

# The Air Hill Breezes

## November



## 2022

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### AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

I have been reading through Jeremiah, and I have been fascinated. I have been especially intrigued by Jeremiah 42. From Jeremiah 39-41, Jeremiah describes the fall of Jerusalem by Babylon and then the assassination of the Israelite ruler that the Babylonians assigned. Now the army officer with all the remaining Israelite people come to Jeremiah asking for God’s word for them. Here is some of the story (Jer. 42:1-12 NIV):

***1**Then all the army officers, including Johanan son of Kareah and Jezaniah son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least to the greatest approached **2**Jeremiah the prophet and said to him, “Please hear our petition and pray to the LORD your God for this entire remnant. For as you now see, though we were once many, now only a few are left. **3**Pray that the LORD your God will tell us where we should go and what we should do.”*

***4**“I have heard you,” replied Jeremiah the prophet. “I will certainly pray to the LORD your God as you have requested; I will tell you everything the LORD says and will keep nothing back from you.”*

***5**Then they said to Jeremiah, “May the LORD be a true and faithful witness against us if we do not act in accordance with everything the LORD your God sends you to tell us. **6**Whether it is favorable or unfavorable, we will obey the LORD our God, to whom we are sending you, so that it will go well with us, for we will obey the LORD our God.”*

***7**Ten days later the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah. **8**So he called together Johanan son of Kareah and all the army officers who were with him and all the people from the least to the greatest. **9**He said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your petition, says: **10**‘If you stay in this land, I will build you up and not tear you down; I will plant you and not uproot you, for I have relented concerning the disaster I have inflicted on you. **11**Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, whom you now fear. Do not be afraid of him, declares the LORD, for I am with you and will save you and deliver you from his hands. **12**I will show you compassion so that he will have compassion on you and restore you to your land.’*

Jeremiah goes on to tell the Israelites what will happen if they disobey and go to Egypt. In short, Jeremiah communicates to the Jews that they are afraid of the Babylonians. The Jews are afraid of both being put to sword by the Babylonians and experiencing famine. The Israelites think that if they run somewhere else, to Egypt, then they will escape these things. Jeremiah says, “Wrong answer! If you run to Egypt, you will suffer what you fear. If you stay still, you will prosper.” The Israelites run, but you can’t run from God.

This whole story amazes me. The remnant of Israelites asked Jeremiah for what God wanted them to do. After ten days, God told Jeremiah the instructions.



Jeremiah then told the Israelites. The Israelites rejected what Jeremiah had said. They actually accused Jeremiah of lying (Jeremiah 43). God provided through Jeremiah exactly what they were to do, and they rejected it. Even more, God's words made it super easy for the Israelites; he wanted them to stay in the land of Israel. The remnant of the Israelites wanted nothing of it. They thought of Egypt as a place of safety. (We humans can be so stubborn; stubborn is a common word that Jeremiah uses to describe the Israelites.) Thus, those Israelites fled to their "security blanket," or so it seemed in their mind. Their security was in another nation, even though God told them they should not run away there.

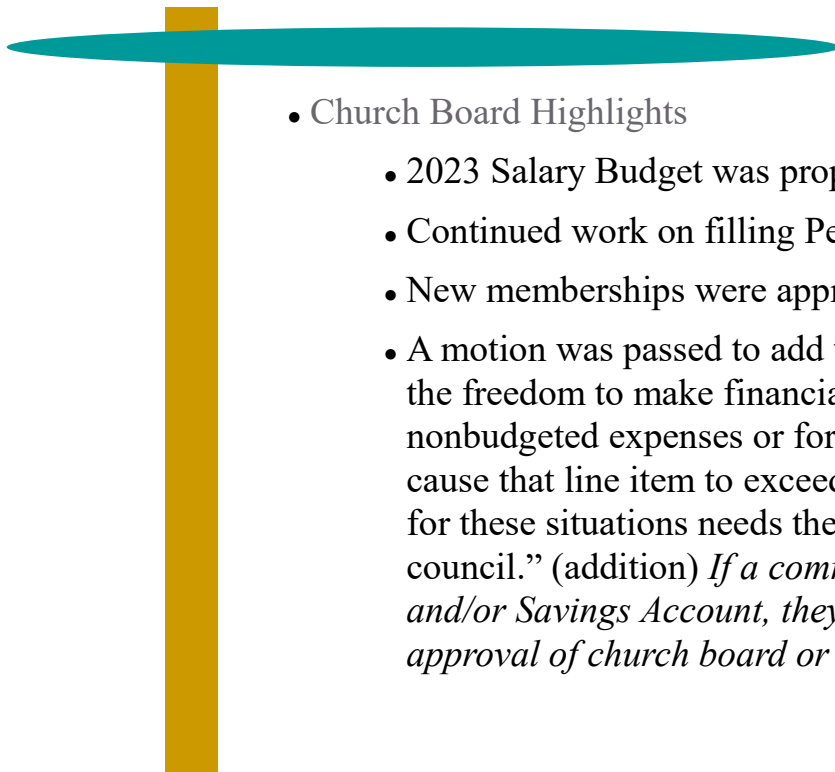
How often do we know God's will and don't want to do it?

How often do we run from God to our source of security? It is so easy to run to our default source of comfort: food, TV program, computer, sports, shopping, and so forth to alleviate our tension – to escape our fears.

How often do we make things hard for ourselves because of our disobedience? You can't run from God. Just ask a guy named Jonah.

You know the great thing about reading the Bible is that it reveals our sinfulness and the different ways we try to disobey God. Read, study, learn, and apply.

