

The Air Hill Breezes

2023

April

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AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend wrote a powerful song centered on the death of Jesus called, “The Power of the Cross.” They began the song with these words:

Oh, to see the dawn Of the darkest day:

Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men,

Torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;

Took the blame, bore the wrath— We stand forgiven at the cross.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Do we think enough about what Jesus accomplished for us? When I ask this question, I am not only talking about telling ourselves “Jesus died for me.” I am talking about dwelling on the suffering that led to his death. Now, I don’t want you to be morbid or sadistic. I don’t think you need to re-watch “The Passion of the Christ” by Mel Gibson. But we need to ask ourselves, “What would it take to go through what Jesus did?”

Ponder these words from Hebrews 5:7-8 NIV, “*During the days of Jesus’ life of earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered.*” This Scripture passage may refer to more than his last week before he was crucified. But have you ever thought about what Jesus went through in that last week, and even more specifically that last night, the betrayal, the scattering of disciples, the false accusations, the flogging, the mockery, the spitting, the hitting, the humiliation of nakedness, much less the pain of the cross itself.

Of course, more important than what he suffered is the why he suffered. Let me give you two answers that are really one and the same. 1) His passion for people. Ironically, the word “passion” has two meanings. One meaning involves a “strong barely controllable emotion.” A more obsolete definition except used in Christianity defines passion as “suffering.” These two meanings may be united in Jesus Christ; Jesus had this deep desire for people to know God, so much so, he was willing to suffer and die. 2) His suffering and death and resurrection was the only way Jesus, the God/man, could rescue humans from their sinfulness. Our sin separates humans from God. Jesus, who is God, became man; he became the mediator between God and humans. Jesus needed to die to become that bridge that covers the gulf of sin between God and men. His death provided the way us humans may have a relationship with God.

Let me encourage you to meditate on the passion of Jesus. As you do, your passion for Jesus will grow. On April 6-7, we will look at different aspects of Jesus’ passion through the Maundy Thursday service and Good Friday service. Of course, on April 9th we will celebrate his victory over the suffering and death he experienced. This month let us remember the passion of Christ.

Let me close with the thoughts of the apostle Paul, “*I want to know Christ- yes, to know the power of his resurrection and the participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining the resurrection from the dead*” (Philippians 3:10-11 NIV). Is our passion in Jesus growing as we meditate on the passion of Jesus so that we be able to endure passion for Jesus?

April 2023 BIBLE READING PLAN			
1	Joshua 1-2	14	Judges 6-7
2	Joshua 3-5	15	Judges 8
3	Joshua 6-7	16	Judges 9
4	Joshua 8-9	17	Judges 10-12
5	Joshua 10-12	18	Judges 13-15
6	Joshua 13-14	19	Judges 16
7	Joshua 15-17	20	Judges 17-18
8	Joshua 18-19	21	Judges 19
9	Joshua 20-21	22	Judges 20-21
10	Joshua 22-23	23	Ruth 1
11	Joshua 24	24	Ruth 2-3
12	Judges 1-3	25	Ruth 4
13	Judges 4-5		

April Spiritual Exercise:

Come and partake of the Lord's Supper either on April 6 or April 7 or on both. The bread and the juice remind us of the incarnational Jesus' body and blood. He who was God became man so that we may have life with God. He suffered and died so that we may live in union with God.

April Prayer:

“Lord, I am willing
to receive what you give,
to lack what you withhold,
to relinquish what you take,
to suffer what you inflict,
to be what you require.” Charles Swindoll

Community of the Month for Prayer:

Edenville/Cheesetown

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

March 2023 Church Board Highlights

- The board met with Bishop Rob Patterson to discuss the term end for Pastor John.
 - Pastor John has been invited to serve another 5 yr. term.
- The board put together questions for interviews for two candidates for youth pastor.
 - The board held the interviews for both candidates on March 27th
- The board approved several people for membership.





**April 22nd
7am-10am**



**Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for
the youth mission trip to KY in July**

Attention all committee members:
A meeting is scheduled for April 17th
@ 7:00 pm for all committee
members. Please plan to attend.

Employment Opportunity

Air Hill Church Administrative Assistant: If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit your resume to the church office by June 11th. See the posting on the bulletin board for the job description.

Vacation Bible School



We are excited to be hosting VBS once again this year. Our theme is Keepers of the Kingdom. The focus of which, is to teach our children about the two kingdoms. The kingdom of darkness and kingdom of light. We will be equipping them for this battle with the armor of God (Helmet of salvation, belt of truth, shield of faith, sword of the spirit, and shoes of peace). We will be teaching all of this through story time, crafts, games, and music.

In order to have a successful and smooth VBS we need great people like you to volunteer your time. We will be asking for help ahead of time and during VBS in many capacities. If you are interested in volunteering and have not filled out the volunteer sheet please reach out to Ashton Heckman at gm83heckman@gmail.com or (717) 331-2860. If you are unable to help out you can certainly keep us in your prayers.

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

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

Many Blessings, Ashton Heckman

MYERS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

March 2023 Family Update



Picture above from outside our front door. Love the New Mexico sunsets!



Picture to the left was from our nephew's wedding in December. We look forward to the end of May to share in the wedding of our son Noah and his fiancé Emily in Kansas. A quick family update on our kids: Both Noah and Lydia are living in Hays, Kansas. Noah is selling insurance for Farmers Insurance; Lydia is studying beauty and hairstyling at Hays Academy of Hair Design. Elijah continues working at Pesco, a local oil field equipment supplier in Farmington. Mercy is working on obtaining her GED at our local community college and finishing up her last year of dance. Sara and Rhema are busy with their on-line schooling and continuing to participate in dance.

