

# The Air Hill Breezes

# DECEMBER 2021



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Carolyn Arends tells this childhood story in her booklet, “The Universe in 57 Words”:

*As a church kid, I love the special Sundays when missionaries on furlough brought reports. There is one visit I’ve never forgotten.*

*The missionary couple was stationed in what appeared in photos to be a particularly steamy jungle. One day, they told us, an enormous snake – much longer than a man – slithered its way through their front door and into the kitchen of their simple home. Terrified, they ran outside and searched frantically for a local who might know what to do. A machete-wielding neighbor came to the rescue, calmly marching into their house and decapitating the snake with a clean chop.*

*The neighbor reemerged triumphant and assured the missionaries that the reptile had been defeated. But there was a catch, he warned: It was going to take a while for the snake to realize it was dead.*

*A snake’s neurology and blood flow are such that it can take considerable time for it to stop moving even after decapitation. For the next several hours, the missionaries were forced to wait outside while the snake thrashed about, smashing furniture and flailing against walls and widows, wreaking havoc until its body finally understood that it no longer had a head.*

*Sweating in the heat, they felt frustrated but also grateful that the snake’s rampage wouldn’t last forever. At some point they had a mutual epiphany.*

*I leaned in with the rest of the congregation, queasy and fascinated. “Do you see it?” asked the husband. “Satan is a lot like that big old snake. He’s already been defeated. He just doesn’t know it yet. In the meantime,*

## AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

*he’s going to do some damage. But never forget that he’s a goner.*

This year is soon ending, and it sure seems the big old snake has been thrashing around in this world. There is no doubt that we should expect this, after all, Jesus calls him the prince of the world. Plus, we read in 1 John 5:19, “We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.” Thrash, smash, crash and destruction all describe the work of the evil one - Satan.

Yet, here as we approach Christmas living in this smashmouth world, we may have peace. In a world thrashing with Satan, Isaiah prepared us for the coming Messiah, calling him, “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6). When Jesus was born, the angels announced to the shepherds, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.” Jesus then tells his disciples or learners, “I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Enjoy Jesus this Christmas. Even in this brutal world, we may have peace as we remain in Jesus. “Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you” (2 Thessalonians 3:16).

  
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ISAIAH 9:6

### Upcoming Dates

December 3rd: Fundraiser Dinner for Karina Thrush  
 December 12th: Budget and Personnel Council followed by a potluck lunch.  
 December 19th: Christmas Caroling  
 December 24th: Christmas Eve Service  
 December 31st: New Year's Eve Praise and Prayer

### December Spiritual Exercises:

Read or recite John 3:16 every day in December.

Pray these words, "Father, as you generously gave your Son Jesus, may I give myself generously to you and to those around me."

Watch for opportunities to give a smile, an act of kindness, or a needed gift.

### DEC. 2021 BIBLE READING PLAN

1	Rev. 1:1-8	14	Rev. 11
2	Rev. 1:9-20	15	Rev. 12
3	Rev. 2:1-17	16	Rev. 13
4	Rev. 2:18-29	17	Rev. 14
5	Rev. 3:1-13	18	Rev. 15
6	Rev. 3:14-22	19	Rev. 16
7	Rev. 4	20	Rev. 17
8	Rev. 5	21	Rev. 18
9	Rev. 6	22	Rev. 19
10	Rev. 7	23	Rev. 20
11	Rev. 8	24	Rev. 21
12	Rev. 9	25	Rev. 22
13	Rev. 10		

### Church Board

- Motion passed to approve the request from the property managers for \$1.00/hr raise for the custodians.
- Motion passed to approve the proposed budget for 2022.
- Motion passed to approve the personnel roster for 2022.
- Motion passed to approve getting a new photo directory for the church.
- The church board continues to read through "Fresh Wind Fresh Fire"

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# Perseverance

The Western Church can learn a great deal from our Global Church brothers and sisters when it comes to the topic of perseverance.

Bible Study in a Tree: When Covid hit Mozambique, as is true in most places, ministry had to pivot. This meant that a weekly Bible study had to shift its approach. Church leadership decided to divide up the participants among the leaders and each week, at the same time, the leaders called the participants and together over the phone they had a Bible study. One participant couldn't receive a clear cell phone signal at his location. But he was undaunted and deeply desired to participate in the Bible study. As a result, he demonstrated perseverance by climbing a tree which allowed him to receive a cell phone signal and participate in the weekly Bible study...from the top of a tree!



(copied from BIC World Missions)

## Our Missionaries

**Orville and Cheryl Hade** serve with BIC World Missions in Mozambique, Africa.

**Jason and Rebekah Oberholser** serve with BIC World Missions ministering to the Navajo people in New Mexico. Jason and Rebekah have 5 children.

**Brian and Rochelle Myers** serve with BIC World Missions. They also minister to the Navajo people in New Mexico. Brian and Rochelle have 6 children.

**Anthony and Shawna Myers** serve with Teen Missions in Florida. They prepare and participate with teams all over the world. Anthony and Shawna have 4 children and 1 grandchild.

**Karina Thrush** serves with Word of Life Fellowship with the SYME program in Japan.

For more information on how to encourage and support our missionaries, please call the office or speak to Nancy Melhorn or Sandy Bender.

New Sunday School Classes are forming:

Center Square: Wesleyan Material study of Luke  
(teachers: Warren Peckman, Ruth Lehman, and Kyle Grove.)

Upstairs: Revelation (teacher: Pastor John)

Hope Class: Bible Studies for Life, Walking in Confidence study with Genesis  
(teachers: Anthony Ogburn, Sandy Bender)



# DECEMBER



**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>2:15 pm Good News Club 6:30-7:45 pm Youth Group/ Kingdom Kids</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Prop. Mgt. Meeting 6-9 Gym in Use</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Fundraising Meal for Karina Thrush</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>8:30 am Prayer 9:00 am S.S. 10:00 am Worship</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6-9 Gym in Use</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>7:00 pm Praise/Prayer</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>2:15 pm Good News Club 6:30-7:45 pm Youth Group/ Kingdom Kids</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>3:00 pm Secret Sister Meal</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Shepherd Banquet @ Roxbury Camp</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>10-9 Annex in Use 11-5 Gym in Use</p>
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