

The Air Hill Breezes



2021

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AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

On May 23, we celebrate the Pentecost. At Pentecost we often think about the coming of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the church. How can we honor God enough for the gift of the Holy Spirit for the church!

However, did you realize that each person may have a “personal Pentecost” in which people of Jesus may be immersed by the Holy Spirit? Many different denominations believe this to be true, though they might use different terms to describe this “personal Pentecost.” Some denominations teach that the speaking of tongues indicates this Pentecost; we as a denomination don’t believe that, though we may say it happens at times. We believe a greater sense of holiness and a greater capacity to love results from this experience in the Holy Spirit.

I write this to you so that if you have not experienced this “personal Pentecost,” you might be more willing to receive this gift of God. This “personal Pentecost” does not make you sinless, but it provides a greater hunger and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit within your life. In essence, the “personal Pentecost” involves a Christian surrendering their life to Christ more fully, asking God’s Spirit to lead them and guide them in every aspect of life. Then, by his grace God answers that prayer in some recognizable way.

J. Lee Grady shares this story of what happened in his life:

Several other people were kneeling at the communion rail and praying quietly for each other as soft music played in the background. Suddenly I began to have a vision. In my mind I could see a large pipeline, at least eight feet in diameter. I was looking at it from the inside, and I could see a shallow stream of golden liquid flowing at the bottom. The oil in the giant pipe was only a few

inches deep.

I began a conversation with the Lord.

"What are You showing me?" I asked.

"This is the flow of the Holy Spirit in your life," He answered.

It was not an encouraging picture; it was pitiful! The capacity of the pipeline was huge — enough to convey tons of oil. Yet only a trickle was evident. Then I noticed something else: Several large valves lined the sides of the pipeline, and each of them was shut. I wanted to ask the Lord why there was so little oil in my life. Instead, I asked: "What are those valves, and why are they closed?"

"Those represent the times when you said no. Why should I increase the level of anointing if you aren't available to use it?"

The words stung. I wondered — when had I said no to God? I was overcome with emotion and began to repent. I recalled different excuses I had made and limitations I had placed on how He could use me. For example, I had told Him I didn't want to be in front of crowds because I wasn't a good speaker. I had told Him that if I couldn't preach like T.D. Jakes does, then I didn't want to speak at all. I had told Him I didn't want to address certain issues or go certain places. I also knew I had a fear of flying because I did not like turbulence on airplanes. I recognized that this fear had become a blockage in my life.

A “personal Pentecost” does not mean life goes smoothly, but there is a greater sense of God’s presence in one’s life. One’s life is surrendered to God. One yields to the leading of the Holy Spirit more consistently. One even hungers and thirsts for God more, because God has taken over the throne of one’s heart. Your



story might not be like his with such a graphic vision; the imagery grasped my attention for our need for the Holy Spirit. Even as a Christian we may live without the power and energy God intends for us to have, because we resist the Holy Spirit. We naturally close our valves hindering the flow of the oil of the Spirit. But with a “personal Pentecost,” we invite God to help

us open those valves so that we may obediently live for God through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor John

May Spiritual Exercise:

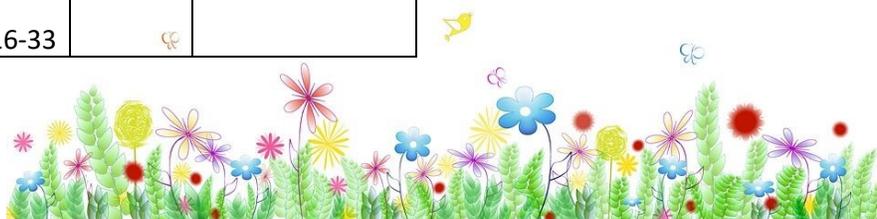
1. If possible, fast from food for at least one day. If that is not possible, try a partial fast from certain types of food and/or try a technology fast. During that day, give extra time in prayer asking God to grant you a greater infilling of the Holy Spirit.
2. Daily/hourly prayer for the month: “Father, may you immerse me with your Holy Spirit so that all my thoughts and actions overflow with the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.”

MAY 2021 BIBLE READING PLAN			
1	2 Cor. 1:1-11	14	2 Cor 12:1-10
2	2 Cor. 1:12-24	15	2 Cor. 12:11-21
3	2 Cor. 2	16	2 Cor. 13
4	2 Cor. 3	17	Gal. 1
5	2 Cor. 4	18	Gal. 2
6	2 Cor 5	19	Gal. 3:1-14
7	2 Cor. 6	20	Gal. 3:15-29
8	2 Cor. 7	21	Gal. 4:1-20
9	2 Cor. 8	22	Gal. 4:21-31
10	2 Cor. 9	23	Gal 5:1-12
11	2 Cor. 10	24	Gal. 5:13-26
12	2 Cor. 11:1-15	25	Gal. 6
13	2 Cor. 11:16-33		

Church Board Highlights

- Motion was accepted to return to one service beginning May 2nd.
- Motion was accepted to set the time of Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 am.
- A letter asking for forgiveness was read and a motion was accepted for Pastor John to return a letter of forgiveness to the couple.
- A proposal to upgrade our live streaming was presented at the cost of \$2415.
 - A motion was passed to accept this proposal.
 - Money will come from the Capital Improvement Fund.

With returning to one service, please note that the section by the elevator door is designated for social distancing. If you would like to social distance, please sit in this section.



