

The Air Hill Breezes



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AIR HILL STATEMENT OF
PURPOSE
“To Follow Jesus Christ through the
Wind of the Holy Spirit”

As I was pondering what to write about in this newsletter, I pulled a book I had read many years ago off the bookshelf, “Experiencing the Spirit” by Henry and Melvin Blackaby. Here are some excerpts from the first chapter:

*Looking back to the church in the first century, we’re amazed at the impact of a people who appear to have had inadequate resources for such a monumental task. There were no seminaries to train their pastors, no beautiful church buildings in which to worship, and no such thing as a Bible in every member’s hand. They had no elaborate sound systems or multimedia tools at their disposal, no celebrities to endorse their cause, and hardly any freedom to promote their belief in Jesus Christ. For the most part, they were plain men and women, insignificant and unknown, fighting against fierce opposition and hatred. But Scripture testifies that they “turned the world upside down” (Acts 17:6). Wave after wave of persecution broke over them, yet they emerged victorious. The message of the early church, as told in the book of Acts, is that the bare simplicity of the Christian faith is what counts. **The testimony of early Christians was that God’s people proclaimed the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit and confirmed it with holy lives...***

Does the world marvel at the church today? Unfortunately, much of what happens in the contemporary church is little more than a reflection of the values and the reasoning of the surrounding culture. When it comes to serving God, we tend to look at what we’re good at and what we like to do, then serve according to our ability. The result: we don’t need the Holy Spirit because we think we have everything under control. The world therefore sees good people doing good things for their God, but they don’t see the power of God working through his people to accomplish what only He can do.

***So, here’s the question: will God ever ask you to do something you’re not able to do? The answer is yes – all the time!** It must be that way, for God’s glory and kingdom. If we function according to our ability alone, we get the glory; if we function according to the power of the Spirit within us, God gets the glory. He wants to reveal Himself to a watching world.*

In short, the contemporary church has become a man-centered church rather than a God-centered church. Of course, the Blackaby’s also wrote a book about that also. The contemporary church sings more about “I” and how “I feel about God” than about God. These congregations barely read the Word together nor do they pray together. Self-help sermons highlight the pulpit more than God-centered messages. Many of these congregations have people who will only agree to “serve” if they are comfortable doing it. They may do good things but not God things.

But we, at Air Hill, aim to be different. We aim to follow Jesus Christ through the wind of the Holy Spirit. We aim to glorify God in our music, in our prayers, in our services, and in our messages. We believe that if God’s Spirit

Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other.

C. S. Lewis

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calls us to some assignment, he will enable us to accomplish it through the power of the Holy Spirit, no matter if it makes us feel uncomfortable. Our fuel is God. Our motivation is God. Our goal is God. We believe and expect that when our community sees Air Hill, they see God-immersed people doing God-sized tasks for the glory of their God. As we continue our journey as the Air Hill family, may we daily offer ourselves as individuals and as a congregation to God so that God may be magnified across the valley. May we follow Jesus Christ by the wind of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor John

FEB. 2022 BIBLE READING PLAN			
1	Psalm 24	14	Psalm 37:1-22
2	Psalm 25	15	Psalm 37:23-40
3	Psalm 26	16	Psalm 38
4	Psalm 27	17	Psalm 39
5	Psalm 28	18	Psalm 40
6	Psalm 29	19	Psalm 41
7	Psalm 30	20	Psalm 42
8	Psalm 31	21	Psalm 43
9	Psalm 32	22	Psalm 44
10	Psalm 33	23	Psalm 45
11	Psalm 34	24	Psalm 46
12	Psalm 35	25	Psalm 47
13	Psalm 36		

February Spiritual Exercise:

Attend at least one Tuesday night Prayer and Praise service in February in which you unite together with others praying for the work of God among Air Hill.

February Prayer:

O God, be all my love, all my hope, all my striving; let my thoughts and words flow from you, my daily life be in you, and every breath I take be for you. Amen. – John Cassian

CHURCH BOARD

- Organization of the church board is:
 - Assistant Chair: Warren Peckman
 - Secretary: Anthony Ogburn
- There was discussion on hiring another staff person.
- There was discussion on how we may help those who want to volunteer with MDS in Kentucky.
 - It was decided that we will determine financial help based on each person's proposed plan to volunteer.
- The board discussed the growing number of inactive members.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

It's that time of year again.

In the case of cancellations for church, please watch your email and/or check our facebook page.

If you know someone that does not use email or facebook, please call them and pass along the information.

From our Missionaries

Hello partners,

Our family wishes to thank each of you who prayed for us and/or who sent encouraging words to us while we recently fought Covid. Our entire family has recovered well and are officially out of quarantine. As we write this, we are preparing for in-person worship and fellowship with our Sunday morning group.

As it is in many other areas of our world; Covid continues to hit hard here in the Four Corners Region. We personally know 10+ families that are either currently battling Covid or who are just recovering from it. Later this afternoon Jason will be shopping for 3 families who've requested that we deliver essentials to their door while they are in quarantine. Since our family was blessed by wonderful friends while we were in quarantine, we consider it a joy to pay-it-forward by serving others. Thankfully most of our friends are experiencing somewhat mild symptoms that are being treated at home. Please join us in praying for our friends' continued healing.

