

The Air Hill Breezes



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Nancy just finished reading “Fire in the Mountains” by Dr. Morris Sider. This book describes some of the history of Roxbury Holiness Camp. Within the book, Nancy discovered this phrase, “praying through.” She asked me what it meant. I remembered hearing the phrase before, but I could not respond to her with a definition. Thus, I have begun exploring about what it means through asking people from Air Hill and researching it some on the Internet.

Whereas Nancy told me that the phrase “praying through” was used in the book mostly for salvation and an experience of sanctification, other writers use this idea for a much broader idea. Dr. Brown (website Ask Dr. Brown) states that praying through is “praying until you get a breakthrough, until an answer comes, or until circumstances change.” Charles Lehman described it as a sense of peace about the prayer focus on a direction to take.

Dr. Brown states that one may pray through by going to one’s room and spending literally hours praying until the answer comes. Or, one might pray daily for something until the breakthrough occurs or until God answers. In doing this, a person praying seeks and finds the promises of God. When that person knows the promises of God, he or she will keep praying to receive them until they get word from God that he will “keep his word.”

Jesus tells this story to illustrate persistence in prayer, or “praying through.”

“In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

The woman knew what the law said. She knew what was just. She kept going to the judge and pleaded for justice. She kept calling out to the judge for justice until he finally granted it. This story especially illustrates the woman’s desire and desperateness for justice, and thus, her persistence in prayer. In a sense, she prayed through.

Intriguingly, Jesus asks, “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” No, I am not concerned about the disappearance of the phrase “praying through.” I am concerned about the lack of faith on earth, even more, in the church. Obviously, Jesus answered part of my question that I have been asking, “Why don’t we hear about “praying through” anymore?” Jesus said persistent prayer does not occur due to lack of faith.

As I sought reasons to that question about the disappearance of this phrase, I discovered ideas such as a lack of desperateness for God or a small limited view of God, or too many comforts into which we can hide our sorrows. Jesus says it best though – “lack of faith.” Who is this God/man who is willing to answer our prayers, if anybody cares enough to persist? Who is this God/man with whom we can wrestle as Jacob; he knew God’s promises, but he saw his enemy, his brother, coming?

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Let me close with an application for Air Hill. If we know God's promises: "...how much will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him" (Luke 11:12), and if we know the story of Acts 1 and 2, plus if we know Ephesians 2:22, "And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit", and there are many other Scriptures, what would happen if we at Air Hill began to "pray through" for a movement of God at Air Hill and beyond? What would happen if we desperately and urgently prayed by faith for a movement of God at Air Hill? Let's say "No" to the other options of life, and spend time with God, calling out to him and listening to him as we seek a movement of God within ourselves and within our congregation. Let's do this as our spiritual exercise of July and beyond.

Pray until the answer comes.

Pastor John

SHEPHERD MINISTRY MOMENT

April 26, the Shepherd ministry planned a tour to the "Golden Roll"
(Martin's Bakery Museum).

13 of us enjoyed a very informative presentation of the history and present day operations of the bakery by Julie Martin.

We then went to Stoners for ice cream. Tom Todd led us in prayer before we enjoyed our delicious treat. Everyone was to share one thing they felt no one else knew about them. It was a time of getting to know one another better with laughter and fellowship. An evening spent to show appreciation to our Shepherds for their continued caring for their flock families.

If God is calling you to care for families of our congregation, please let Rozanna Myers know.



WORSHIP IN THE PARK

On Sunday, June 9th, the Air Hill Church Family met at Shippensburg Memorial Park for worship followed by a picnic and games. 153 were in attendance on a beautiful day worshipping God and enjoying fellowship with church family. There were games old and new. Horseshoes, pickleball, kubb, volleyball, corn hole, children's games.



Students Win ‘Bible Ban’ Case as School Rewrites Policy



Parents of students who were banned from handing out Bibles during lunch at a Pennsylvania high school reached an agreement with the school district Monday that changes language in the student handbook.

The students at Cumberland County High School in Mechanicsburg, Pa., [said](#) in January the principal was preventing them from handing out Bibles during any moment of the school day, including during lunch.

The Independence Law Center then filed [suit](#) on behalf of the parents of the students, claiming the school’s policy was a violation of constitutionally protected free speech. The students are part of a group called the Christians in Action Club, or Bible Club.

