

The Air Hill Breezes

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AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

Why Did Jesus Die?

If a person came to you on the street of Greenvillage and asked you, “Why did Jesus die?” how would you answer him or her?

Would you answer, “Who wants to know”?

Or would you reply, “Why do you ask”?

Or would you respond, “How should I know? Ask him”?

Or would you say, “Let me ask you a question, before I answer you. What do you mean by Jesus? Who is Jesus to you?”

Could you come up with an answer to why did Jesus die? Could you come up with a series of answers?

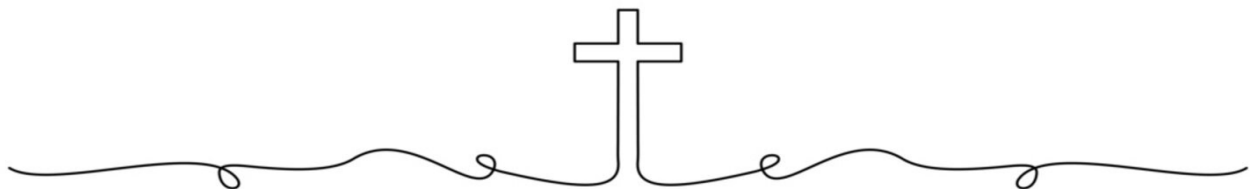
In 2004 Mel Gibson produced a movie called “The Passion of the Christ.” It was a bloody and gory depiction of Jesus’ death. I don’t know if it really asked questions. From my memory, the movie wanted to give the viewer a sense of the suffering Jesus experienced.

At the same time, John Piper wrote a book called “The Passion of Jesus Christ.” I am sure John and/or the publisher had it timed to come out with the movie. The book does not explore the pain and suffering of Jesus Christ. It explores, in his own words, “*When all is said and done, the most crucial question is: Why? Why did Christ suffer and die? Not why in the sense of cause, but why in the sense of purpose. What did Christ achieve by his passion? Why did he have to suffer so much? What great thing was happening on Calvary for the world?*”

John Piper did not come up with just one or two reasons. He came up with fifty reasons why Jesus died. Wow! That is a lot! I bet you didn’t think there were that many. Neither did I.

In his book, each chapter names the reason, the Scriptural support, and gives no more than two pages of explanation. The book makes a good devotional.

Having said that, in the month of March, we will be looking at the first 12 reasons John Piper mentions. We will explore them in Sunday morning sermons and praise and prayer services (including Sunday evening, March 8), plus on Good Friday. You will have to borrow or buy the book to get the other 38 reasons.



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If someone came up to you on the street in Greenvillage and asked you, “Why did Jesus die?” and you came back with 50 reasons, how do you think they would respond. They’d probably have a heart attack. If that situation occurred, I don’t think it would be wise to give all 50 reasons. On the other hand, after March, you might be a little more prepared.

Maybe you should not wait for someone to come up to you. This month I want to challenge you to go up to someone on the street (or to a neighbor, waitress, co-worker) and ask, “Why did Jesus die?” and see what happens.

Enjoy Jesus!

John M.



March Prayer

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to go beyond my fears and to face this day with faith and confidence in you.



March Spiritual Exercise

Ask a co-worker, neighbor, waitress, or person on the street, “Why do you think Jesus died?”
What was their response? What was your response to their response? Prayerfully evaluate that conversation. What did you learn?



The church board:

- Evaluated the February council meeting and discussed sanctuary renovation.
- Approved an adjustment to the shepherd ministry job description and recommended it for consideration to the Shepherd Core Team and Shepherds.
- Approved the purchase of banners: Look, Love, Listen, Learn, and Lead.

Community of the Month:

Pleasant Hall/Orrstown

Walk, ride, or drive through Pleasant Hall/Orrstown. Ask God to give you the opportunity to talk and pray with people.

Missionary of the Month

Karina Thrush

YOUTH MINISTRY

On Friday, February 20th into Saturday, February 21st was the youth group all-nighter. We had a time of worship, roller skating, games, and learning. The special activity of the night was a persecuted house church experience. I shared on the Wednesday beforehand that not all Christians have the freedom to meet as we meet. We meet on Wednesdays and Sundays and other times throughout the week without fear of authorities interrupting our meeting and arresting, imprisoning, or killing those that are meeting. Friday night at 1:00 in the morning we had our own house church experience.