Pastor John



- Church Board Highlights
  - 2023 Salary Budget was proposed.
  - Continued work on filling Personnel roles.
  - New memberships were approved.
  - A motion was passed to add to the policy "The church board has the freedom to make financial decisions of up to \$3000 for any nonbudgeted expenses or for any budgeted expenses that would cause that line item to exceed budget. Any amount above \$3000 for these situations needs the approval of the congregational council." (addition) *If a committee has a Designated Account and/or Savings Account, they may use those accounts without approval of church board or council.*

<b>November 2022 BIBLE READING PLAN</b>			
1	Job 1	14	Job 13
2	Job 2	15	Job 14
3	Job 3	16	Job 15:1-16
4	Job 4	17	Job 15:17-35
5	Job 5	18	Job 16
6	Job 6	19	Job 17
7	Job 7	20	Job 18
8	Job 8	21	Job 19
9	Job 9:1-20	22	Job 20
10	Job 9:21-35	23	Job 21:1-21
11	Job 10	24	Job 21:22-34
12	Job 11	25	Job 22
13	Job 12		

**November Spiritual Exercise: Spiritual Fill Up**

Renovare writes: “The Spirit-empowered Tradition focuses on the power of God’s Spirit moving in and through us. Just as a car requires fuel to run, and our bodies require food for survival, so our souls rely upon the Spirit of God for spiritual energy. Through the Spirit, we are able to do more than we could on our own steam, and these abilities not only remind us of God’s presence but equip us to build up our communities in love.” For five minutes each day, preferably in the morning:

Pray with your body language:

hold your hands palms open upward to God ready to receive what he offers or like Moses who lifted his hands “up to the throne in heaven” (Exod. 17:15)

Ask God: “Father, may I have all the resources of the Spirit of Jesus Christ to live fully for you today.”

Review your schedule for the day with God asking for the resources of the Holy Spirit, and wait in silence listening to what God might say for the rest of the five minutes.

**Community of the Month for Prayer:**

Upper Strasburg

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

**November Prayer:**

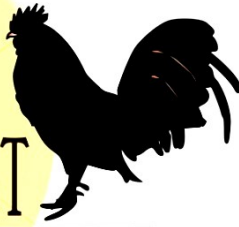
“Father, may I have all the resources of the Spirit of Jesus Christ to live fully for you today. Amen.”

**Upcoming Sermon Series:**

“For Crying Out Loud”

November 5th @ 8:30 am

# MEN'S BREAKFAST



Sign up on the bulletin board.

## The Second Membership Celebration

is November 6th during worship service.

A pot luck meal will follow the worship service.

If your last name begins with:

A-L: Bring a cold dish to share

M-Z: Bring a hot dish to share



IN EVERYTHING  
*give*  
*Thanks;*  
for this is the will of God  
for you in  
CHRIST JESUS

— 1 THESSALONIANS 5:17 —

## Shepherd Ministry Moments

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,  
and let your glory be over all the earth.

Sunday, October 9th @ 5:00 pm, shepherds and their flock families experienced a beautiful evening out in God's creation with a camp fire. 52 family members enjoyed a picnic meal of hot dogs done over the fire, chips, fruit and chocolate chip cookies with home made ice cream.

It was a fun time of singing and playing a "Get Acquainted Game" and "Christian Taboo/Password"

As the evening went on it got a little chilly, but the children didn't mind as they threw the football and enjoyed tossing sparklers into the fire to make pretty colors. It was a great time of fellowship and enjoying our families.

1 Peter 5:2 says, "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers - not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be..."

We need more shepherds. If God is calling you to care for families of Air Hill, I would encourage you to answer His call.

The vision of the Shepherd Ministry is that you as a shepherd will spiritually guide a group of families to grow in the Lord through loving and caring relationships.

This guy greeted us as we were putting the fire out.



## Upcoming Dates:



*Every Sunday*

*9:00 am - 9:45 am*

*Preschool: Ages 2-4 Room 12*

*Elementary: Ages K - 5th Grade Room 9*

*Youth: Ages 6th Grade - 12th Grade Room 15*

*Young Adults: Room 13*

*Teachers: Dwaine Wenger and Jason Wenger*

*Center Square: All Adult Ages*

*Teachers: Kyle Grove and Warren Peckman*

*Curriculum: Wesleyan Quarterly  
(Studying Revelation)*

*Hope Class: All Adult Ages*

*Teachers: Sandy Bender and Dave Detweiler*

*Curriculum: Standard Quarterly  
(Beginning Ephesians November 6th)*

*Noble Bereans: All Adult Ages*

*Teacher: Pastor John Melhorn*

*Curriculum: BJC Basic Biblical Beliefs*



*You are welcome to sit in  
on any of the classes.*

*Join us on learning more  
about Jesus Christ and the  
life of being a Christian.*

# November



**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

		<p><b>1</b> 7:00 pm Praise/ Prayer</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6:30 pm Youth Group/Kingdom Kids</p>	<p><b>3</b> 6:30 pm Proper- ty Mgt. Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> 8:30 am Men's Breakfast</p>
<p><b>6</b> 8:30 am Prayer 9:00 am S.S. 10:00 am Wor- ship</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> 6:30 pm Youth Group/Kingdom Kids</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
<p><b>Pastor John on Vacation</b></p>						
<p><b>13</b> 8:30 am Prayer 9:00 am S.S. 10:00 am Wor- ship Guest Speaker: Terry Hoke</p>	<p><b>14</b> 8:30 am Ladies Sewing 7:00 pm Church Board</p>	<p><b>15</b> 7:00 pm Praise/ Prayer</p>	<p><b>16</b> 6:30 pm Youth Group/Kingdom Kids</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
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