The Air Hill Breezes

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AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
"To Follow Jesus Christ through the Wind of the Holy Spirit"

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This is called a sudoku. Have you ever done them? It is a test of logic. I enjoy doing sudokus. I believe it was my son Andrew who bought me a book of 1000+ sudokus a "couple" years ago. One third of them were easy. One third were labeled as medium, and the final third were described as hard. I have completed all the easy ones, the medium ones, and about a quarter of the hard ones. I have begun to learn how to think to get the hard ones without guessing. (I use pencil when I guess, so that I can erase. Normally, I use pen.)

I have copied the basic directions below from sudoku.com, so you can try your hand at this sudoku:

"Sudoku is played on a grid of 9 x 9 spaces. Within the rows and columns are 9 "squares" (made up of 3 x 3 spaces). Each row, column and square (9 spaces each) needs to be filled out with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column or square. Does it sound complicated? As you can see from the image below of an actual Sudoku grid, each Sudoku grid comes with a few spaces already filled in; the more spaces filled in, the easier the game – the more difficult Sudoku puzzles have very few spaces that are already filled in."

I have learned that the way to have success with the hard ones is to be patient and to keep seeking the next clue. There is <u>always</u> a next clue though you might not immediately see it. I make less educated guesses using a pencil than I used to, because I have learned to patiently seek. Yes, even with the easy ones, I have been known to rush. When I rush, I fail. I often put a big X across that puzzle, and I move onto the next one.

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Why do I tell you this? Because sometimes life is like a sudoku puzzle. Just ask some Magi. These men knew how to do sudoku. They knew how to seek. They saw a new star in the night sky. They interpreted that new star to mean that a new king was born in Israel. So, they sought him in Jerusalem, the capital. They could not immediately find him, so in their seeking, they asked Herod. He did not know, so he asked the religious leaders. They knew. Herod told the Magi. As they left Herod, they saw the star where it "stopped over the place where the child was." After they had seen Jesus and worshiped him, at some point they must have sought out their next steps. They had a dream which told them not to return to Herod to tell him.

Sometimes you hear the phrase "wise men still seek him" to describe the Magi. I am sure the Magi loved playing sudokus, especially the hard ones. Why? They had to patiently seek the answer behind the star. To see what God is doing, we must be like the Magi, or learn to play sudoku. We must patiently look for the clues. When you find those clues, then you can see God, our **answer** to life.

Enjoy Jesus!

John M.

December Prayer

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!'
Amen.
- Henri J.M. Nouwen

December Spiritual Exercise

Give a gift to someone in need.

The church board approved:

- The housing allowance for Travis Kisamore and the 2026 budget.
- The 2026 committee roster.
- The recommendation of giving $1000 from the deacon fund and having a designated offering to help with the debt of Sandy Todd incurred from Tom being at MennoHaven.

Community of the Month:

Chambersburg

Walk, ride, or drive through Chambersburg. Ask God to give you the opportunity to talk and pray with people.

Missionary of the Month

Anthony & Shawna Myers

Though technically the Halloween Prayer night happened in October, I'm going to report upon it for the month of November. On Friday evening, October 31st, a group of ten (Dwaine, Wendy and Lauryn Wenger, Bekii, Travis, Theo and Esperanza Kisamore, Emily Armer, Micah Mummert and Carolyn Meyers) traveled down to the Greenvillage town homes to go to the homes whose lights were on and/or people walking in the neighborhood. Our goal was to offer prayer to anyone that wanted it. We divided into two groups and set out to cover the development. The night was successful; we were able to pray with many people. We prayed blessings for people (some didn't know what to have us pray for). We prayed for housing for a young woman and her daughter. Another family commented as we walked away, "That was really neat, that's never happened before." We ran into numerous people that we had ran into last year. Some responded with a joyful and happy, "We remember you from last year." Others responded with irritation and annoyance with "We remember you from last year." At one house the adults put the youth in our group on the spot and asked them to pray on behalf of their grandkids. Overall, everyone that took part stepped out of their comfort zone to share Jesus with others. I was very proud of my group of students that rang doorbells and had smiling faces and kept pushing towards the end when tiredness started to set in.

