

# The Air Hill Breezes



2022

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## AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

“To Follow Jesus Christ through the Wind of the Holy Spirit”

Every Christmas season, battles occur. The season of peace erupts into wars. Maybe they will calm down now that people are buying more online. You can't fight for car spaces. You can't push and shove to get in line to enter the store at 4 a.m. You can't get in a fist fight over the only item left on the shelf. Weren't those days wonderful before online shopping?

Though there were time pressures around Christmas, especially with delivering poinsettias right up to Christmas Eve, I never really entered that battle like some did. I did have battles though:



Will Nancy and I agree on what we should buy for our sons?

Will our sons like or not like what they are getting?

How will my sons respond to our gift when their friends' gifts are so much more?

How can I raise my sons that Christmas is about Jesus when everyone else demonstrates that Christmas is about gifts?

How can I have time for Nancy and my sons at Christmas?

What should I buy for Nancy? Is there something special that I can get that is not on her list?

Early on, I battled this issue, “Does it make sense to make an almost 200-mile trip on Christmas to be with both our families? After a couple years, the answer was no.

Of course, I also had this internal struggle. My family did not have much gift giving when I was young, especially in comparison to Nancy's family. Thus, how was this going to work in our family? How was I going to respond when your in-laws give so much more to your sons than you?

Part of the battle of Christmas is not just physical, much of it is spiritual. This is involved in the above list, but it is not explicitly stated. From both Jesus' temptations in the wilderness (Matthew 4) and from 1 John 2:16, we see our own temptations:

Please your own bodily desires vs. following God's desires

Hunger for more power and authority over vs. submit to God's power

Force God to change situation with a miracle vs. trusting God in situation without a miracle

We often put diets aside at Christmas. We might have good intentions not to eat as many cookies or chocolates or pies. We may have a thought about not stuffing oneself at the Christmas dinner, or dinners, as the case may be. But for most, all those intentions come to naught. We often fail. We lose the battle. We overeat. Of course, maybe that is why we purchase the exerciser for Christmas but then sell it by the end of January.

There are many battles at Christmas, almost all of them around the three listed above. However, the more you stuff yourself with Jesus, the Word, the more you will be able to know the grace and love of Jesus. The more you know his grace, the more you will have victory in your battles. The battles are not easy. Yet victory is possible for those who are not fainthearted. Of course, the battle is not only at Christmas; it is an everyday experience. The more we spiritually exercise, the more we will follow Jesus through the wind of the Holy Spirit and experience grace and victory in Jesus.



- Church Board Highlights

- The church board continues to search for a Treasurer.
- The 2023 committee roster was approved.
- The 2023 budget proposal was approved.
- The membership list was updated.
- Recommendations from the finance committee were approved and will be presented to the Budget Council on December 11th.



### **Andrew Buchanan Weekend Meals**

#### Breakfast:

Individual Boxed Cereals (#1 item needed)  
Granola Bars  
Pop Tarts

#### Fruit:

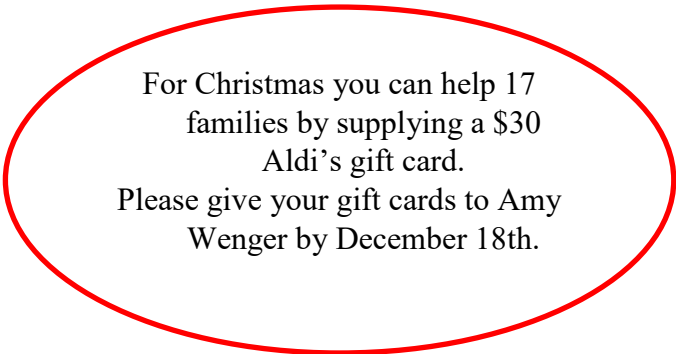
Individual Boxes of Raisins  
Individual Cups of Fruit  
Individual Cups of Applesauce

#### Dinner: (all individually packaged serving sizes)

Macaroni and Cheese  
Beefaroni  
Ravioli  
Raman Noodles  
Flavored Microwave Lunches  
Mashed Potatoes

#### Snacks:

Little Debbie (off brand) Snack Cakes  
Individually Packaged Crispy Treats  
Individually Packaged Cookies  
Pudding Cups (non-refrigerated)  
Jell-O Cups (non-refrigerated)



For Christmas you can help 17 families by supplying a \$30 Aldi's gift card. Please give your gift cards to Amy Wenger by December 18th.