Our Freedom of Nations groups are getting ready to embark on a several week journey to explore Jesus' commands to "love God and love others". Please pray for each member to grow in our understanding of God and in our love for people lost without Jesus. Pray that new people would be drawn to a group because of our love! Also pray that we as a church can learn to more deeply love others as Covid increases in our community.

Please feel free to share with us any prayer concerns that you might have. Our family would consider it a privilege to pray for you!

Blessings to all!

Jason, Bekah, Christy, Abby, Jessie, Caleb, Josh, and Amos

Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank you for your prayers!! After a few last minute issues with our COVID tests, and more things with shipping our two dogs, we arrived at Dulles on Saturday, January 22nd and now are at our home in Chambersburg.

We are also thankful for the time we had while in Malawi to meet with Bishop Kamoto of the Malawi BIC Church to discuss their needs for TEE Bible training. It seems that their needs parallel very closely to the same needs in Mozambique. Due to our limited time schedule, as well as COVID restrictions, we could only help to develop preliminary ideas and plans for TEE in Malawi.

We are scheduled to meet with BICWM leadership next week on Wednesday and Thursday to debrief and to discuss possible future plans of service with Mozambique.

Please pray for our Home Ministry time of visitations and sharing

The Mediation between the former and current Mozambique BIC church leaders is set for the week of February 21st in Zimbabwe. Some Mozambique church leaders will leave their homes as early as February 13 in order to travel, as well as to get COVID testing done, to arrive in good time in Zimbabwe.

Orville & Cheryle Hade

Upcoming Events from the Family Life Committee

- February 18: Mystery Dinner @ 6 pm
- April 24: Bike Ride @ Britton Park
- June 5: Church Picnic



Breakfast and fellowship begins February 6th, from 8:10 - 8:40 am every Sunday morning in the fellowship hall.

The Tide® ministry invites you to a night of worship through Scripture Dramatization from Piercing Word



Saturday, February 19th
6:00 PM

Antrim BIC Church

Free admission

(an offering to support The Tide ministry will be collected)



49th ANNUAL MCC MEAT CANNING PROJECT

Feb. 28 - March 1 (BIC Day is Tuesday, March 1)
You must sign up due to social distancing.
Contact Ron Gayman @ 717-729-9171



Your Soles ~ Their Souls
www.the-tide.org

NEED YOUR SHOES!

Help us reach our goal of 100 bags by donating your new or gently worn used shoes!

Funds raised benefit Gospel Outreach through Literacy Classes in India.

Collection begins 01.03.2022

January 3rd - Feb. 23rd

We invite you to join us for this win-win-win fundraising event!

- You get to clean out your closets
- The Tide ministry raises funds for Gospel Outreach through Literacy Classes in India
- The shoes collected benefit micro-enterprise around the world

A box will be in the Narthex.

As of January 25th, we have collected 85 pairs of shoes. Just 15 more pairs to reach our goal of 100!!!!

Red Cross Blood Drive

In 2019 Air Hill Church took over being the hosting site for the Letterkenny employee blood drive. Here are some statistics showing the impact this had.

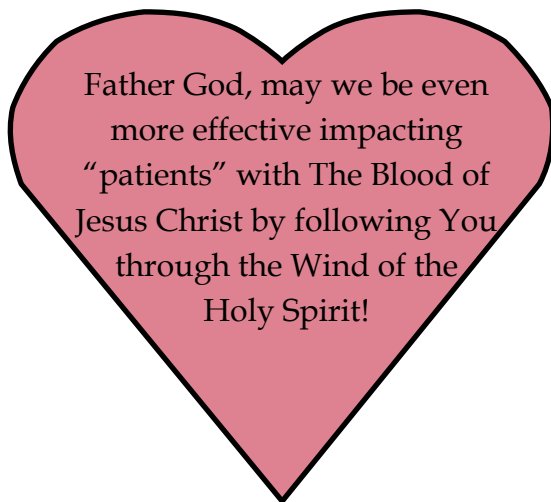
2019:
752 units donated impacting 2256 patients in need

2020:
708 units donated impacting 2124 patients in need

2021:
721 units donated impacting 2163 patients in need

2022:
128 unites so far impacting 384 patients in need

That is 6927 patients in need helped by the blood drives taking place at Air Hill Church!



From the Women's Ministry

"Women of Hope" is a group of women that are Care-Givers to your spouse, your parents, or any family members. If you are a Woman of Hope, please plan to attend a tea on February 28th @ 1:00 pm.



"Sisters in Strength" is a group of widows supporting each other. If you are a Sister in Strength, please plan to attend a tea on March 1st at 12:00 pm.

For more information, contact Sandy Todd.

Everyone is invited. Please sign up on the bulletin board



February

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Fri

Sat

		<p>1 7:00 Praise/ Prayer</p>	<p>2 2:15 Good News Club 6:30 Kingdom Kids/Youth Group</p>	<p>3 6:30 Property Mgt. Meeting</p>	<p>4 6-8 Youth Roller Skating 7:00 Shepherd Core Team Meet- ing</p>	<p>5 4-8 Gym in Use</p>
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