In His Grip,

Travis

Upcoming Important Dates

December 1: 12:30 pm Widow's & Caregiver's Luncheon

December 14: Congregational Council & Potluck Meal

December 15: End of Year Council Reports due

December 21: 5:00 pm Christmas Caroling

December 24: 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

The Legend of the Candy Cane by Lori Walburg

The story tells of a Candy maker in Indiana who wanted to make a candy that would help us remember who Christmas is really about. So he made a Christmas Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ.

He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy; white to symbolize the virgin birth and sinless nature of Jesus; hard candy to symbolize the solid rock, the foundation of the Church; and firmness of the promises of God.

The candymaker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the name of Jesus. It also represented the staff of the "Good Shepherd".

The candymaker then included red stripes. He used three small stripes and a large red stripe to represent the suffering Christ endured at the end of his life.

Bible Reading Plan

DECEMBER 2025 BIBLE READING PLAN			
1	Revelation 1:1-8	14	Revelation 11
2	Revelation 1:9-20	15	Revelation 12
3	Revelation 2:1-17	16	Revelation 13
4	Revelation 2:18-29	17	Revelation 14
5	Revelation 3:1-13	18	Revelation 15
6	Revelation 3:14-22	19	Revelation 16
7	Revelation 4	20	Revelation 17
8	Revelation 5	21	Revelation 18
9	Revelation 6	22	Revelation 19
10	Revelation 7	23	Revelation 20
11	Revelation 8	24	Revelation 21
12	Revelation 9	25	Revelation 22
13	Revelation 10		

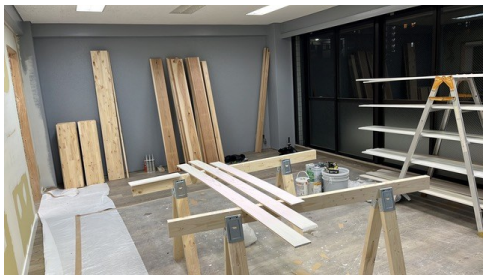
Karina Thrush

We praise the Lord for two full weeks of hard work on the renovation! A team of 11 from all over the States and one from Canada joined a Word of Life work team to help us with our renovation! They accomplished more than we asked or expected! We are so grateful for them and the encouragement that they gave us.

Attached are some before and after photos to see the progress!

We have 16% more to raise and more work to do, but the work team gave us a big leap forward!

Karina
Word of Life Japan



Karina Thrush

Praises & Prayer

Praise the Lord for direction on where to attend church and get involved. Praise the Lord for opportunities to serve.

Pray for SYME students for the 2026 reopen! Praise the Lord for the six students who have showed interest already!

Praise the Lord for providing the work team and for all that they were able to accomplish while in Japan.

Pray for wisdom as we search for student dorms and continue to advertise for students.

Renovation Progress!

November 3-16 a work team from the States (and one from Canada) came to help us take a big step forward in our renovation project! They built walls, painted, took out toilets, laid new flooring in all the major rooms, and built a serving line and bookshelves. Below are some photos of the progress.

Total Needed: $125,000

Help us open dorms for students & finish the renovation!

Online Donations can be made at https://give.wol.org/1H346C

Cash or Checks can be mailed to:
Word of Life Fellowship
PO Box 600
Schroon Lake, NY 12870

****Checks should be made out to WOL.**
****Memo: Japan Transition Project (1H346C)**

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Teen Missions International

Fall 2025

Ministry Update

New Ministry in Mexico!

