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Air Hill Breezes



The Power of the Church

What is the greatest power of the church? Is it the programs? Is it the music? Is it the preaching? Is it the teaching? Is it great theology? Is it the vision and goals of the church?

Leonard Ravenhill, a Christian evangelist and author who focused on the subjects of prayer and revival, said, “The true church lives and moves and has its being in prayer.” He continues, “No man is greater than his prayer life. The pastor who is not praying is playing; the people who are not praying are straying. We have many organizers, but few agonizers; many players and payers, few pray-ers; many singers, few clingers; lots of pastors, few wrestlers; many fears, few tears; much fashion, little passion; many interferers, few intercessors; many writers, but few fighters. Failing here, we fail everywhere.”

What transforms a church? What transforms the people of God? It is the prayers of the people! We may have the best programs: We may have the most exciting ministries: We may have the most articulate and focused mission statement, vision, and goals: but if we are lacking in prayer we have a hollow church.

May I challenge you to pray for our church. To pray that God would give to us a tremendous out pouring of His Spirit. In this prayer what do we focus on? Again, as Ravenhill writes, “Why do we want God to come? Is it to increase our numbers, to keep our kids from the devil, or are we jealous for God’s glory? For that is what revival is—an invasion of God by the Spirit.”

Recently we started a new ministry in the church called the “Abraham Ministry.” It is the call to prayer. It is a call for individuals to commit themselves to daily pray “for our Pastors, our Children Ministries Coordinator and all who teach in our Christian Ed. Department, for those in the Music Ministry, for a new moving of the Holy Spirit, and for unity.”

I hope you will join with many of us within the church in prayer. If you would be a part of this ministry the office has a prayer card available to serve as a reminder. This card can be set someplace that you frequently will see it as a reminder to pray.

May God pour forth an invasion of Him upon us!



UPDATE FROM KARINA THRUSH IN JAPAN

"You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve Him and hold fast to Him...He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen."

Deuteronomy 10:20-21

Nippon NEWSFLASH

Dear Family and Friends,

"Hello" from Japan once again! Praise the Lord for safe travels! I arrived back in Japan on March 2nd around 3:00 pm Japan time. For the first week, I will be cooking for the interns that are here at SYME as they begin planning for their outreach events. On March 10, the rest of the staff will join us and we will prepare for our school spring term on March 18th. So far the Lord has brought us 11 students for our spring term!

Today is the first day back to our kid's English class in town. Our director, Mr. Derek, had been leading the class while we were away because he lives in Japan. I am excited to be able to work with the kids again. We teach them English for one hour each week. During the first half hour we play English games with them and sing English songs. Then for the second half hour, we split the kids into 3 groups by grade. I help to teach the oldest group which is 5th and 6th grade. We have a group of 6 girls.

We have been teaching them present and past tense, vocabulary and phonics. This year we hope to get them to a point where we can share the gospel with them in English in a very simple way that they can understand. So until then, we will work on gospel vocabulary, strengthening their verb tense knowledge and using other stories to help them think about Biblical principles. Please pray that the girls will pick up what we are teaching quickly and that they come consistently. Pray also that their hearts will be softened to the gospel and that they will hear and understand the awesome plan of salvation that God has laid out for mankind.

Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your financial gifts. All of what we do is made possible by the grace of God and your support!

In Christ,

Karina Thrush



Our new interns along with Yoshi (staff) and Jamie (returning intern). They will be focusing on outreach events this term.

Upcoming Events

March 18: Spring term begins

May 13: Spring term ends

Prayer & Praises

Praise the Lord for 11 students this term!

Our staff would be able to connect with our graduates better and know how to encourage them to get involved in the ministry in Japan.

I will wait patiently for God's direction for the future.



Above: Enjoyed our visit to Saku Baptist Church on Sunday.

Left: Our 5th & 6th grade girls at our kid's English class.

BATHROOM RENOVATION AT TEEN MISSIONS, FLORIDA

Last November a group from Air Hill went to renovate the bathrooms at Teen Missions in Florida. The group was not able to complete the job. Below are pictures of the completed bathroom.



CHURCH BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- Children's Ministry is looking in to how best to use the Nursery and Library to minister to the infants and 2 yr. olds.
- Alan Robinson will be meeting with the Pastoral Committee the end of March.
- Missions Committee plans to keep the congregation more aware of missionaries in 2016.
- Motion made and passed for Air Hill to participate in the matching grant program for students attending Asbury University; Houghton College, or Indiana Wesleyan University. (the church will not be placing funds in this account but will accept donations.)



Mark Your Calendar

JUNE 16, 2016

38th Annual Spring Gospel Tide Golf Benefit
@ Penn National Golf Course

Register on-line:

www.thetide.org/golf-benefit

KITCHEN CLEAN UP

For everyone using the kitchen:

A clip board with clean up instructions is in the kitchen. Let's all do our part in keeping God's meeting house neat and clean.