A federal judge [issued](#) an injunction against the school district in February, allowing the students to hand out Bibles.

Under the [agreement](#) reached between the parents and the Mechanicsburg Area School District, the district agreed to delete a portion of the student handbook that banned any speech that “seek[s] to establish the supremacy of a particular religious denomination, sect or point of view.”

The district also agreed to pay the parents’ attorney fees. The judge signed off on the agreement.

The Independence Law Center and school attorneys worked together to rewrite the school policy, according to a [press release](#).

“When students enter a government school, they do not shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression, which includes offering literature to other students,” the Independence Law Center [said](#) in a statement. “However, Mechanicsburg Area School District (MASD) policies relegated student distribution of literature, quite literally, to outside the schoolhouse gate and outside of the school day.

Article taken from “Christian Headlines” [Michael Foust](#) | *ChristianHeadlines.com Contributor* | Tuesday, April 30, 2019



It's almost here!!!!
July 15th, 12:30
PM - 4:30 PM
Register online by

VBS Dates:

July 7th: Volunteer Training after Worship Service
July 10th: Volunteer Training Make Up @ 6 pm in the Annex
July 6th & 13th: Work Days beginning @ 9 am

ALL IN

Roxbury Holiness Camp
Camp Meeting
August 2 - 11, 2019

VOLUNTEERS FOR ROXBURY CAMP ARE NEEDED.



Evangelist - Larry Locke

Pastor Larry Locke has served as a pastor since 1985. His last full-time ministry work (2014-2018) was at Warner University's campus church in Lake Wales, Florida. He continues to serve various churches as a transitional pastor or fill-in preacher. Before moving, he served as senior pastor of the Chambersburg Brethren in Christ in Chambersburg, PA from 2009-2014. For more on Larry's education and occupational history please check out roxburycamp.com.

Formerly a PGA golf professional, Larry has now shifted his interest to spending quality time with his wife, sports, photography, cooking, and traveling. He is married (39 years) to Jamie Sue Locke (Johnson) from Johnstown, PA and they have 4 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

Featured Speaker - Dwight Robertson

Founder and president of Forge, Dwight is known nationally as a gifted speaker and author who believes every Christian is uniquely designed by God to serve others. He and his wife, Dawn, live in Denver and have two children.



Sign Up Sheets are on the bulletin board.

Wednesday, Aug. 7th - Lunch Counter (11 am, 4 pm, 8:15 pm)

See Margaret Burkholder for more details.

Sunday, Aug. 11th - Meal Service (6:45 am, 10:45 am, 3:45 pm)

See Ray and Betty Alleman for more details.



A note from the director ...

ALL IN - Our theme this year is one that we pray will challenge each of us to a deeper level of living spiritually, within our families, and in loving our communities to Christ. As you prepare for camp this year, begin to ask God to show you where you are living less than All In.

CHURCH BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Motion passed to designate rental income to maintenance fund.
- ◆ Property Managers are looking into parking lot repairs and sanctuary repairs.
- ◆ Job descriptions for Director of Youth Ministry and Outreach Director/Pastor were approved.
- ◆ Discussion was held on hiring process for Outreach Director/Pastor.
 - ◆ Motion passed for this position to be an average of 20 hrs./weekly with a salary range of \$15,600-\$20,800



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”

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

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Fri

Sat

	1	2	3 <i>6:30 Bible Study</i>	4 	5	6 VBS Work Day
7 <i>9 am S.S. 10 am Worship Communion VBS Training after Worship</i>	8 <i>7 pm Church Board</i>	9 <i>8:30 am Men's Breakfast</i>	10 <i>6:00 pm VBS Training 6:30 Bible Study</i>	11	12	13 VBS Work Day
14 <i>9 am S.S. 10 am Worship 6 pm Shepherd/ Flock Picnic</i>	15 V	16	17 B	18	19 S	20
21 <i>9 am S.S. 10 am Worship</i>	22 <i>6:30 Ministry Board</i>	23	24 <i>6:30 Bible Study</i>	25 <i>6:30 Children's Ministry Committee Meeting</i>	26	27 <i>3-9 pm Gym in Use</i>
28 <i>9 am S.S. 10 am Worship (Teen Challenge) 6:30 pm Praise/ Prayer Service</i>	29	30	31 <i>6:30 Bible Study</i>			