

The Air Hill Breezes



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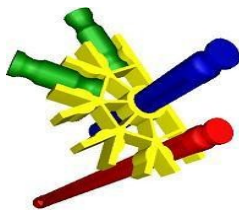
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Many, many moons ago, when I was a young boy, our family received a gift of Tinker Toys. Who gave it? I do not know. I spent many hours using my creativity in building castles and cars out of those Tinker Toys.

Later, we received Legos. I don't think they were brand new, but now I could build houses with solid walls; I could even have windows. As my sons grew up, they too played with Legos. Legos even created specially themed kits; I think my one son even had a Star Wars spaceship of some sort.

Somehow, we acquired K'nex and Magnetix for our sons. In some ways, the basic K'nex is like a plastic version of Tinker Toys with a different way to attach the different parts. Magnetix is fun also, because as you build, you experience the forces of magnetism.

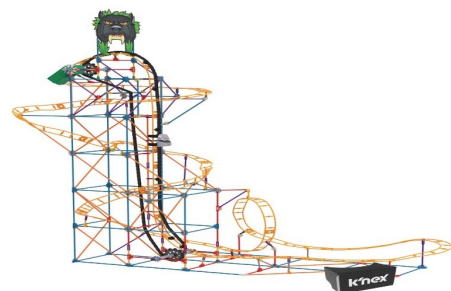
Why do I say all this? We are about to go on a sermonic journey based on the theme "Congregational K'nex." Below is an illustration of how k'nex connect:



As shown, the rods can attach to the connector a couple different ways and go in different directions. In doing that, you can make an infinite number of projects.

The sermon series is not about making toys, however. It is about what is needed to be a congregation. We the people are rods. The love of God connects the rods together. As we work

together in "agape" loving each other with God's love, we will be amazed at what God will do among us and the shape we will take. In Romans 12, the apostle Paul writes about what is involved in building "Congregational K'nex." Thus, over the next three or so months, we will explore Romans 12 with the goal of learning what love looks like within a congregation. Then, as we love with God's agape love, God will be able to turn us into his masterpiece.



March Spiritual Exercise:

Dallas Willard in “Renovation of the Heart” (p. 194-198) lists four main elements in our spiritual formation of our social dimension:

1. Individuals come to see themselves as whole, as God sees them. They go beyond the wounds and limitations they have received in their past relationships to others.
2. Individuals abandon all defensiveness; this includes a willingness to be known for who we really are.
3. Individuals would leave all pretense in their lives and open themselves up to genuine love.
4. Without the burden of defending and securing ourselves, and now acting on the resources we have of new “life from above,” we can devote our lives to the service of others.

Ask God’s Spirit to reveal to you what is holding you back from developing authentic and genuine relationships within the congregation. Thus, set aside time to let the Holy Spirit:

1. Teach you the immense love and grace God has for you despite your past. Receive that love for yourself. Begin to see yourself as God sees you.
2. Show you how to love each individual with the love you have received from God- without defensiveness and pretense- to love and connect with people just as you received from God.

Excerpt from “A God Centered Church”

A Story from Mel

I had the privilege of pastoring a small country church in Texas while I attended seminary. I was a Canadian city boy trying to fit into small-town west Texas cowboy country. My wife and I had a wonderful time serving the Lord in that place.

As the time drew near for us to minister in Canada, the church began the process of putting together a pastor search committee. One of the members of that committee made an interesting comment. He said, “Mel, you were an evangelistic pastor; we need to pray about the kind of pastor we should have follow you.”

My response was, “Tell me what we did that was evangelistic.”

“Well,” he said, “we have had an incredible number of people baptized this past year; you must have been evangelistic.”

It was true that many people were responding to the Lord and were baptized into the church, but I pointed out that our focus was not on evangelism. I taught and preached on three major things: (1) what it means to have a growing rela-

CHURCH BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- The church board is reading through “A God Centered Church” by Henry and Melvin Blackaby
- The board spent time discussing the Air Hill Strategy with our vision, our intentions, and the means
- The job descriptions for the Sunday School positions were approved

tionship with Christ, (2) the nature of the church as God intended, and (3) the absolute necessity of prayer. When they became excited about their walk with Christ, the community began to see a difference in their lives. When they understood the incredible potential of a healthy church that followed Christ as the Head, they found confidence to do His will. When they understood the power of prayer to transform lives, they began to cry out to God to save their friends and neighbors. Evangelism was a by-product of a people in love with their Lord.

Shepherd Ministry

A wise old owl lived in an oak,
The more he saw the less he spoke;
The less he spoke, the more he heard;
Why can't we be like that wise bird?

When I ask you to listen to me and you start by giving advise,
You have not done what I asked.

When I ask you to listen to me and you begin to tell me why I shouldn't feel that way,
You are trampling on my feelings.

When I ask you to listen to me and you feel you have to do something to solve my
problem, you have failed me, strange as it may seem.

Listen! All I asked is that you listen, not talk or do...just hear me.

The skill of listening is one we know God would call us to develop. We need to learn as early as possible to talk less and listen more. James 1:19 counsels us to be "quick to hear, slow to speak." If we truly love people and want to show we care, we need to listen for the feelings and conditions behind the words. (taken from "Can the Pastor Do I Alone")

Listening plays an important part in the shepherd ministry. Being willing to take time to listen is truly caring about your flock family.

Rozanna Myers

A Sheep's Tale

Today's Sheep had been coming to church at Air Hill for a few years when she was approached about becoming a "sheep" with a "shepherd". She wasn't too sure about this idea, even to the point of being a bit anxious, but decided to say "yes".

She found out that this was a good decision! Her shepherd always has time for her, encourages her, and prays for her. At times when there are difficult issues in her life, her shepherd encourages her not to give up, but to keep on working until a solution is found. She always enjoys phone calls from her shepherd.

She is very glad that Air Hill has the Shepherd Ministry and is glad to be a part of it!

(Submitted by Nancy Melhorn)





WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

by putting our spare change into a container during the month of March. The coins will be taken to the

64th Annual PA Relief Sale

April 3: 4 - 9 pm

April 4: 6:30am - 3pm

**Location: Farm Show Complex | GIANT Expo Hall | Harrisburg
Admission is FREE! Parking is \$10.**

The Pennsylvania Relief Sale supports Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in its work to share God’s love and compassion by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice.

The PA Relief Sale features more than 375 handcrafted quilts, wall hangings, and comforters to bid on during the Quilt Auction. Attendees can shop for handmade items and gifts at a dozen stands, including Ten Thousand Villages, as well as bid on unique items during the Country Auction, Silent Auction, and Children’s Auction. Homemade food and family-friendly activities make it an event for all ages.

The PA Relief Sale also participates in My Coins Count...a powerful way to show children that they can make a difference in the world.

More than \$17 million in sale day proceeds have been donated to benefit the worldwide relief efforts of MCC since 1957.

ANNOUNCING To: BIC Churches of the Cumberland Valley

47th ANNUAL MCC MEAT CANNING
March 2-6, 2020
AT: CUMBERLAND VALLEY RELIEF CENTER
Molly Pitcher Highway South (near Marion)
BIC WORK DAY is Tuesday, MARCH 3
Work days begins at 5 AM
(you are welcome to come on any day)



PMI

pregnancy ministries

During the 2019 calendar year we met with 72 new clients, interacted with 359 return visits, performed 7 ultrasounds, and celebrated the birth of 21 babies. While serving our clients during 2019, 88 referrals and information were given regarding: Adoption, Housing, WIC, Church, Social Services, Professional Counseling, OB/GYN Care, Medical Assistance, Ultrasound, Nurse Family Partnership, and others. In addition, 1431 concepts were shared, 256 visits were prayed with, and the gospel was shared with 25 clients!

In March, our center will host ultrasound training for our new assistant RN who will be mentored under a national instructor and is in need of completing 50-70 scans. The scans are free with an ultrasound picture of the baby and are offered to women who will be 27 weeks or less during the training period of March 10-13 and March 17-20. Please share and encourage women who meet the criteria to contact us at 717-267-3738 to schedule an appointment. The Chambersburg Center is in need of receptionist coverage for every other Tuesday morning, every Tuesday afternoon, and every Thursday afternoon. If you know someone or feel God's calling to serve at PMI in this capacity, please contact me at 717-267-3738 or email at pmichbg.ad@gmail.com. Our volunteers, staff, incoming material donations, donors, supporters, board members, clients and families are the heart of our ministry! We are embracing 2020 and look forward to seeing how God will provide and orchestrate coverage and outreach growth this year. Please pray for successful completion of the upcoming ultrasound training, more clients to come to our centers, more clients and families to come to know Jesus Christ and pray for our board members and leadership!

Prayer For New Month

Dear Lord, as we enter this new month we ask that you would draw us closer to you than we knew was possible. Please lead and guide us. Please go before us and make the rough roads smooth. Help us to order our days, to live life to the fullest and to take nothing for granted. We thank you for knowing our needs before we ask and for being by our side in all we face. May we be a blessing to others and point the way to you. We love you, Lord and we commit this day and month to your hands. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

[Hope For The Broken Hearted.com](http://HopeForTheBrokenHearted.com)



Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

March 2020

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

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Sat

<p>1 8 am Prayer 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship 6 pm Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>2 6:30 Volleyball</p>	<p>3 6:30 Prop. Mgt. 6:30 Open Gym</p>	<p>4 6:00 Meal 6:30 Youth/WOW 6:45 Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 2:15 Good News Club</p>	<p>7 4-10 Gym in Use</p>
<p>8  8 am Prayer 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship</p>	<p>9 8:30 Ladies Sewing 6:30 Volleyball 7:00 Church Board</p>	<p>10 8:30 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Ladies Prayer</p>	<p>11 6:00 Meal 6:30 Youth/WOW 6:45 Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 10:30-5 Gym in Use</p>
<p>15 8 am Prayer 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship 6 pm Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>16 6:30 Volleyball</p>	<p>17 6:30 Open Gym </p>	<p>18 6:00 Meal 6:30 Youth/WOW 6:45 Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 6:00 Movie/Game Night</p>
<p>22 8 am Prayer 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship</p>	<p>23 6:30 Volleyball</p>	<p>24 6:30 Ladies Prayer Blood Drive</p>	<p>25 6:00 Meal 6:30 Youth/WOW 6:45 Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 2:15 Good News Club</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 8 am Prayer 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship 6:30 Praise/Prayer Service</p>	<p>30 6:30 Volleyball</p>	<p>31 6:30 Open Gym</p>				