We had three “House Church” locations in the back field. First was by the slip-in-slide, second was the back corner of the church and third was up by the upper parking lot. The youth were led to each of the three churches by the leaders Sadie, Dan and Andrew. Upon arriving at each church, there was a worship chorus sung in whispers, scripture read in whispers and prayer offered for those Christians that are meeting in secret. In order to add to the serious atmosphere, I had four volunteers from the congregation (Derek Ocker, Anthony Ogburn, Brian Johnson and Ryan Thrush) arrive in camouflage and costume as my authorities. They had permission to “arrest” or detain as they saw fit, depending on if students were being loud and silly.

At the second church visit, where I was the lead pastor, the authorities descended upon the group and all were forced to scatter to avoid capture; however, not all escaped. A few had been pre-determined to be captured and a couple were at the wrong place at the wrong time and were captured. This led to the realization at the third church, not all of the members had arrived. Students then spent time praying for those in other places that have been arrested and for their families to be strengthened in the Lord Jesus Christ. We then all met back in the annex to debrief the experience. I have talked with students since and the experience was a good and helpful one.

Dwaine Wenger came in after and led the group in a variety of “Dwaine Games.” Other games were led throughout the night by different adults and then at five in the morning Amy Wenger brought in Lisa Ocker and Holly Hockenberry to fix breakfast for everyone. We all left with tired bodies and full bellies.

I want to thank everyone that was willing to come out and help with the event.



YOUTH GROUP

ALL-NIGHTER



Do the Hokey Pokey and you turn yourself around...



The Limbo... how low can you go?



2026 Pancake Breakfast

This summer we are planning another mission trip to Big Creek. We'll be taking a group of 28 students and adults to serve in the community of Bear Branch, Kentucky. We'll be serving through home construction projects, day camp programs and community outreach. Please plan to attend the breakfast, but if you're not able to attend, please feel free to make donations marked to the Air Hill Youth Group and place them in the offering or give them to Travis.

Pancake Fundraiser Breakfast by Donation

March 21st from 7:00 to 10:00 am

Help our youth with
their mission trip to
Big Creek, Kentucky!



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Shoe Drive Fundraiser

We will be collecting shoes from **January through March** for **The Tide**. Please put your donations in the basket in the narthex. The money collected supports literacy classes in India.

The shoes are used to help individuals start up their own shoe business in developing countries. Thank you for supporting The Tide in this venture!



Mennonite Central Committee

Meat Canning

Meat Canning at the Cumberland Valley Relief Center will be March 2-6. The BIC day is March 3. Further info will be given in early February.





Emerald Crossing VBS:

June 22-26

Plan now to attend "Emerald Crossing, An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23" this summer! VBS will be June 22 through 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Worry Like A Rocking Chair

Is your worry like a rocking chair?

You rock, and rock, and rock!

It always gives something to do;

But doesn't get you anywhere.

Luke says, "Guard your heart from worry";

What's in your heart comes out.

Like each tree is noted for it's fruit;

You speak what you're about.

A worry of your future;

Is not as you perceive;

Matthew says that worry of tomorrow;

God has already relieved!

But is your worry a result of Sin?

That, could cause a man to Flee;

Or do you stand in righteousness?

Knowing God with you will be!

We need not fear bad news or worry;

Or think on perceived circumstance;

But be awestruck by the God we serve;

Being BLESSED, as you deserve!

~Linda Reisher~



Bible Reading Plan



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1	Psalms 48	14	Psalms 61
2	Psalms 49	15	Psalms 62
3	Psalms 50	16	Psalms 63
4	Psalms 51	17	Psalms 64
5	Psalms 52	18	Psalms 65
6	Psalms 53	19	Psalms 66
7	Psalms 54	20	Psalms 67
8	Psalms 55	21	Psalms 68
9	Psalms 56	22	Psalms 69:1-18
10	Psalms 57	23	Psalms 69:19-36
11	Psalms 58	24	Psalms 70
12	Psalms 59	25	Psalms 71
13	Psalms 60		



The Oberholser's

Hello Prayer Warriors,

Here are several ways that you can pray for us this month!

