

The Air Hill Breezes

January 2020

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British born Gladys Aylward served as a missionary to China from 1932 -1949. She wrote with the help of Christine Hunter an autobiography. The following is an excerpt from her book about what motivated her return to England for a time:

One day I was attending one of these prayer meetings when a young man stated that he felt very definite and earnest prayer was needed for England. At the end I took this young man aside and asked why he had brought the subject before the Christians.

“Don’t you think England needs praying for?” he asked.

“Yes, but not as if it is a heathen land, because, after all, it is a Christian country.”

“But are they having blessing and revival?”

“I do not know.”

“They can’t be. If they were, we would know it – in the midst of all our famine, war and suffering. England, the land that sent us the gospel, is worshiping other gods.”

“What do you mean?”

“To them sport, film stars, wealth, amusement – all are far more important than God.”

“But how do you know all this?”

“From the papers. I will bring you some to prove it.”

A little later he handed me a bundle of Chinese papers, and when I read them, I understood the burden of his prayers. Every item of reported news from England, every picture, was concerned with a film star, or a sportsman, or a horse race – not one mention of God. England, seemingly so prosperous while other countries passed through terrible suffering at the hands of the Communist domination, had forgotten what was all-important – the realization that God mattered in the life of a nation no less than in that of an individual.

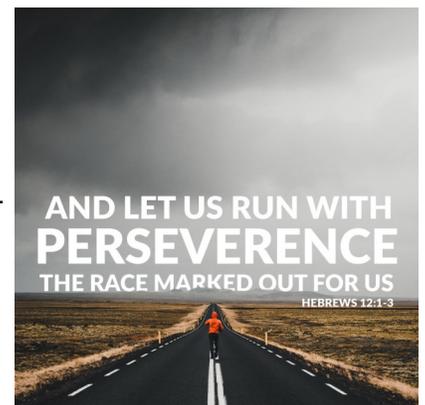
From that time, I knew that I must go back to the land of my birth. I must return to do what I could to dispel the spiritual lethargy that had overtaken so many. I must testify to the great faith of the Chinese church. I must let people know what great things God had done for me.

I do not know if this event occurred before World War II or after. I couldn’t find dates in the book. However, notice the problem that existed then and exists now.

As we begin a new year, maybe our eyes need to be opened to the heatheness of our own land, and maybe even our own county. With all the “horse and buggy Christians” around, maybe we have missed seeing those who do not know Jesus. Even more, as we look in the mirror, maybe we need to ask ourselves if we are more moved by our amusements than Jesus Christ. Ask Jesus, “What can we do to “dispel the spiritual lethargy that has overtaken so many?”

As we begin a new year, let’s “run in such a way as to get the prize?” (1 Corinthians 9:24). “Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus” (Hebrews 12:1,2). 2020 has begun.

May we find new life in Jesus this year.



Don't forget our Church Council on
January 19th
immediately after worship service.
Everyone is invited!

**2020: New Year, New Decade,
New Beginning
Let us be "Christ Followers" in
every way, every day.**



January Spiritual Exercise:

The word "love" is used for so many different things. How can loving ice cream, loving bike riding, loving Nancy, and loving God be the same? Thus, for this month, use a thesaurus and use other words than love. Tell people you love them, but don't use the word. Or if you are talking about loving ice cream, use a different word. Think about how you can tell God you love him without using the word love.

Here is a sample list of words you could use: like, fond, incline, desire, regard, admire, yearn, adore, devote, fancy, revere, prize, hold dear....

WEEK OF PRAYER AND FASTING

The BIC U.S. Week of Prayer and Fasting is fast approaching (January 5-11, 2020) and Allegheny Conference will be holding a Sacred Assembly to end the week on Sunday, January 12 at 6 pm at Paramount BIC Church in Hagerstown, MD.



BIC U.S. 2020 Prayer Guides filled with daily devotionals are available in the back of the Sanctuary for the week.

There will be a video sermon by the Bishop to kick off the Week of Prayer and Fasting.

The link to access it is below.

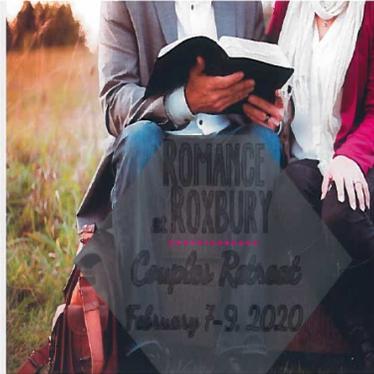
<http://tiny.cc/WPF2020Sermon>

CHURCH BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- Motion to help support Kimarha Jones mission trip with YWAM
- Motion to accept recommendation from Property Mgt. to approve Red Cross Drive 2020 dates to use our gym.
- Approval on reestablishing a Capital Improvement Fund.



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



INTIMACY – ITS NOT WHAT YOU THINK

Join us for a weekend away to connect with your spouse and God. Friday night we will dig into Intimacy with your Spouse. Saturday we will spend some time in breakout sessions with reflection time as couples on topics such as finances, communication, scripture, trust and prayer. Saturday evening will include a candlelight dinner followed by a time of growing in relationships with friends during a game night. Are you willing to show up ready to grow more intimate in your relationship with your spouse and God?