Thank You,
Property Managers



ABRAHAM MINISTRY

A new ministry at Air Hill where everyday you:

1. PRAY for our Pastors
2. PRAY for our Children's Coordinator and all who teach in our Christian Ed. Department.
3. PRAY for those in the Music Ministry.
4. PRAY for a new moving of the Holy Spirit.
5. PRAY for Unity.



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Spring Session

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New Heights Youth

Silent Auction & Smith's Chicken BBQ

Sat. April 9 - 11 am - 2 pm

Get your chicken tickets from any of the youth for \$12 for the meal that includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, roll and 2 sides.

Join us for the Silent Auction and bid on many great items including: 1/2 carat diamond necklace, Spazio Men's watch, car wash supplies, gift cards to restaurants, car washes, Lake Tobias and much, much more!

Lot's of items ending at 12:15, 12:30, 12:45 & 1 pm

LAKE TOBIAS
WILDLIFE PARK ADVENTURE AT ITS WILDEST!



Summer Youth Schedule

Youth group will continue to meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30 even after WOW finishes for the year in April. Join us each week for games, snacks and to continue to study God's Word together. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Youth Bible Study

For the past few months 5 students and I have been meeting every other week and going through the book "Multiply" by Francis Chan. It has been a good challenge to consider how we can reach out to others, and to view the Bible together as one narrative rather than just a bunch of disconnected stories. Please pray for us as we finish our study, and continue to consider how to better show the love of Christ to those we come in contact with at school, work, shopping or anything else we are involved with.

Verses of the month

"But those who trust in the Lord will be blessed. They know that the Lord will do what he says. They will be strong like trees planted near a stream that send out roots to the water. They have nothing to fear when the days get hot. Their leaves are always green. They never worry, even in a year that has no rain. They always produce fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8





Sunday School is Cool



WOW Children's Club

April 6th is our closing program. Since Christmas the children have been having a friendly competition between the boys and girls in raising money for Teen Missions "Projects with Eternal Purpose" The children raised \$210 which will buy:

2 Bibles



4 Chickens



1 Blackboard



2 Goats



On March 9th, our Wednesday Club Children were studying the story of Jericho. The children walked around the church 6 times quietly and on the 7th time they shouted "Praise the Lord" and blew horns. The boys carried the "Ark of the Covenant". They even saw Rahab's scarlet "cord" hanging out of a window.

Our children (K-5th grades) are learning that just as Philip was prepared and ready to share the Good News about Jesus...they, too, need to be prepared & ready to share what they know and have believed about Jesus and what He has done and is doing in their lives. They will also be learning how to guard their hearts from temptations to sin.

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." Proverbs 4:23

Our Preschool children are learning about missionaries, such as Peter, John, Barnabas, and Philip who showed God's love by sharing, helping, and telling others the Good News about Jesus.

"Hear the word of God and obey it." Luke 11:28

At the end of the evening the girls 3rd thru 5th grade went up into the sanctuary to pray. After taking this picture the girls had lots of questions about what we do on Sunday mornings and how and why we get baptized. What a precious group of children we have in our club program.



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					<p>1 1:30 Good News Club</p>	<p>2 8-9 am REFIT® 9:30 am Regional Conf.</p>
<p>3 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship</p>	<p>4 6 pm Volleyball 6-7 pm REFIT® 7 pm Adult Min. Meeting</p>	<p>5 6:30 Basketball</p>	<p>6 6:30 pm WOW Closing Program</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 1:30 Good News Club</p>	<p>9 8-9 am REFIT® 11-1 Silent Auction</p>
<p>10 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship</p>	<p>11 8:30 am Sewing 6 pm Volleyball 6-7 pm REFIT® 7 pm Church Board Meeting</p>	<p>12 8:30 Men's Breakfast 6 pm Prop. Mgt. Meeting 6 pm Children's Ministry Meet. 6:30 Basketball 6:30 Ladies Prayer</p>	<p>13 6:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>14 6:30 Ladies Zumba</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 8-9 am REFIT®</p>
<p>17 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship Designated: Coop. Min.</p>	<p>18 6 pm Volleyball 6-7 pm REFIT®</p>	<p>19 6 pm Shepherd Core Team Meeting 6:30 Basketball</p>	<p>20 6:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>21 6:30 Ladies Zumba</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 8-9 am REFIT® 2-5 pm Gym in Use</p>
<p>24 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship 6 pm Shepherd Spring Fellowship</p>	<p>25 6 pm Volleyball 6-7 pm REFIT®</p>	<p>26 6:30 Basketball 6:30 Ladies Prayer</p>	<p>27 6:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>28 6:30 Ladies Zumba</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 8-9 am REFIT®</p>