December 2022 BIBLE READING PLAN			
1	Job 23	14	Job 34:21-37
2	Job 24	15	Job 35
3	Job 25-26	16	Job 36:1-15
4	Job 27	17	Job 36:16-33
5	Job 28	18	Job 37
6	Job 29	19	Job 38:1-21
7	Job 30	20	Job 38:22-41
8	Job 31:1-23	21	Job 39
9	Job 31:24-40	22	Job 40
10	Job 32	23	Job 41:1-11
11	Job 33:1-11	24	Job 41:12-34
12	Job 33:12-33	25	Job 42
13	Job 34:1-20		

December Spiritual Exercise:

Based on our study of Lamentations on Sunday mornings and as we walk through advent, do two things:

1. Ask God for insight into one sin that needs removed from your life.  
Spend time in prayer seeking and asking God to remove it.
2. Grieve over and repent of your sin the first week of December.  
Grieve over and repent of the sin of the church the second week of December.  
Grieve over and repent of the sin of the nation the third week of December.  
Celebrate Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, the rest of

December Prayer:

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.”  
Psalm 51:1-2

Community of the Month for Prayer:

Roxbury

You can do prayer walks, pray as you drive through, talk and pray with people from those areas.



## Upcoming Dates:



*Every Sunday  
9:00 am - 9:45 am*

*Preschool: Ages 2-4 Room 12*

*Elementary: Ages K - 5th Grade Room 9*

*Youth: Ages 6th Grade - 12th Grade Room 15*

*Young Adults: Room 13*

*Teachers: Duwaine Wenger and Jason Wenger*

*Center Square: All Adult Ages*

*Teachers: Kyle Grove and*

*Warren Peckman*

*Curriculum: Wesleyan Quarterly*

*(Studying the Minor Prophets)*

*Hope Class: All Adult Ages*

*Teachers: Sandy Bender and Dave Detweiler*

*Curriculum: Standard Quarterly*

*(From Darkness to Light)*

*Noble Bereans: All Adult Ages*

*Teacher: Pastor John Melhorn*

*Curriculum: Basic Biblical Beliefs (BBC)*

New Years Eve communion service.  
Join us @ 7:00 pm to worship and  
prepare our hearts for 2023.

### Mark Your Calendar:

Church Council Meeting is  
scheduled for January 22, 2023  
after the worship service.

Committee Chairs: Your council reports  
are due to the office by email on  
December 26, 2022.

Offering Envelopes If you do not already  
have a numbered offering envelope but  
would like one, please contact the church  
office. Using a numbered envelope or  
giving on line are the only ways we offer  
a year end report of your giving.

**BE NEAR ME**  
LORD JESUS I ASK THEE TO

*stay*

CLOSE BY ME FOREVER

AND *love me*

I PRAY



## Week of Prayer and Fasting

Join congregations across the Brethren in Christ U.S. as we pray, reflect, and seek God during the start of a new year.

January 8-15, 2023

**Identity in Action: Practicing the Core Values of the BIC**

This year's theme invites us to take a closer look at the ten Core Values of the Brethren in Christ. Our identity in Christ precedes every other aspect of who we are and what we are called to do as God's people. This Christ-centered identity impacts how we interact with the world and our fellow brothers and sisters in the faith. The ten Core Values help guide us in that pursuit, and all point to Jesus as the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

Since there are ten Core Values, we are going to split them up over two years: the first half in 2023 and the second half in 2024. To fill out our full week of devotionals, we will also be adding three topics that coincide with and support the themes found in the Core Values.



5 Participants from Air Hill with Pastor John ending in 2nd place with a 109 mile bike ride.

**PRAISE GOD! TOGETHER WE HAVE:**



**WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR PARTICIPATION!**

#racetosharethegospel

### 2023 Year Beard Challenge

To raise awareness and funds for The Tide, we are seeking several men to accept the challenge to stop shaving, grow their beards, and to seek sponsorships in the form of charitable donations for The Tide ministry. All funds raised will be used to buy more airtime for our Gospel radio broadcasts in Asia, Africa, and Europe.

**CALLING ALL MEN!**

**BE THE NEW FACE OF  
WORLD MISSIONS.**



YEARBEARD.ORG



**GROW.  
RAISE.  
CHANGE LIVES.**

**Make a Kingdom impact around  
the world with facial hair!**



**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

				<b>1</b> 6:30 Prop. Mgt. Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10-7 Annex in Use
<b>4</b> 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 Praise/ Prayer	<b>7</b> 2:15 Good News Club 6:30 Kingdom Kids/Youth Group	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30 Shepherd Appreciation Dinner @ Mrs. Gibbles	<b>10</b> 11-5 Gym in Use
<b>11</b> 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship Budget/ Personnel Council 7:00 Christmas Program	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00 Praise/ Prayer	<b>14</b> 2:15 Good News Club 6:30 Kingdom Kids/Youth Group	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10-7 Annex in Use 12-4:30 Gym in Use 4:30-9:30 Gym in Use
<b>18</b> 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship 6:00 Christmas Caroling	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 Praise/ Prayer	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 Christmas Eve Service
<b>25</b> 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Combined S.S. in gym 10:00 Worship 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 Praise/ Prayer	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7:00 Communion Service