

# The Air Hill Breezes



## 2021

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### AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

“To grow a healthy, loving, Christ centered church family that has a passion for reaching the community and the world for Christ”

Wouldn't you like to know what Pilate's wife had dreamed? Pilate, the Roman ruler to whom the Jewish leaders brought Jesus to be crucified, was there at the judge's seat, and his wife sent him a message during Jesus' trial. The words of the message were, “Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him” (Matthew 27:19)

People trace the word pizza back to only 997 A.D.; it could not have been a pizza dream. But this brief sentence about Pilate's wife having a dream brings about many questions:

Why did she have this dream? Did it come from God?

Why did Pilate not have the dream or a vision?

What was the dream? What happened?

What does it mean that she suffered from the dream?

What kind of relationship did Pilate and his wife have? It must have been fairly good for him to be willing to get a message from her in the middle of a trial.

Of course, why didn't Pilate listen to his wife?

Did she know anything about Jesus?

There are many questions but few answers.

Let me make a couple observations from this one sentence of Scripture that we do know. (This is the only place this story is mentioned.)

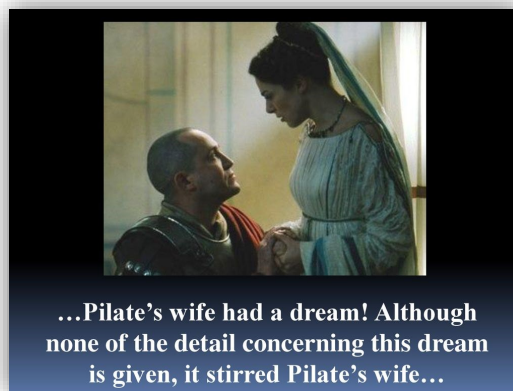
First, the timing is impeccable. She apparently had that

dream that night, and she sent that message during the trial itself. How could the dream not be from God? It could not have been just coincidence. It is no accident that the events of Jesus' births included dreams and now his life is concluding with a dream. Over and over in Scripture God communicated by dreams.

God still speaks by dreams. In Acts 2, which is a quote of Joel 2, Peter states, “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.” God's Spirit still communicates to us through dreams. Be alert!

Second, though we don't know what happened in the dream, she concludes that Jesus is an innocent man. As you step back and look at the bigger picture, a strange event is occurring. Pilate's wife has concluded through this dream that this man is innocent. Pilate can't find any crime that Jesus has done. In the words of Scripture, “When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar

was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. ‘I am innocent of this man's blood,’ he said. ‘It is your responsibility.’” (Matthew 27:24). Intriguingly, the two godless Romans (Gentiles) in this story could see that Jesus had done no crime, but the people who were to be



...Pilate's wife had a dream! Although none of the detail concerning this dream is given, it stirred Pilate's wife...

representing God to the world, the Jews, wanted him dead.

Beware of letting your religion blind you to who Jesus is. The people who should have known better, the Jews, the people with the Word of God, could not see God in Jesus living right in front of them. Our traditions, expectations, and man-made

rules can hinder us from seeing Jesus Christ, the God man.

We do not know what was in that dream. One thing we do know, “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Pastor John

**April Spiritual Exercise:**

On April 2 we will be commemorating the death of Jesus. We will be thinking about this person who is both God and man dying on the cross for our sin. Join us for communion during the Good Friday Service for this time of both joy and sorrow as we meditate on the eternal God/man who dies. We especially remember him through eating the bread and drinking the juice, emblematic of the body and blood of Jesus given for us.

Daily/hourly prayer for the month: Lord Jesus, thank you for your death and resurrection. In every moment may you be my way and my truth and my life. Amen.

<b><u>APRIL 2021 BIBLE READING PLAN</u></b>			
1	1 Cor. 1:1-17	14	1 Cor 10:1-13
2	1 Cor. 1:18-31	15	1 Cor. 10:14-33
3	1 Cor. 2	16	1 Cor. 11:1-16
4	1 Cor. 3	17	1 Cor. 11:17-34
5	1 Cor. 4	18	1 Cor. 12:1-13
6	1 Cor 5	19	1 Cor. 12:14-31
7	1 Cor. 6:1-11	20	1 Cor. 13
8	1 Cor. 6:12-20	21	1 Cor. 14:1-25
9	1 Cor. 7:1-16	22	1 Cor. 14:26-40
10	1 Cor. 7:17-40	23	1 Cor. 15:1-28
11	1 Cor. 8	24	1 Cor. 15:29-58
12	1 Cor. 9:1-12	25	1 Cor. 16
13	1 Cor. 9:13-27		

**Church Board Highlights**

- A motion was passed to accept a new vision for the Air Hill BIC Church. The vision is “To Follow Jesus Christ through the Wind of the Holy Spirit”
- A motion was passed to create a Children’s Ministry Committee of five persons through appointment from the Personnel Committee with a term of 3 years and a 3 term limit.
- A motion was approved to reimburse the cemetery association for mowing the church lawn.
- Charles and Ruth Lehman were accepted to be Shepherds.
- The property managers made a recommendation to renovate the gym.
  - A motion was made to present this to the congregation in a special council on March 28, 2021.
  - A motion was made to allow the congregation to give to this renovation project through a designated line item titled, Gym Renovation with the primary source of funds coming from Capital Improvement.

# Shepherd Ministry

March 19, Friday evening at 6:30 the Shepherd Ministry had a shepherd gathering and training by Pastor John entitled "Knowing Your Sheep"

It was a time of revealing how truly important it is to know the condition of our flock families. We need to Look, Love, Listen, Learn, Lead and truly care for our families one person at a time.

We must also be transparent and share our hearts with them.

