

# The Air Hill Breezes



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## AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

C.S. Lewis Institute just published in their “Broadcast Talks” a speech by James M. Houston, “And What About the Future?” This speech was originally made in 1971 and was prepared for the “Jerusalem Conference on Biblical Prophecy” in which 1300 evangelical Christians from 32 countries gathered in Jerusalem to proclaim their faith in the return of Jesus Christ and how it relates to the rebirth of the nation Israel. In this speech, James Houston talks about the end times. He declares his belief that the beast of the sea in Revelation 13 is not a nation or a king, but he believes the beast is technology and science. Can you believe that? Amazingly, he states this in 1971 when the Internet, email, smart phones, much less artificial intelligence have not yet been created. Maybe he is onto something.

However, this is what I want you to think about. He closes his speech with five things Christians should do based on the times and based on the John Donne’s question, “What if the present were the world’s last night?”:

He tells Christians to take the future more seriously. The secular sciences spend much time forecasting the future looking at trends and forecasts and developments. He believes Christians should also be studying this.

He believes Christians should “neither be daunted by the magnitude of global issues and problems, nor obsessed by them. Evil, we have noted, comes about through many small diverse, and often imperceptible movements and events.”

He believes Christians should be exploring the complexities of contemporary life; for example, there is a need for Christian economists.

He believes “we must witness against the use of violence and the advocacy of political revolution. Violence has become one of the most visible realities of national life today.”

This is his final point and what I want to highlight. “Finally, the Christian contemporary understanding of the judgment of nations must surely involve a radicalism of Christian discipleship that is disciplined, sacrificial and wholly committed to Jesus Christ. We can only be free from the tyrannies of our age, whether it be the love of money, the anxiety for status, or the desire for personal security by denying their overrated significance. The only way to win victories over these spiritual powers that oppress us is to give them up. Christ proved more powerful than all the principalities and powers arraigned against Him by surrendering Himself even unto death. If we believe in the reality of Christ’s love, we must go Christ’s way. We must reject worldly standards, carnal desires, and the human techniques of selfishness to live by faith alone, faith in the living God. This is brutal, it is heroic, it is against our own natures, but it is the only way of convincing our generation that God is our Ruler and Christ is our King.”

How then should we live if tonight is the world’s last night?



## May 2023 Church Board Highlights

- The church board approved the recommendation from the finance committee to move \$40,000 from checking to general reserve savings account.
- The church board approved the recommendation from the finance committee to move \$40,000 from checking to the capital improvement savings. This item will also need council approval.
- A sub committee from the church board is looking at updating our bylaws.
- The board discussed having an appreciation banquet for all volunteers.

<u>June 2023 BIBLE READING PLAN</u>			
1	1 Kings 1	14	2 Kings 1-3
2	1 Kings 2-3	15	2 Kings 4-5
3	1 Kings 4-5	16	2 Kings 6-7
4	1 Kings 6-7	17	2 Kings 8-9
5	1 Kings 8	18	2 Kings 10-11
6	1 Kings 9-10	19	2 Kings 12-13
7	1 Kings 11	20	2 Kings 14-15
8	1 Kings 12	21	2 Kings 16-17
9	1 Kings 13-14	22	2 Kings 18-19
10	1 Kings 15-16	23	2 Kings 20-21
11	1 Kings 17-18	24	2 Kings 22-23
12	1 Kings 19-20	25	2 Sam. 24-25
13	1 Kings 21-22		

### June Spiritual Exercise:

Take some time reviewing your life and ask these two questions:

1. What would you want Jesus to find you doing if he came this very day?
2. What would you not want Jesus to find you doing if he came this very day?

Keep doing what you want Jesus to find you doing, and with the help of the Spirit, stop doing what Jesus does not want you to be doing.

### June Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus!  
Prepare me today for your coming.  
Amen.

### Community of the Month

#### Orrstown and Pleasant Hall

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

# From the Missions Committee

Thank you from the Cumberland Valley Relief Center.

Grocery Bag Collection		May/2023
<u>Church</u>		<u>Number of Bags</u>
Air Hill	---	18
Canoe Creek	---	8
Center Grove	---	3
Clear Creek	---	28
Five Forks	---	140
Green Springs	---	10
Montgomery	---	9
Mt. Rock	---	10
New Guilford	---	33
Peace Light	---	6
West Side	---	23
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	---	288

## April's 5th Sunday Offering

Thank you for your generous offerings of \$2,065 that will be given to BIC Middle East Refugee Care.

Thank you to all who participated and contributed to this year's Race to Share the Gospel Around the World



Thanks to you, over  
**3600 pairs**  
have already been collected!

We have the mission bulletin board in the narthex where all the BIC missionaries and their places of service are shown.