Jason continues to lead a weekly Bible study at a local coffee shop. Two people regularly join him, with other people coming & going as they can. Because we've regularly met there for several years, we've been able to get to know employees and other customers on a first name basis. **Pray that as God's word is proclaimed in this public place that more people would be inspired to join us to pursue a deeper relationship with the God of the Universe.**

One of the families that attends our Sunday morning group is in need of a new vehicle. Their old truck is worn out and might not last much longer. Not only is it their primary source of transportation; they regularly use it to haul firewood and coal to help other families. **We're excited that this family is learning to pray and trust God to provide all of their needs, including vehicles.** The father recently acknowledged that his truck has kept running as long as it has because of their prayers. As our church family prays alongside and with this family, we desire that our church members would grow in their prayer life and their dependence upon God for everything! **We want people to learn that prayer is more than just asking God for what we need, but rather it's an avenue to grow in oneness with the God of Creation through two-communication.**

Bekah and Jason are burdened for the apartment residents (where we regularly minister) to discover the joys of living in community with their creator and with one another. We hear time and again that many of the residents live in isolation; cut off from family and even next-door neighbors. One possible solution we're praying for is to establish a network of residents who are believers and who are willing to take on leadership roles to shepherd and care for other residents. There are 12 separate buildings that house approx 20 units each. **Join us in praying that God would raise up 12 residents that we could disciple and train to fulfill these roles!** This is a God-sized prayer that might take several years to develop.

We praise God for bringing Rashawn into our lives, a single Navajo man who leads the Native InterVarsity group at our local college campus. Rashawn came to know Christ in a deep way through InterVarsity as a college student, now he's serving in full-time ministry, desiring to lead other college students into a deeper walk with Jesus. As Jason & Bekah strive towards developing disciples and leaders among the Navajo People, we believe it's strategic to come alongside Navajo leaders who are working towards the same goal. While Jason has been partnering with Rashawn's campus ministry for several years, Rashawn recently expressed an interest in getting more involved with Freedom of Nations Church. Join us in praying for this partnership with Rashawn and how it could be used to impact the Kingdom among the Navajo People!

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

The Oberholser Family

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 am Prayer Time 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 6:30 pm Youth Discipleship Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:30 pm Widows & Caregiver's Luncheon 6:00 pm Basketball</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 pm Praise & Prayer</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 pm Kingdom Kids & Youth Group (All-Church Roller Skating) 6:30 pm Women's Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:00 am Discipleship Group 5:30 pm Pickleball 6:15 pm Youth Girls Discipleship Group</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 am Discipleship Group</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 am Prayer Time 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 6:30 pm Praise & Prayer 6:30 pm Youth Discipleship Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 am Ladies Sewing 7:00 pm Church Board</p>	<p>10</p> <p>2:00 pm Shepherd Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm Praise & Prayer</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 pm Kingdom Kids & Youth Group 6:30 pm Women's Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:00 am Discipleship Group 5:30 pm Pickleball 6:15 pm Youth Girls Discipleship Group</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 am Discipleship Group 9:00 am Shepherd Training Meeting</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 am Prayer Time 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship & Congregational Potluck 6:30 pm Youth Discipleship Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00 pm Basketball</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 am Blood Drive 7:00 pm Praise & Prayer</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 am Blood Drive 6:30 pm Kingdom Kids & Youth Group 6:30 pm Women's Group</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:00 am Discipleship Group 5:30 pm Pickleball 6:15 pm Youth Girls Discipleship Group</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 am Pancake Breakfast 7:00 am Discipleship Group</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 am Prayer Time 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 6:30 pm Youth Discipleship Group</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 pm Praise & Prayer</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 pm Kingdom Kids & Youth Group 6:30 pm Women's Group</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:00 am Discipleship Group 6:30 pm Property Mgmt Meeting 5:30 pm Pickleball 6:15 pm Youth Girls Discipleship Group</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 am Discipleship Group</p>
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