There is so much great hunting in New Mexico, and Rochelle and I often get asked about our hunts each year. So here is a picture of my recent elk hunt in December, on my birthday, God blessed me after hiking thirty-five miles in 3 days, with this elk about one hour before I was going to leave to head back home. Thank you, Lord, for the meat. Also pictured left, Rochelle loves to garden, and with New Mexico's short growing season, she starts many plants from seed. With more moisture this past year than usual, we look forward to producing a larger harvest of produce this season.



Pictured right: Every week, at the end of our weekly men's support group meetings we huddle up and end our time in prayer for each other and for those in our community that are in recovery. We end our prayers with "And All God's Warriors Say, AMEN!"



Pictured right: new logo for Byron's House of Hope. **Pictured left:** One of Convicted By Christ social media posts that we try to do on a regular basis to promote our meetings and services on Thursday nights. Recently, CBC came under the cover of BIC US as a BIC church. Brian pastors CBC but also has several men who help with the leadership of the church/group meetings. Each week, we have worship, a testimony, and a message. CBC group consists of multiethnic and prison culture which creates a wide variety of worship music from traditional worship, and a variety of Christian hip-hop, rap, and country.



Pictured left: Current men at Byron's House of Hope- BHH (Lovell, Jaymes, Michael, and Eric) **Pictured right:** Past graduate of BHH, Julian, giving an update at Convicted By Christ after being out of the program for 1 year. Julian is working full-time in the food industry and cuts hair on the side. He often stops by BHH to give free haircuts for the other men in the program.



Pictured left: At "Sparks" children's support group meetings on Thursday nights, Rochelle averages around 12 children each week. Some of our close friends in New Mexico come at times to provide face-painting for the children after share in a weekly meal together and they complete their Bible lessons and life-skill classes. Rochelle and I both are thankful for our New Mexico family who give of their time and generously help us invest into the lives of these children, some who don't know how to receive love.

Missions Page

MCC GROCERY BAGS contain basic food staples that will help to feed a family of 4 for about 2 weeks. Over 3000 bags are distributed yearly to churches in nearby states. If you would like to fill a bag, look for bags at the back of the church in early April.

taken from

Every MCC East Coast grocery bag and food box contains (minimum ounces listed):

- vegetable oil (32 oz.)
- pasta (2 lbs.)
- raisins (1 lb.)
- white rice (32 oz.)
- 2 cans meat (chicken or tuna) (12 oz.)
- 1 can tomato sauce (15 oz.)
- 2 cans fruit (14-20 oz.)
- 2 cans vegetables (14-16 oz.)
- 2 cans beans (16 oz.)
- 1 box of cereal (14-18 oz.)
- peanut butter (28 oz.)

SOLES FOR SOULS

The Tide collects shoes for a partnering organization. The funds collected from the shoes are used for The Tide Gospel Outreach Literacy Classes in India. The team in India use Biblically based material in the classes, exposing students to the Gospel as they learn.

The partnering organization uses the shoes for micro-businesses in 24 developing countries. The entrepreneurs are offered a 5-part micro-enterprise course. Once completed, they are given 150 pairs of shoes to start their business. Once they have sold 6-8 pairs of shoes, they can usually purchase another 150 pairs to keep their business going. This allows business owners to take a step out of poverty and provide for their families.

To support the Tide, you may bring your new or gently worn shoes to church between now and May 12.

taken from thetide.org



Jason and Rebekah Oberholser

The Freedom of Nations Church will partner with other churches in the Four Corners area to sponsor a community Easter Sunrise service. The service will feature Scripture read in English, Navajo, and Spanish. Pray that non-believers will attend and receive God's gift of salvation through Jesus

Jason and Rebekah are preparing for home ministry and a time of sabbatical. Pray for clarity in identifying which ministry opportunities to focus on this spring. Pray for wisdom as they invest time in equipping emerging leaders to carry on key leadership roles in their absence. Pray that they will find dependable people to care for their property and animals while they are away.

REFUGEE CARE

The designated offering for the fifth Sunday in April will go to the BIC Refugee Care need in the Middle East. Many families are forced to leave their homes and face numerous hardships. Refugee care provides food, basic needs and medical aid. It also provides activities for community building which gives families a sense of belonging. Child Protection Training is also given. By giving to this project, we can share Jesus' love by caring for basic physical and mental health needs of refugee families in the Middle East.



taken from bicus.org/missions

The BIC Global Compassion Fund has given \$4000 this month to help with the aftermath of flooding in Malawi. Air Hill has budgeted to contribute to this fund so that money is available when crises arise.

April

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						1 Regional Conference
2 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship	3 6:30 Finance Committee	4 7:00 Praise/Prayer	5 2:15 Good News 6:30 Kingdom Kids/Youth Group	6 6:00 Maundy Service	7 7:00 Good Friday Service	8 11-4 Gym in Use
9 7:00 Sunrise 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship Baptism/ Membership 12-7 Gym in Use	10 8:30 am Ladies Sewing	11 7:00 Praise/Prayer	12 6:30 Kingdom Kids/Youth Group	13	14	15
16 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship 11:45 Basic Biblical Belief Sunday School Class lunch	17 6-7 Church Board 7:00 All Committee Meeting	18 7:00 Praise/Prayer	19 6:30 Youth Group	20	21	22 7-10 am Youth Fundraising Breakfast
23 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship	24 7:00 Sunday School Committee Meeting	25 7:00 Praise/Prayer	26 6:30 Youth Group	27 6:30 pm Prop. Mgt. Meeting	28 4-9 pm Gym in Use	29
30 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship						