

# The Air Hill Breezes 2024

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## AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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



God never promised you comfort. God promised you himself.

I am working my way through reading the book of Acts. I came to Acts 20:22-24 NIV, “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.” On his way to Jerusalem, Paul met a prophet named Agabus. Agabus prophesied through the Holy Spirit that the Jews of Jerusalem will bind the hands and feet of Paul (Acts 21:10-11). Paul’s saga with the justice system began when he arrived in Jerusalem, in short, he was arrested. The justice system stunk. The Romans, who were the judges, knew Paul had done nothing deserving arrest and punishment, however, the Romans were trying to please the Jews. Meanwhile, Paul had lost most of his freedoms, though he could have been treated worse.

As you flip the pages of Paul’s life, you realize two things, and maybe more. First, Paul did not have a comfortable life. (Check out 2 Corinthians 4.) He was constantly in some form of imprisonment. Second, God had a purpose for him to be imprisoned. God wanted the story of Jesus Christ to spread across the world. In fact, the Lord told him, “Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome” (Acts 23:11). How was this going to happen? Through unjust judges in many trials and through imprisonments. Repeatedly, the apostle Paul stood before different leaders proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ until he got to declare the gospel to Caesar in Rome.

Paul faced prison and hardships. God never promised him, or us, comfort. His life was not about him but about Jesus. As I said at the end of each of my sermons on healing recently, we need to come to a place where we want God more than ourselves.

Of course, if we imitate the life of Jesus, that is what we’ll do. He himself left his throne of glory and gave it all up to come to us rebellious people. He left his kingdom of purity and holiness to enter this world of sin. This sinful world put him to death.

Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Yet, he did not live in comfort. He was born in poverty. As his ministry began, the people of his own hometown rejected him. They wanted him thrown over the cliff. He spent nights praying. He never stayed in his own home. The religious leaders hated him.

God never promised Jesus comfort. In fact, God the Father refused to take the cup of suffering from Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was God’s will that he should suffer. If our goal is to follow Jesus Christ through the wind of the Holy Spirit, beware. God might not take us on the road of comfort either. He called us to himself.

As Paul and Jesus used their “sufferings” for the glory of God, so should we.

At the job in which you hate, maybe there are people who need Jesus Christ. Maybe there are people who need encouragement. As you battle through some health problem, maybe he is bringing you before doctors, nurses, and fellow patients who need to hear and see the gospel. Though you would rather not be at school, maybe there are students who are “lost.”

God does not call us to comfort. He calls us to himself and to serve him wherever he sends us.

## Church Board News

- The board has approved the change of the name of the AV Team to Tech Team
- The board approved Travis Kisamore to be a member
- The board approved Ruth Lehman and Eunice Zook as delegates to the General Assembly
- The board spent much time reviewing and updating the congregation's bylaws

### March Spiritual Exercise:

Read through one of these gospels: Matthew, Mark, or Luke. You may read each of them if you desire but read at least one of them. As you do:

Write down on a sheet of paper every time that you see that Jesus may have experienced something uncomfortable, e.g. Matthew 4:2, Jesus fasted for forty days - hunger.

Write down on another sheet of paper every time that you see that the disciples may have experienced something uncomfortable or been taught by Jesus to do something uncomfortable, e.g. Matthew 4:20, they left their nets to follow Jesus – left jobs.

As you look at what you have written down, meditate on both the costs and the benefits of what they experienced.

### March Prayer:

Father, may I be what you want me to be and go where you want me to go despite the costs. Help me to fearlessly follow Jesus Christ through the wind of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



