

The Air Hill Breezes

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As we have just had a death in our church family, the name of this poem came to mind, “Death be not Proud” by John Donne. I included some commentary below the poem from cummingstudyguide.net. John Donne in this poem speaks to death as if death was a person.

*Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow,
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,
Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow,
And soonest our best men with thee do go,
Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.
Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell;
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?
One short sleep past, we wake eternally,
And death shall be no more;
Death, thou shalt die.*

overthrow: kill

thy pictures be: rest and sleep mimic death

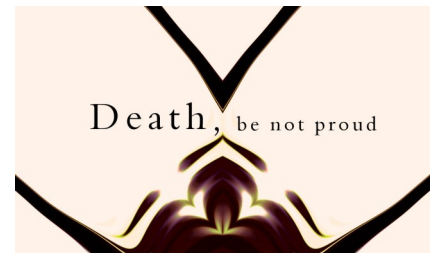
soonest: willingly; as soon as

Rest. . . delivery: Their bones go to their earthly rest but their souls do not die

slave: death is only a servant of events that end life: bad luck, accidents, royal decrees, murder, war, and illness

poppy or charms: charms and drugs made from poppy seeds can also induce sleep—and do it better than death can

why swell'st thou: why do you swell with pride?



There is an old saying, I believe I read it in a book by Chuck Swindoll, “You are not ready to live until you are ready to die.” This begs the question, “Are you ready to die?” Many people want to be right with God and right with others when they die. Would that not be a great way to live – being right with God and others? No barriers! No baggage!

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26) How can death be proud if we never die? Yes, we will die, but because Jesus is our resurrection and life, we will have life after death, or should I say, life after life? In him, death be not proud. So, let’s live now! Let’s live a life united to Jesus and a life united with each other. With Jesus the words of John Donne come true: “one short sleep past, we wake eternally, and death shall be no more; death, you shall die.”

CHURCH BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- Reorganization of Church Board
 - Chair - Pastor John Melhorn
 - Assistant Chair - Warren Peckman
 - Secretary - Anthony Ogburn
 - Treasurer - Mike Hawbaker
 - Elected Member - Fred Ocker
 - Elected Member - Ray Myers
 - Elected Member - Ron Wenger
 - Elected Membe - Larry Horn
 - Recording Secretary - Sandy Bender
- Motion to take to church council to give a financial gift to Jason & Rebekah Oberholser's ministry.
- Discussed our goal as a church to be extremely specific in making disciples of Jesus Christ with spiritual exercises and the start of small groups.



Reorganization of Property Management

- Chair - Chris Rickabaugh
- Asst. Chair - Jeff Wiley
- Secretary - Curtis Martin
- Church Board Rep. - Ron Wenger
- Ministry Board Rep. - Shawn Ocker
- Member - Brian Johnson

February Spiritual Exercise:

Invite the presence of God into your meal times, whether you eat alone or as a family or with friends. As you even prepare the food, invite his presence. As you ask God to bless the food, invite his presence. As you eat the food, invite his presence. As you converse, invite him into the words. Even consider how God made your digestive system: how your body takes your bites of food and transforms them into nutrients and also discards the waste. May your eating time be a God event.

Ponder the gospel stories that occur around Jesus eating with people.

A Reminder About Designated Giving

Currently the only designated giving categories are:

- * Missions
 - * You may designate an Air Hill supported missionary if you wish.
- * Common Ministries
- * CRC
- * Meat Canning
- * New Heights
- * Maintenance
- * Deacon

Offerings should not be designated to ministries of the church, ie: breakfast, vbs, shepherds.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



On-Line Giving Sermons On-Line

We are continuing the online giving through the web site. If you would like to take advantage of online giving, go to www.airhillchurch.org and you will see an "on line giving" menu and then a "donate" button.

Never miss a Sunday sermon!
If you visit the webpage, you can listen to the sermons online.

FROM THE OBERHOLERS

Praises and requests:

We were blessed with a wonderful and refreshing family time during the holidays with our children and extended relatives. Many new family memories were created!!

We are thankful for you, our partners, who are answering the call to partner with us through prayer and finances. Significant progress has been made over the past three weeks towards our cash goal of \$45,000 and overall funding goal of \$200,000; however, more financial partnerships are needed. Please join us in praying for the rest of our financial support to come in. Pray especially for our family to have boldness and creativity as we connect with new partners.

A Navajo family whom we've ministered to for 11 years have recently exhibited a deeper commitment to follow Jesus. Pray for the Begay family. We believe they have the potential to become a core aspect of the cell group/house church ministry we are preparing to launch. Please join us in praying for the new vision that the Lord is currently birthing in us for church planting among the Navajo People as we prepare to return. (Attached is a picture of Lambert, Laura, and their 3 children.)

Some of you might have read on Facebook that we had a showing on our old house earlier this week. The buyers liked what they saw and have made an offer, which we've accepted. However, the sale is pending upon their approval for a loan. Please join us in praying that the buyer would find favor with the bank and secure the funding they need.

Our Navajo friend Harvee injured his back last summer and is still dealing with the effects. Pray for his physical healing as well as spiritual strength to trust & obey the Lord with his whole heart.

