

# The Air Hill Breezes

## January 2019

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Last month I completed reading the book “Letters To The Church” by Francis Chan. You might not end up where he does, if you read the book, but he has some good points along the way.

Francis Chan spent some time listening to the story of a leader of a network of churches in China. At one point, China relaxed their laws against religion. This leader decided to build a church building. It grew to 2000 people before the government shut it down and arrested him. He ended up being grateful, for the increased size led many people to come and sit and not live out their faith. Through the persecution, they returned to where they were before, but became stronger.

The Chinese leader said there were five pillars to their house church movement:

- A deep commitment to prayer
- A deep commitment to the Word of God
- A deep commitment to the sharing of the gospel
- A regular expectation of miracles
- An embracing of suffering

I am not necessarily endorsing the house church movement, though I believe there is much value in meeting in small groups (accountability, encouragement, and a deeper sense of bonding are some of the values of small groups). But let me make a couple observations from these pillars:

When there is persecution, there is no place for nominal Christianity. Suffering purifies the Christian faith. Where there is freedom of worship or riches, there is also greater distraction from our marvelous God.

These pillars may lead to a greater dependence on God and oneness with God. As we aim to spend more time in prayer, in reading the Word, and in sharing the gospel, we will discover God more and more as our all-encompassing source of life.

More could be said, but as we begin 2019, let us ask what steps we can take to grow one with God. How can we add more time to your prayer life, or is there something different to do in our prayer life? How can we spend more time reading and meditating and memorizing and applying Scripture? (Often part of the answer is to turn off other things.) How can we share the gospel more? (We will be studying this theme in January.) How can we expect more miracles? (Actually, many western Christians don't believe in miracles. If that is you, why? How can that change?) How can we embrace suffering? (No, we don't hurt ourselves, but we can learn to experience God in suffering, rather than run from it.)

Thus, I challenge you and I to choose one thing you are going to do differently, so that you will grow more one with God. Tell someone. Let them be your accountability partner.

Have a joy filled new year!

Pastor John



# January Challenge

A BIBLE READING PLAN THROUGH THE  
NEW TESTAMENT IN 30 DAYS (By Rick Warren)

Matthew 1-9

Matthew 10-15

Matthew 16-22

Matthew 23-28

Mark 1-8

Mark 9-16

Luke 1-6

Luke 7-11

Luke 12-18

Luke 19-24

John 1-7

John 8-13

John 14-22

Acts 1-7

Acts 8-14

Acts 15-21

Acts 22-28

Romans 1-8

Romans 9-16

1 Corinthians 1-9

1 Corinthians 10-16

2 Corinthians 1-13

Galatians – Ephesians

Philippians – 2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy – Philemon

Hebrews

James – 2 Peter

1 John – 3 John

Revelation 1-11

Revelation 12-22



# The Ladies Bible Study in Action

*Some of the ladies from the Ladies Bible Study went to the Grace Home to make applesauce for the residents.*



# Church Board Highlights

- Leadership roles are still being worked on.
- Motion made to allow Jason to continue to play on basketball league in January.
- Motion was made to remove membership of inactive members that did not respond to the letter that was mailed the beginning of November.
- Bulletins/Newsletters will be sent to those inactive members that asked to remain a member.
- Will ask for an impassioned person that feels led to head up the Panera Bread project.

January 6-12

Sacred Assembly

January 13 at

West Side BIC

@ 6 pm

Week of  
PRAYER  
& FASTING

Check out  
Bishop Rob's  
sermon @

[https://  
youtu.be/  
E\\_fUnfvXt6Q](https://youtu.be/E_fUnfvXt6Q)

## Wednesday Clubs

What has been happening on Wednesday Evenings? Our average attendance is 83!! Our van is overfilled with children from Pleasant Hall...Pastor John now drives his own van and picks up 4 youth boys. Amazing what God is doing!!

Our girls group ages grade 2 - grade 5 were busy learning the books of the Old Testament, the 10 Commandments and various bible stories. They also learned a new craft. Several weeks they worked on a macramé plant hanger to give to their mothers for Christmas. It was so much fun teaching them and having time to just be together.

Our boys group ages grade 2 - grade 5 are working through the Boys Brigade Curriculum with special fun things such as fishing, barn party, string art, how to tie knots, campfires, and an Olympics.

The Kindergarten - 1st grade have been learning how to make wise choices through Bible stories, crafts, games and snacks.

The Preschool class just finished learning about the Fruits of the Spirit, The Temptation of Jesus, and the Christmas Story. Every week they sing, color and do crafts...and of course have a snack!

## Youth Christmas Party

On December 19 New Heights had a Christmas Party to celebrate together. We had a few "ugly sweaters" and some crazy games, but the highlight of the evening was a prayer time that the students had for me as I transition to a new job and continue to seek God in my life. We have an amazing group of students and we continue to pray that God reveals his plans for each one. I have been blessed by the students many times over the years: laughter, encouragement, serving others with them, learning about faith and life from them and seeing God become real in their lives. I will continue to pray for and care for our students, but I am excited to see Kyle and others lead the youth group going forward. I believe God will continue to do amazing things through our student ministry, and that our young people will grow into young men and women who will impact their communities for Christ.



## New Year, New You!

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

- 2 Cor. 5:17





**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”

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

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<p><b>6</b> 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship 6 pm Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p><b>7</b> 6 pm Volleyball</p>	<p><b>8</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast 6 Prop. Mgt. Meeting 6:30 Basketball 6:30 Ladies Prayer</p>	<p><b>9</b> 6:30 Clubs/ Youth/Adults</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> 2:15 Good News Club</p>	<p><b>12</b> 10-6 Gym in Use</p>
<p><b>13</b> 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship</p>	<p><b>14</b> 8:30 Sewing in the Annex 6 pm Volleyball 7 pm Church Board</p>	<p><b>15</b> 6:30 Basketball</p>	<p><b>16</b> 6:30 Clubs/ Youth/Adults</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> 2:15 Good News Club</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20</b> 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship 6 pm Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p><b>21</b> 6 pm Volleyball</p>	<p><b>22</b> 6:30 Basketball 6:30 Ladies Prayer 9-4 Red Cross</p>	<p><b>23</b> 6:30 Clubs/ Youth/Adults 9-4 Red Cross</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> 2:15 Good News Club</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27</b> 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship 6:30 Praise/ Prayer Service</p>	<p><b>28</b> 6 pm Volleyball</p>	<p><b>29</b> 6:30 Basketball</p>	<p><b>30</b> 6:30 Clubs/ Youth/Adults</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>		