This year, each month, we would like to highlight a different area of the world and the missionaries serving there. The picture of the month will be on the bulletin board outside the men's restroom. We will try to have up to date information from that country, and the missionaries servicing there. We ask that you pray especially for those highlighted each month. Sometimes, it is easy to just pray, "God bless the missionaries." but we would like to make them real people with real needs for you to remember.

Some of our missionaries serve in sensitive areas so we cannot give their names and location over the pulpit but we can put them on our bulletin board. Thank you for praying.

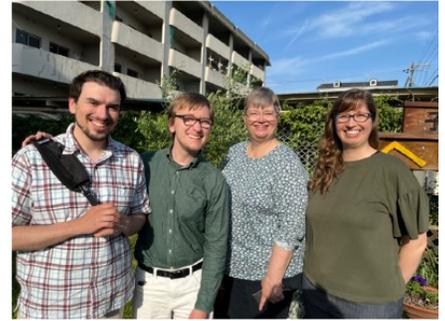
## From Karina Thrush in Japan

**Moving Forward!** While our Word of Life Japan team continues to pray and seek the Lord for our future, we are seeing God answer prayers in big ways!

**First**, we were told that a Japanese couple, whom we have been praying about for a long time, has said that they would join our team! In order to become full-time WOLJ missionaries, they will need to attend a training program and a class which will prepare them to begin raising support. Once they are fully supported, they will officially be a part of the ministry team here in Japan! As things become more official, I will introduce them to you all!

**Secondly**, we are also praising the Lord for providing a very cost-efficient, temporary office and storage space for the team as we continue seeking the Lord's guidance for a long-term location.

**Thirdly**, as our team continues to plan and prepare, God has also given us an opportunity to partner with the Lamb Church to start a short-term Kid's English event on Sunday afternoons. The goal is to encourage and introduce young families and kids to our church. We are planning to walk through stories in the Old and New Testaments to share the overarching story of the bible for the next 9 weeks.



**Left & Middle:** Our church family had a BBQ to celebrate the anniversary of planting the Lamb Church in Himeji 4 years ago! Kazue, a church member, in the left photo also brought her mother, an unbeliever, to the BBQ for fellowship and relationship building with church members! Pray for her salvation! **Right:** Praise the Lord for the 2 kids who attended our first Kid's English! They learned about God creating the heavens and the earth while making a creation board themselves.



Join us for  
**Outdoor  
 Worship  
 and  
 Church  
 Picnic!**

Sunday, June 4, 2023  
 10:00 am (Worship)

@ Hopewell Twp. Park,  
 218 Shippensburg Rd.  
 Newburg, PA 17241

Bring chairs and a dish to share  
 A-M: Hot Dish  
 N-Z Cold Dish  
 Meat, cutlery and drinks will be  
 provided.



**VBS JUNE 12-16**

You can register your children  
 grades K-5 at the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/4syk5zsp>

## Employment Opportunity

**Air Hill Church Administrative Assis-**  
**tant:** If you are interested in applying for  
 this position, please submit your resume to  
 the church office by June 4th. See the  
 posting on the bulletin board for the job  
 description.

## Congratulations Jacob Cutshaw

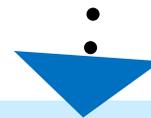
Jacob is graduating from McConnellsburg High School  
 and the Vo-Tech Automotive Program. Jacob plans to  
 work in the automotive field.



Jacob's favorite verse:  
 Philippians 4:13 "I can do  
 all things through Christ  
 who strengthens me"

Thanks to my mom, Pam  
 Cutshaw and grandma, Jean  
 Rook, for all their prayers,  
 support and encouragement  
 through my school years and  
 a BIG thanks to my sister for  
 all her help, support and  
 encouragement. I would not  
 have made it without her!

"My 12 year school sentence is finally complete!!!"



### Upcoming Dates

- **June 11: Council Meeting  
 after worship.**
- **June 12-16: VBS**
- **July 2-9: Youth @ Kentucky**
- **August 4-13: Roxbury Camp**



**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

				1	2	3 7:00 am Men's Group
4 10:00 am Worship @ Hopewell Twp. Park	5 7:00 pm Church Board	6 7:00 Praise/Prayer	7	8	9	10 7:00 am Men's Group
11 8:30 am Prayer 9:00 am S.S. 10:00 am Worship Council after Worship	12	13	14	15	16	17 7:00 am Men's Group
18 8:30 am Prayer 9:00 am S.S. 10:00 am Worship	19	20 7:00 Praise/Prayer	21	22	23 6:30 pm Shepherd Training	24 7:00 am Men's Group
25 8:30 am Prayer 9:00 am S.S. 10:00 am Worship	26	27 7:00 Praise/Prayer	28	29 6:30 pm Property Mgt. Meeting	30	

