Child Protection Policy was updated and approved.



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They also have a great library of Christian Children's TV shows and movies including: McGee and Me, 321 Penguins, Iesodo, Veggie Tales, Adventures in Odyssey and much, much more.

Air Hill is a member of Rightnowmedia.org. This is something that is free to anyone part of our church in any way. If you would like to check it out, let the church office know and we will send you an invitation through email and you can see all that they have to offer. Check it out and I think you will enjoy what you discover. You can watch rightnowmedia on Roku, smart TV's, iPhones, Android or on your computer.

## **Scripture, the Record of Revelation**

The Christian Scriptures complete the revelation of God. They recount and interpret God's action in creation, in human events, in God's saving acts for Israel, in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and in the life of the New Testament church.

The Scriptures are God's message, written by people in their own language and settings, as inspired by the Holy Spirit. This same Spirit guided the processes of selection and transcription through which the Scriptures were passed on to us. Therefore the Bible is the authoritative and reliable Word of God.

We believe that the Bible, composed of the Old Testament (39 books) and the New Testament (27 books), is God's written Word. The Old Testament is the record of God's saving acts for Israel and of His redemptive purpose for all people. It contains numerous prophecies, many of which are fulfilled in the New Testament. The New Testament clearly reveals God in the person and work of Jesus Christ, whom God sent to be the Savior of the world and to establish His church.

(Copied from the Manual of Doctrine & Government of the Brethren In Christ Church)



# New Heights Youth

## CRC 2015



From Oct. 16th-18th 26 youth and youth leaders went to Christian Retreat Center for our annual weekend retreat. It was the best weekend of the year for those in attendance. We played crazy games - like the inner tube game and cooney



over - stayed up late talking in our cabins, and laughed together about things like sky bears, Helga and Sadie's bionic leg. However, most importantly we got to worship God together and study his word through the direction of Eric Roth who was the speaker for the weekend. We looked at what it means to "Be Different." God has called us to be in the world, but to not be of the



world. Paul tells us not to conform but to be transformed in Romans. Jesus said that they will know we are his followers by our love for one another. All these things are ways to be different. We are called to be set apart, whether at work, at school or at home, our actions, our interactions and our reactions should all point others to our God and savior. Thank you to all of the



adults who gave up a weekend to come and invest in the lives of our youth. Keep praying that all of us can stay focused on God and implement everything we learned this weekend into our everyday lives.



## Craft & Bake Sale

Nov. 28 - 8 am to 2 pm

Please consider donating some baked goods to this youth fundraiser. Whoopie Pies, Pies, Buckeyes and other homemade baked items are always popular. 40+ vendors with candles, wreaths, knitted items, wooden items, baked goods and much, much more! Hope to see you there!

## New Heights Youth Group

**Wednesdays 6:30 to 8:00 pm**

**Students 6th to 12th Grade**

**Games, snacks and Bible lessons**

**Making friends and learning about God.**



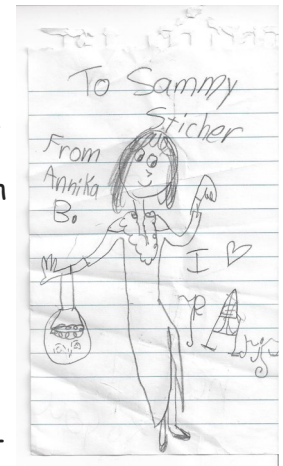
## Wednesday Evening Children's Club

Sammy Stitcher



About 18 years ago I became friends with Sandy Bender. We are such good friends that where you see one the other is probably not far away and we have given up on correcting people when they call us the other's name - we just answer to either. Sandy knows that if she asks me to help her out with anything I will do all within my power to help. Sometimes helping her takes me outside my comfort zone and she knows how much I like my safe little zone. For WOW this year she asked if I would help her with some skits. My immediate thought was NO! But I read over the skits and thought "Why Not". The audience is just kids. How bad could that be? Well, let me tell you. I was as nervous performing in front of them, and their leaders, as if I were performing in front of all of you! There were 5 skits, one for each week, which dealt with Peer Pressure, the first topic for WOW. I played Sammy Stitcher, a fashion designer who gives in to peer pressure and ends up losing a chance to win a very prestigious fashion contest. Each week I got a little more comfortable with my part. The kids were awesome. When I was told my outfits looked strange or funny some of the kids would always find something nice and positive to say to try to make me feel better. This past week was the last skit. Instead of wacky, crazy outfits I got to wear something normal and fashionable. Sandy and Sammy Stitcher (me) talked about peer pressure and the lesson I learned from my experience. Close to the end of the skit one girl jumped up and handed me a piece of paper. I finished the skit and left the room. When I saw what was on the paper I was so blown away. My first thoughts were that it is a picture of me but it could be a fashion sketch she did. I'm going with...it's me. I went back in to thank the girl and give her a big hug. One of the other girls came for a hug too which was cool in itself. I will always keep this little piece of paper to remind myself that even though I might be anxious, even though I can't really remember much about doing the skits after they were over, even though I really didn't want to do them, God used them to show me that the kids were watching and learning and absorbing what was happening in the skits even though the skits seemed rather silly to me. I was relieved when there were only 5 skits to do...but...the kids will be starting another topic "Worship" and there are 5 skits to go with it. Guess who will be playing the part of Barbara Blunder - a know-it-all tourist who has lost her way? Yep, me. Pray for me... I'm gonna need it. But more importantly - pray for the WOW kids and everyone who helps this activity be successful. I'm not sure who is getting more out of WOW - me or the kids.

Submitted by Tammy Wiley



Every Sunday From 9am to 10am

In Sunday School, as our children (K-5th grade) hear about the life of Joseph they will learn that God can give them strength to say "No" to temptations to sin and when they have trials, they can put their trust in God that He can take even our worst situations and bring good out of them. "The One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." I John 4:4

Our preschoolers will learn about how God chose David as king to lead His people because David loved and trusted in God and had a desire to please God. "With love, help each other." (See Galatians 5:13)

**We have started the year out with 107 children from Scotland and Grandview Elementary Schools in grades K-2nd.**



**67 of those 107 children do not attend church. Please pray that Air Hill can be used by God to reach these students with the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

# November

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<p><b>1</b> 9 S.S. 10 Worship</p> 	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 6:30 Men's Basketball</p>	<p><b>4</b> 5:45 Meal 6:30 WOW</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6:30 Ladies Zumba</p>	<p><b>6</b> 1:30 Good News Club</p>	<p><b>7</b> 8:30-2 Shepherd Equipping Seminar</p>
<p><b>8</b> 9 S.S. 10 Worship</p>	<p><b>9</b> 8:30 Sewing 7 pm Ministry Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b> 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 6 Prop. Mgt. 6:30 Men's Basketball 6:30 Ladies Prayer</p>	<p><b>11</b> 5:45 Meal 6:30 WOW</p>	<p><b>12</b> 6:30 Ladies Zumba</p>	<p><b>13</b> 1:30 Good News Club</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
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<p><b>22</b> 9 S.S. 10 Worship Gym in Use</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 6:30 Men's Basketball 6:30 Ladies Prayer</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> 	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> 
<p><b>29</b> 9 S.S. 10 Worship Des. Off: BIC Missions Gym in Use</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>					