We then followed with a circle time where we individually reviewed our evaluation returns; helping to encourage us and also letting us know where we need to improve. It was a good time of sharing and praying for each other.

A time of fellowship and refreshments followed with a Root Beer Float.

Our goal is to have a fellowship/training once a quarter. It was a good evening.

We need more shepherds. Is God calling you?

Rozanna Myers ,  
Shepherd Ministry Coordinator

I am the good shepherd;  
I know my sheep and my  
sheep know me.

John 10:14





### Air Hill Etiquette for Covid

As you enter the sanctuary, you will find a table that includes a bucket for offering and the bulletins and some other materials.

Wearing a mask is optional during our services. We invite you to wear a mask as you enter and as you leave when there may be little social distancing. When you have your seat socially distant from another family unit, you may take off your mask.

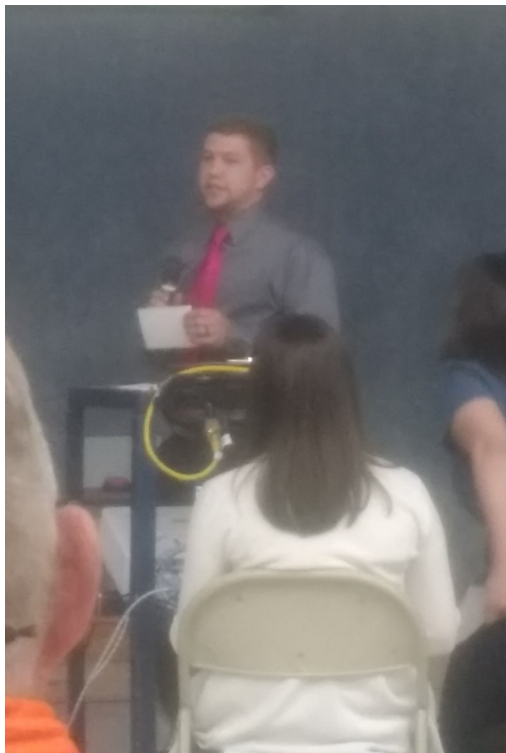
We ask that you sit on the rows marked with the decorations, and that your family unit sit six feet on the right and on the left from other family units.

Most of all, show love and respect for each person, for there are many different views in how to respond to covid.

ON MARCH 13TH, THERE WAS A FRIENDLY COMPETITION OF FAMILY FEUD.

PARTICIPANTS YOUNG AND “RETIRED” HAD FUN FINDING OUT SOME INTERESTING “FACTS” ABOUT THE THOUGHTS OF THE AIR HILL FAMILY. IF

YOU WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND YOU REALLY MISSED OUT ON A FUN TIME. CHECK OUT THE PICTURE OF OUR VERY OWN “STEVE HARVEY” BELOW. HE HAS THE TIE NAILED DOWN, BUT I THINK HE NEEDS TO WORK ON THE MUSTACHE!



"The LORD's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail"  
Lam. 3:22

# Nippon NEWSFLASH



3.24.20

## "Seasons" Café

Thank you for praying for our special "Seasons" Café! We had a great turn out and some new people came as well. At my table, one of the guests (pictured at the bottom left) asked me why I came to Japan. It was a stretching opportunity for me to try to share that part of my testimony with her in Japanese. I tried my best and my Japanese friend helped make it clear. I hope and pray that even that small conversation will be developed further in her friendship with Hanna in the future as Hanna has been trying to witness to her.

## Spiritual Conversations with Dominic

Recently, we have seen a change in Dominic's attitude toward talking about spiritual things. In the fall, we thought he made a decision to trust Christ, but now we are not sure. Kelly and Tomoo (two of our staff) have had some really deep and exciting conversations with him about the gospel. They are both sure of his understanding of the gospel, but there is still a hesitation to fully embrace it. So please keep praying that God will work in Dominic's heart and help him to see his need for the Lord if he is not a believer or to have assurance of faith if he is a believer.

### Word of the Month:

## 卒業式 (sotsugyoushiki) Graduation



*Left: Hanna's (student) unsaved friend whom we were able to have some spiritual conversations with at our "Seasons Cafe."  
Right: The students and staff enjoyed making octopus balls as a final fun finale for the term.*



*On March 20, we celebrated the graduation of Nick and Isaac as well as Dominic who will soon be graduating. About 18 guests came, a couple of which are not believers. They had the opportunity to hear the gospel!*

### Praises & Prayer

Continue to pray for more students for the spring, summer and winter terms.

Wisdom as we work with Tokyo Christian University that it will become a long term, mutually helping one another relationship.

**Praise the Lord for 8 student applications from this school for the month of July.**

Pray for unity and teamwork as we are going through several different transitions of leadership and roles as well as trying to make some big decisions concerning the future of SYME.







# 2021

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

				1	2 <u>7 pm</u> Good Friday Service	3
4 <u>7 am</u> Sunrise Service <u>9 am</u> Worship <u>10:15</u> S.S. <u>11 am</u> Worship 	5	6 <u>1 pm</u> Ladies Bible Study <u>6:30 pm</u> Prop. Mgt. Meeting <u>7 pm</u> Praise/Prayer Service	7 <u>6:30 pm</u> Youth Group	8	9	10 <b>Regional Conference</b>
11 <u>9 am</u> Worship <u>10:15</u> S.S. <u>11 am</u> Worship	12 <u>8:30 am</u> Ladies Sewing <u>7 pm</u> Church Board	13 <u>1 pm</u> Ladies Bible Study <u>7 pm</u> Praise/Prayer Service	14 <u>6:30 pm</u> Youth Group	15	16 <u>4-10 pm</u> Gym in Use	17
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