This summer marked the first Teen Missions International (TMI) Boot Camp in Mexico! A specialized Leadership Development Team (LDT) prepared for this milestone by spending a pre-Boot Camp training week at The Lord's Boot Camp in Florida. Eight LDT team members received training to equip them to serve, lead, and model Christ-like character. Their leaders said that their teamwork and unity became a testament to God's provision, with Romans 10:17 serving as their guiding verse: "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

Serving in Florida

After the other teams arrived at Boot Camp, the LDT assisted with construction and concrete projects and taught balloon animal evangelism and other creative classes. They served alongside the medical and eyeglass teams, as well as helped in the kitchen and washed dishes. Part of their daily schedule included judging the Obstacle Course and encouraging the other teams as they ran. Their willingness to serve in any role set a strong example for the other teams.

Launching the Mexican Boot Camp

The LDT was the first to arrive at the Christian camp near Guadalajara, Mexico, where future TMI Boot Camps will be held. Their first assignment was to build the Obstacle Course, a key part of every TMI Boot Camp experience. They also prepared the grounds for Bible classes, construction training, and team-building activities. With the help of TMI missionary host Daniel and TMI coordinators from Colombia, the team formed a strong international partnership to launch this new ministry!

More than 60 youth and leaders from across Mexico were trained and then sent out on mission trips to four different regions of the country. These young people were challenged to ground their lives in God's Word. As their faith deepened, many stepped out with boldness, serving with courage.

The LDT blessed and encouraged the Mexican youth, reminding them they are not alone in this mission. They served faithfully with open hands and hearts. Teen Missions is excited to see how God will continue to grow the Mexican Boot Camps!

God is Working Through African Boot Camps!

The Malawi and Madagascar Boot Camps recently finished. In Malawi, over 1,000 leaders and team members attended and boldly spread the love of Jesus! One of the Madagascar teams shared this powerful testimony: "While preaching in a village, a mother asked us to pray for her Muslim son to become a Christian. At the last moment we were leaving this house, the son came home. We preached to him, he repented, surrendered himself to God, and accepted Jesus. Glory belongs to Jesus, who loves us so much!"

The US Lord's Boot Camp 2025 trained 300+ team members and leaders to GO share Jesus around the world! HE IS WORTHY!

The Oberholser's

Hello Prayer Warriors,

We are currently on a two-week trip to the Pacific Coast (Nov 3-19). Our first stop will be in Oregon where we'll visit with family & friends and speak at a church. Next week we'll travel through California where we expect to visit with more family/friends and speak at more churches. **Pray for safe travels and good connections with people along the way.** Some of the children going on this trip are disappointed to be leaving home; **we're praying that all four of our younger children see the glory of God on display throughout the whole trip.** Christy & Abby didn't travel with us as they have school and work responsibilities at home. They have several important assignments and tests coming up within the next few weeks. **Pray for Christy & Abby and all they'll be doing over the next two weeks.**

We continue to praise God for how we see him working through our small groups. We recently hosted a fall party at the apartment complex. There were 30-40 people that attended and engaged with us. We were especially excited about the good connections we made with one of the parents that night. **Continue to pray with us that we can build stronger connections with the adults at the apartments; many adults have the attitude that church is important for their children but not for themselves**. Our Sunday morning group has been studying through the Four Gospels in the Bible this year. We send out a weekly text with Bible passages for those who can't attend gathering; several people have indicated how much they appreciate being able to read along even when they can't be there physically. **Pray with us that as people read and listen to God's word that their hearts and minds would be transformed.** We've been praying for more people to attend the Intervarsity Bible Study that Jason helps to lead on our local college campus. God is answering those prayers by bringing new people into the group. P**ray especially for the two Navajo ladies who have a desire to grow and mature in their faith.** We recognize that these women have an opportunity to reach their culture differently than the men because the Navajo culture is maternal and the people have a lot of respect for female voices.

Pray for Neil, who's currently in an alcohol recovery program. This young man has so much potential to be a leader among the Navajo People. Pray that he would allow the Holy Spirit to transform his heart and mind!

Blessings to all!

The Oberholser Family

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 12:30 pm Widows & Caregiver's Luncheon 6:00 pm Basketball	2 7:00 pm Praise & Prayer	3 6:30 pm Kingdom Kids & Youth Group	4 5:00 am Discipleship Group	5	6 7:00 am Discipleship Group
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