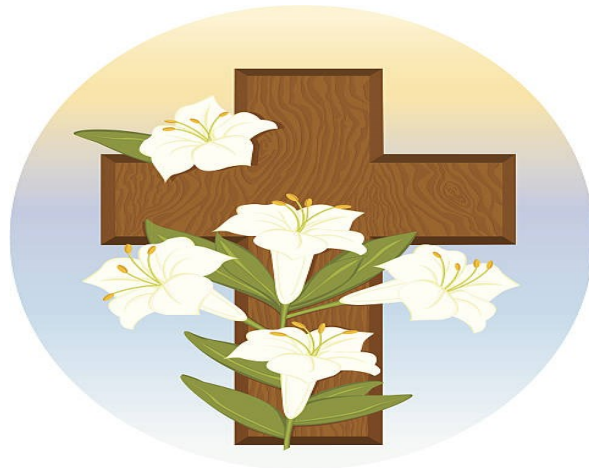
### Community of the Month

#### Upper Strasburg

**Walk, ride, and drive through Upper Strasburg. Ask God to give you the opportunity to talk and pray with people.**

**MARCH 2024 BIBLE READING PLAN**

1	Matthew 21:23-32	14	Matthew 25:31-46
2	Matthew 21:33-46	15	Matthew 26:1-16
3	Matthew 22:1-14	16	Matthew 26:17-35
4	Matthew 22:15-33	17	Matthew 26:36-56
5	Matthew 22:34-46	18	Matthew 26:57-75
6	Matthew 23:1-12	19	Matthew 27:1-10
7	Matthew 23:13-24	20	Matthew 27:11-26
8	Matthew 23:25-39	21	Matthew 27:27-44
9	Matthew 24:1-14	22	Matthew 27:45-56
10	Matthew 24:15-35	23	Matthew 27:57-66
11	Matthew 24:36-51	24	Matthew 28:1-10
12	Matthew 25:1-13	25	Matthew 28:11-20
13	Matthew 25:14-30		



# From the Missions Committee

The Tide Your Soles-Their Souls collection of shoes has reached over 2,500 shoes-halfway to the goal of 5,000 pairs! (That's a lot of shoes.) Our last "official" date to receive shoes was February 25th. Pairs that come in after will also be accepted. Your donation has made a world of difference to those who receive the shoes. They are sold in their microbusinesses in developing countries around the world: To the students who attend, The Tide Gospel Outreach Literacy classes in India, they learn to read and write and, most importantly, learn about the love of Christ.

Thank you for your participation..



## Lock-In Report

A great big thank you to all the adults and students that participated in the February 9th and 10th youth lock-in at the church. The evening was very successful. We had 35 students and a total of 13 adults. The evening was broken up into organized group games, worship, and free time, with plenty of food and soda consumed throughout the night. Of the 35 students only 10 decided to sleep. That was only for an hour nap in the wee hours of the morning. Danae Wenger, Rachel Garling, and Amy Wenger did a great job talking about a time or times where God has helped them in a difficult situation in their lives. Dan, Jason and Travis led the group in indoor games and Dwaine came over around 2:00 am to lead outdoor games.



## YOUTH GROUP BIG CREEK FUNDRAISER NEWS



Please mark your calendar for Saturday, March 23rd from 7:00 am to 10:00 am here at the church gym. The youth will be hosting a fundraiser breakfast to help raise funds for our mission trip to Big Creek Mission in Kentucky. The trip is planned for this coming summer. We will be accepting donations for a delicious breakfast of steely sausages, pancakes, eggs, coffee and juice. Come, enjoy some breakfast and fellowship while supporting the Air Hill Youth Group.



### All-Church Roller Skating

March 6th

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Roll R Way

Admission is free

\$3.00 for skates or bring your own

## MARRIAGE WEEKEND



**When:** March 8-9

**What:** The Power of Us Marriage Weekend

**Who:** Dr. Rick Marks will be the speaker.

**Where:** Air Hill BIC Church

**When:** Fri evening, March 8, 6:30-9

Saturday morning, March 9, 9-12

**Cost:** \$50/couple







**COME AND JOIN US!**

**JUNE 10-14**

**6:30-8:30**

**AIR HILL BIC CHURCH**



# 2024

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

					<b>1</b> 6-8:30 pm Missions Dinner-K Thrush	<b>2</b> 7:00-8:00 am Discipleship Group
<b>3</b> 8:30 am Prayer 9:00 am S.S 10:00 am Worship	<b>4</b> 11:30-2:30 Homeschool Group	<b>5</b> 7:00 pm Praise/ Prayer	<b>6</b> 2:15 pm Good News Club 6:30 pm Kingdom Kids/Youth	<b>7</b> 11:30-2:30 Homeschool Group 8:00 pm Discipleship Group	<b>8</b> 6:30-9:00 pm Marriage Weekend	<b>9</b> 9-12 am Marriage Weekend 7-8:00 am Discipleship Group
<b>10</b> 8:30 am Prayer 9:00 am S.S 10:00 am Worship	<b>11</b> 11:30-2:30 Homeschool Group 7:00 pm Church Board	<b>12</b> 8:30-12:30 Ladies Sewing 7:00 pm Praise/ Prayer	<b>13</b> 2:15 pm Good News Club 6:30 pm Kingdom Kids/Youth Group	<b>14</b> 11:30-2:30 Homeschool Group 8:00 pm Discipleship Group	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7-8 am Discipleship Group
<b>17</b> 8:30 am Prayer 9:00 am S.S 10:00 am Worship 6:30 pm Shepherd Training	<b>18</b> 11:30-2:30 Homeschool Group 12:30 pm Widows & Caregivers Lunch	<b>19</b> 7:00 pm Praise/ Prayer	<b>20</b> 2:15 pm Good News Club 6:30 pm Kingdom Kids/Youth Group	<b>21</b> 11:30-2:30 Homeschool Group 8:00 pm Discipleship Group	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6-11 am Youth Big Creek Fundraiser 7-8 am Discipleship Group
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