Register

Call: 717.532.2208
 Email: roxburycamp@gmail.com
 Online: www.roxburycamp.com

Registration ends on Friday January 24, 2020

Weekend Schedule

Friday:

5:00 - 6:30 pm Registration Byers Conference Center
 7:30 pm Session: Intimacy with your Spouse
 * Please bring a snack to share

Saturday:

7:30 am Continental Breakfast
 8:00 - 9:15 am Breakout Sessions
 9:30 am Brunch
 10:45 am Breakout Sessions
 12:00 - 4:30 pm Free Time
 4:45 pm Hors D'oeuvres
 5:00 pm Candlelight Dinner
 7:00 pm Intimacy with Friends- Game Night

Sunday:

8:00 am Breakfast
 9:30 am Session: Intimacy with God
 12:00 pm Take your spouse to lunch (on your own)

Retreat Cost

\$175.00 per couple
 (includes BCC lodging, meals & program)



A YEAR IN REVIEW

268

Clients Served

1154

Appointments

102

STI Tests

15

Positive STI Tests

211

Spiritual Conversations

203

Came for Childbirth or Parenting Education

Happy New Year 2020

Let's make one resolution this year: to anchor ourselves to God's grace. – Chuck Swindoll

"I wish, my brothers and sisters, that during this year you may live nearer to Christ than you have ever done before. Depend upon it, it is when we think much of Christ that we think little of ourselves, little of our troubles, and little of the doubts and fears that surround us." (Charles Spurgeon)

December 18th was a snowy and icy night, but that didn't stop the fun with our children's Christmas party.



The evening started with a craft.

Followed by games!



And of course cookies and milk while listening to the Christmas story.



And a live nativity in the Preschool Class

FROM THE OBERHOLSERS

Dear friends far and wide,

Our family has a lot to be grateful for as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our savior. As our partners, we invite you to rejoice with us.

1. We are thankful for safety and relatively good health as our family of 8 travels throughout Pennsylvania, meeting with so many wonderful people and exploring many beautiful places.
2. We are grateful for those who have already committed to partner with us through prayer and finances.
3. We are blessed with wonderful friends in New Mexico who are taking good care of our property.
4. The children are excited for the family Christmas gatherings that are planned over the next weeks. The kid's requests for having enough snow in PA to build snowmen and sled have been answered!

We also have a few needs and concerns that we ask you to lift up to the throne with us.

1. Pray for our family's spiritual, emotional, and mental health as we continue to live in a state of flux. While we have immensely enjoyed the special blessings of traveling and being with extended family, we miss our home and friends in New Mexico.
2. While many people have responded to our requests for financial partnerships; we are still only at 18% of our goal to reach \$45,000 in cash before we return to NM. Because of this, we are extending the length of our home ministry. We are currently scheduling visits through February. In a month we'll assess where we are at to see if we need to stay longer. Pray for God to direct us to those who are willing and able to partner with us to meet our goal!

As we continue to build partnerships we are also creating goals, reading books, and preparing for renewed focus in ministry when we return. Pray for us to have wisdom to create strategies that will effectively reach people. Pray for the hearts of the individuals and families where God wants us to minister.

This is a great time to give an end-of-year gift. If you wish to do so, please follow the directions below.

Merry Christmas and blessings to all!

Jason, Bekah, Christy, Abby, Jessie, Caleb, Josh, and Amos

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

WORLD MISSIONS

January 2020
SUNDAY *Prayer requests*



Brethren in Christ U.S.

5 SUN . SOUTHERN AFRICA Pray for a good rainy season this year. Ask the Lord to send abundant rains over the entire area so that there will be water for people and animals. Pray that the rains will continue throughout the growing season, so that people will be able to reap a harvest in due season.

12 SUN . MOZAMBIQUE Ask God to grant wisdom to Orville Hade and those who are working with him to develop plans for training sessions in 2020 for pastors and leaders of the BIC church in Mozambique. Pray for the five superintendents and other church leaders as they work to strengthen the church.

19 SUN . U.S. The Commission for World Missions will meet this week, January 23 - 25, at the Silver Spring Retreat Center, Mechanicsburg, PA. They will be joined by the missions office staff, and regional administrators. Pray for God's guidance as plans are formulated and decisions are made.

26 SUN . U.S. Pray for the team that will be serving in Dearborn, MI, the last week of February. Pray for good relationship building among team members as they meet bi-weekly for training. Pray that God's purposes for each team member will be accomplished

January 2020

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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Sat

			1	2	3 <i>Fundraising Dinner with Karina Thrush</i>	4
5 <i>8 am Prayer 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship Communion 6 pm Ladies Bible Study</i>	6 <i>6:30 pm Volley- ball</i>	7 <i>6:30 pm Prop. Mgt. Meeting 6:30 pm Open Gym Basket- ball</i>	8 <i>6-8 WOW/ Youth 6:45 Adult Bi- ble Study</i>	9	10 <i>2:15 pm Good News Club</i>	11
12 <i>8 am Prayer 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship</i>	13 <i>8:30 am Ladies Sewing 6:30 pm Volley- ball 7 pm Church Board</i>	14 <i>8:30 am Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm Ladies Prayer</i>	15 <i>6-8 WOW/ Youth 6:45 Adult Bi- ble Study</i>	16	17 <i>2:15 pm Good News Club</i>	18 <i>3-8 pm Gym in Use</i>
19 <i>8 am Prayer 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship 11:30 Council 6 pm Ladies Bible Study</i>	20 <i>6:30 pm Volley- ball 6:30 pm Child Protection Meeting</i>	21 <i>6:30 pm Open Gym Basket- ball</i>	22 <i>6-8 WOW/ Youth 6:45 Adult Bi- ble Study</i>	23	24 <i>2:15 pm Good News Club</i>	25 <i>4-8 pm Gym in Use</i>
26 <i>8 am Prayer 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship 6:30 pm Praise/Prayer</i>	27 <i>6:30 pm Volley- ball</i>	28 <i>6:30 pm Ladies Prayer</i>	29 <i>6-8 WOW/ Youth 6:45 Adult Bi- ble Study</i>	30	31 <i>2:15 pm Good News Club</i>	