We serve with Brethren in Christ U.S. World Missions. Contributions preferred for our ministry may be sent to: BIC U.S. World Missions [431 Grantham Rd Mechanicsburg, PA 17055](https://www.bic.org/431-Grantham-Rd-Mechanicsburg-PA-17055) or [donate online](#)

From Kimarha:

hey from orlando!

big thanks to God! and all of you for making a way for me to come here! It's amazing here and I've already made so many new amazing super nice friends. I've been learning alot about God as well, and how to hear his voice. I've been hearing the voice of God alot lately and he's been answering tons of my prayers! Can I pray for any of you while I'm here?!

about outreach- at first I wanted to go to indonesia, probably because everyone else was talking about going there. Definitely wanted to go to the middle east because that's obviously the most Jesus needed place. dangerous or not. but sadly that trip got cancelled. but I actually sat down and prayed for a while about it and God definitely said I'm sending you to the Caribbeans!

I love worship here and I'm doing the worship elective as well. the prayer room here is pretty amazing! I'm most excited to go out in the community even before outreach and tell people about Jesus!

love u all.



Prayer Requests from Orville and Cheryl Hade

1. Bissane family: they plan to return to their home sometime this week or next week. They were unable to sell their home and relocate so they built a brick security wall around their home, but Carlota (wife) especially is struggling with fears, since they suffered two home invasions before. The last time Bissane suffered a serious head wound from a machete. (Home invasions are reportedly continuing to occur in Milange)
2. Mozambique BIC Church: new constitution and government certificate: The former Bishop, who resigned in April 2018, did not submit resignation documents to the government and that is causing significant and increasing hardships for the new church leaders, as well as creating serious difficulties for us to renew our annual residency cards. Prayers for finding a way forward in order to resolve the situation.
3. Superintendent Francisco: as it seems he has recovered significantly from the life-threatening head injury from a transport accident last year, he is planning to travel to Milange to meet with us, Bissane, and Patricio (church administrator) in a few weeks. Prayers for his continued recovery and safety traveling from Beira to Milange.
4. Prayers for a special ECP training for the five superintendents and 2-3 leaders from their areas, which we hope to conduct in March. Most church leaders struggle greatly with their understanding of salvation through Jesus. We hope and pray that by the grace of God and the work of the Spirit that leaders will become stronger in Jesus, and therefore be able to provide good teaching and direction for the many pastors and leaders, who may have heard a brief plan of salvation once in their lifetime.
5. Prayers for wisdom in planning the various pastor/leader trainings for 2020.

Fasnacht Day is a Pennsylvania Dutch tradition that makes the day unique to central Pennsylvania that falls on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. The word translates to "Fasting Night" in English. The tradition is to eat the very best foods, which are part of the German tradition, and lots of it, before the Lenten fast.

The fasnacht tradition dates back to Swiss-German immigrants who came to the country in the 1700s.

You can buy fastnachts in a variety of shapes with different toppings. But traditionalists says the only true fastnacht is one that is square, made with potato and has no frosting, fillings or sprinkles – and definitely no holes.



For Christians, Tuesday is also Shrove Tuesday, a tradition of confessing one's sins to a priest and receiving penance.

Ash Wednesday, initially started in 200 to 500 AD where those guilty of serious sins did extra acts of penance such as praying and lying "in sackcloth and ashes" before being welcomed back to the Eucharist at the end of Lent. Centuries later, the practice was expanded for the community at the beginning of Lent, and the practice of wearing ashes on the forehead was started around the 10th century.



Join us for our Spring Men's Breakfast on Saturday February 22, 2020.
 Come Connect, fellowship, and enjoy a hot breakfast!
 8: 00am in the Dining Hall at Roxbury Camp.
 Cost is \$5.00 at the door.
 Register by February 12, 2020 by phone, email, or online.
 Phone: (717) 532-2208
 Email: roxburycamp@gmail.com

ANNOUNCING

To: BIC Churches of the Cumberland Valley
 47th ANNUAL MCC MEAT CANNING
 March 2-6, 2020
 AT: CUMBERLAND VALLEY RELIEF CENTER
 Molly Pitcher Highway South (near Marion)
 BIC WORK DAY is Tuesday, MARCH 3
 Work days begins at 5 AM
 (you are welcome to come on any day)

Contributions are needed and can be mailed to:
 CVRC
 4225 Molly Pitcher Hwy South
 Chambersburg PA 17202

For Additional info:
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The Gospel Challenge: February

The challenge: This year read and meditate through the gospels. Begin each day (you may choose another time) and for at least 15 minutes read and ponder the gospel reading for the day. Before you begin each reading, ask God to help you know Jesus more. For added benefit to your life, write down every insight you gain from that time or from your thoughts about the gospel as you think of it throughout the day.

Each month I will give you the next month's readings. (It will take three months to go through each gospel.) Note: I will give you 25 readings for a month. If you miss a day, you may catch up another day.

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| Matthew 10:21-42 | Matthew 16:1-12 |
| Matthew 11:1-19 | Matthew 16:13-28 |
| Matthew 11:20-30 | Matthew 17:1-13 |
| Matthew 12:1-21 | Matthew 17:14-27 |
| Matthew 12:22-37 | Matthew 18:1-14 |
| Matthew 12:38-50 | Matthew 18:15-35 |
| Matthew 13:1-23 | Matthew 19:1-15 |
| Matthew 13:24-43 | Matthew 19:16-30 |
| Matthew 13:44-58 | Matthew 20:1-16 |
| Matthew 14:1-21 | Matthew 20:17-34 |
| Matthew 14:22-36 | Matthew 21:1-11 |
| Matthew 15:1-20 | Matthew 21:12-22 |
| Matthew 15:21-39 | |

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AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

"To grow a healthy, loving, Christ centered church family that has a passion for reaching the community and the world for Christ"

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