

The Air Hill Breezes

JANUARY

2024

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AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

What is coming up in 2024 at Air Hill?

Once we conclude “From Creation to Christ” in January, I very tentatively have a year long sermon series called “Living in an Ungodly World” scheduled. We will travel through the books of Hosea, John (the early chapters), Daniel, and 1 Peter. We are hosting and sponsoring a marriage seminar and hosting the Allegheny Regional Conference. We have other events planned, such as a “Sweetheart Banquet”, VBS, and so forth.

What do I want to have happen? God.

I want us to breathe in God.

I want us to breathe out ourselves, our “I-nature.”

I want us to breathe in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I want us to breathe out the ways of the world.

I want us to inhale the grace and truth of Jesus Christ.

I want us to exhale the lies of Satan.

I want us to breathe in the kingdom of God.

I want us to breathe out the kingdoms of this world.

I want us to breathe in the fullness of Christ.

I want us to breathe out the emptiness of materialism.

When we meet for Sunday School, worship, praise and prayer, committee meetings, or for any other ministry and event, may it not be about anything but the triune God. May we come to each event ready to love, worship, listen, and serve God. May we come to each event prepared to love each individual- like us or not like us. By the way, you cannot grow in Christ without meeting with other followers of Jesus Christ. That is not how our sovereign Lord designed it.

We have a wood stove in the basement of the parsonage. Sometimes it takes quite a bit of work to get a fire going. You cannot get a fire going with only one log of wood; I have learned that three logs placed rightly works best. However, when the fire has “died down” and there is only one red-hot glowing log, it is amazing how fast that glowing log bursts a new log into flames when they come into contact. Of course, that red-hot glowing log rarely looks like it did before it went through the fire itself. Even if there is only one red-hot remains of a log left, it quickly sets a new log aflame.

As we allow the Holy Spirit to fan into the flame ourselves when we are together, we will become so red-hot, that even if we are not, an unbeliever cannot help but see the fire of God within us. As God purifies us through the fire, may the light of our fire shine even brighter in the darkness.

What is coming up in 2024 at Air Hill? Our God. May you say as Jeremiah, “His word is in my



heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot” (Jeremiah 20:9).

Pastor John



December Church Board Minutes

- We confirmed 6 days of vacation for the Administrative Assistant-Lori Stoner
- We had an evaluation of council
- Reviewed to see if there was any issues for January Council
- Inquired about updating bylaws

January Spiritual Exercise:

The Brethren in Christ Week of Prayer and Fasting occurs from January 7-14. I challenge you to participate in a number of different ways:

Read and pray through the devotional prepared for that time. You may find a paper copy in the back of the church or online at <https://bicus.org/resources/prayer/week-prayer-fasting/>.

Choose a way to fast for that week or part of the week. You may fast from all food. You may choose a “Daniel fast” (Daniel 1); he only ate vegetables. You may fast from chocolate or some food like that. Maybe you need to do a technology fast.

You may come to the Sacred Assembly on January 14 at Five Forks BIC Church at 6:30 p.m. We will be praying through the congregations of the Allegheny Conference. (We may carpool or van pool with enough interest.)

You may choose to do all of the above.

January Prayer:

Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ’s sake.. Amen.

Community of the Month

Culbertson/Greenvillage

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

JANUARY 2024 BIBLE READING PLAN			
1	Matthew 1:1-17	14	Matthew 6:1-15
2	Matthew 1:18-25	15	Matthew 6:16-24
3	Matthew 2:1-12	16	Matthew 6:25-34
4	Matthew 2:13-23	17	Matthew 7:1-14
5	Matthew 3:1-12	18	Matthew 7:15-29
6	Matthew 3:13-17	19	Matthew 8:1-13
7	Matthew 4:1-11	20	Matthew 8:14-22
8	Matthew 4:12-17	21	Matthew 8:23-34
9	Matthew 4:18-25	22	Matthew 9:1-13
10	Matthew 5:1-12	23	Matthew 9:14-26
11	Matthew 5:13-20	24	Matthew 9:27-38
12	Matthew 5:21-32	25	Matthew 10:1-20
13	Matthew 5:33-48		

Mark Your Calendars

Jan. 7-14-Week of Prayer and Fasting

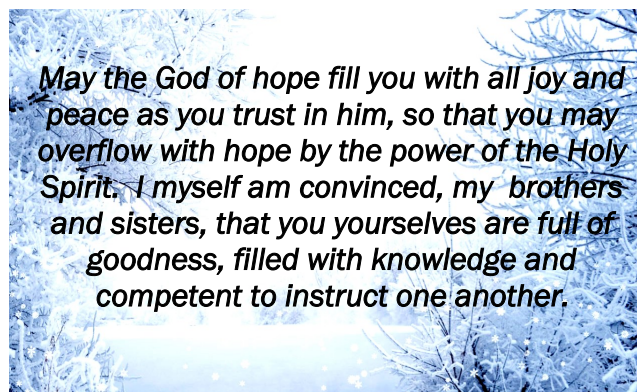
Jan. 14-6:30 pm-Sacred Assembly-Five Forks BIC

Jan. 19-6:00 pm Missions Dinner-Karina Thrush

Jan. 21-Church Council-meal to follow

Feb. 9-Sweetheart Dinner

Trust *Lord*
 IN THE *Lord*
 WITH ALL YOUR HEART.
 Proverbs 3:5-6



From the Missions Committee

Soles for Souls

We are excited to partner with The Tide ministry for their 3rd annual Your Soles ~ Their Souls shoe drive fundraiser! Donation boxes will be placed in the narthex for you to drop your new or gently used shoes into, beginning on January 1. Our goal is to collect at least 100 pairs to help The Tide ministry reach their goal of 5,000. Thank you for your help as we work together to share the Gospel through Literacy classes in India because of your generosity.



CHANGING THE WORLD
ONE PAIR AT A TIME™

Check out the January missionaries of the month on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. Doug and Barb Miller recently retired from serving in Malawi. The Bathurst family continues to minister in Malawi. The Millers will be coming to speak at Air Hill this month!

MARRIAGE RETREAT

When: March 8-9

What: The Power of Us Marriage Retreat

Who: Dr. Rick Marks will be the speaker.

Where: Air Hill BIC Church

When: Fri evening, March 8, 6:30-9

Saturday morning, March 9, 9-12

Cost: \$50/couple



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	1	2	3	4	5	6
		7:00 pm Praise/Prayer	2:15pm Good News Club 6:30pm Kingdom Kids/ Youth Group	11:30-2:30 Homeschool Group		7:00-8:00 am Discipleship Group
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