Your Guide to the Top 10 Most Extraordinary Mothers of the Bible

1. Sarah: The Mother Who Waited
2. Hagar: The Mother Who Endured
3. Rebekah: The Mother Who Believed
4. Leah and Rachel: The Mothers Who Had to Share
5. Jochebed: The Mother with a Plan
6. Samson's Mother: The Mother Who Followed the Rules
7. Naomi: The Mother-in-Law Who Shared Her Faith
8. Hannah: The Mother Who Kept Her Promise
9. Elizabeth: The Mother Who Believed in Miracles
10. Mary: The Mother Who is Blessed among Women

You can check this out at:

[The Top 10 Most Extraordinary Mothers of the Bible \(crosswalk.com\)](http://crosswalk.com)

Better yet...read about these mothers from God's Word. These ladies can teach us a lot about our Christian walk as a child of the King for any age or gender.



Tribute to Leroy Eberly

June 21, 1942 - November 20, 2020

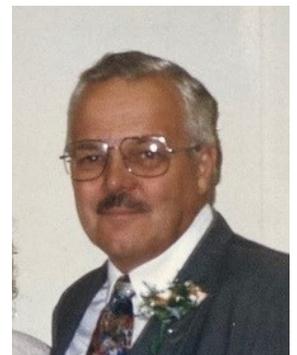
Leroy was born and grew up in Franklin County. As a man that was seeking the Lord, this Franklin Countian, out of obedience to God's call, found himself traveling to Northeastern Mexico where he and his family stayed and served God for 16 yrs.

The next 4 yrs. they spent in Los Angeles California and then returned to Northern Mexico.

Leroy then was invited to Cuba and the family spent the next 10 yrs. with the emerging young leaders of the church in Cuba.

In 1999 Leroy was invited to pastor the Air Hill Congregation. The next 10 yrs. were spent serving God back in Franklin County. Leroy retired after those 10 yrs. but God wasn't done with him yet. Leroy spent 5 more years as interim pastor at Blue Mountain BIC Church.

I bet Leroy and Judy never thought their simple lives in Franklin County would lead them to such places, but their lives are examples of how God can use each of us and take us places that we never would imagine, if we only learn to "trust and obey".



From the Oberholsers

Hello partners,

It has been a busy April with many good things happening. Here are several highlights along with prayer requests.

Earlier this year Jason reconnected with the "P" family while conducting funeral services for their loved-one. He has visited this family several times at their home in the rural community of Tees. On his last visit, the family was so excited for Bible study that they invited their neighbor to join us. We had a great study and they invited us back. It appears that a house church could be forming in Tees!! Please join us in praying for the "P" family and this new work God is doing in their community.

We have been praying for a house church to form in Red Valley, but connections with people there have been slow. However, last week one man invited Jason to visit him again this week for Bible study. Pray for this individual to commit to meeting regularly; continue to pray for a house church to be established in Red Valley.

Our Sunday morning group is currently going through a study called Rooted that encourages participants to connect with God, the church and their purpose. During last week's lesson (which included a clear message of salvation), our son Josh's heart was stirred and he made a decision to accept Jesus as his savior! It was a special moment when Josh got to share his story with the rest of the group. Please join us in rejoicing over Josh's salvation and pray that all of our children would continue to walk with Jesus and make Him Lord & master of their lives. Also pray that this 10-week study series would be a time of growth and transformation for all members of our Sunday group.

As Chaplain of our local fire department, Jason has been given permission to lead a Bible study at the station. This study will begin on May 6th and will continue weekly thereafter. Since many of our members already gather on Thursdays for training, we're praying that some will be able to come early and participate. Pray for interested members to make room in their schedules to attend regularly. Pray for Jason to clearly present the gospel each week, while being sensitive to where each participant might be in their walk with Jesus.

We continue to be blessed by the many ways that you support us through your finances and prayers. We have been working on goals for a new ministry term with BIC U.S. World Missions. We plan to share with you within the next month our future plans and specific ways you can partner with us. Continue to pray for us to diligently do the work that God has called us to!

Blessings to all!

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

Nippon NEWSFLASH



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“Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride.” Daniel 4:37



“I do things my way. I can handle my problems by myself”

This was a comment made by one of the ladies at my table during English Café. Her name is Miri. She recently started a Korean restaurant across the street from SYME; and we really like the food so we go there often. Because we are foreigners, of course, we attract some natural attention; and it has allowed us to start up conversations with the owner, Miri, and to invite her to our English Café. She has been attending café several weeks in a row now and has plans to continue.

One of our older students, Kate, has been trying to encourage her to come to the church we attend, but Miri is very hesitant and has made it clear that she doesn't need religion. She said, “I do things my way. I can handle my problems by myself.” Her brother is a pastor in Korea; and it seems as though maybe she was hurt by the church or by him in the past. She is quite cold to Christianity. Please pray that God will soften her heart and that she will be open to learning more about Christianity as we build a relationship with her.

Word of the Month:

英会話 (eikaiwa) English conversation

This is the tool that seems to attract so many Japanese into our ministry.



Left: Ethan has joined us this term as a guest teacher. He is currently doing an apologetics class once a week!

Right: Our guests seem to be enjoying our new “spin” on English Café recently! They are interacting more and gospel conversations continue to happen!



The staff demonstrated a Bible Club for our students before they begin to prepare their own. Bible Club is basically like learning to lead a night of youth group. We focused on the topic “Fear” and our theme was “God’s Army.” We taught the students to know their enemy of fear, strategies on how to fight fear and songs to help them remember those truths.

Praises & Prayer

Continue to pray for more students for the summer and fall terms.

Wisdom as we work with Tokyo Christian University that it will become a long term, mutually helping one another relationship.

Praise the Lord for 8 student applications from this school for the month of July.

Pray for our new student, Luke. He seems to be a little unsure of his faith. Pray for the staff to have wisdom as we get to know him and have spiritual conversations with him.

What's Going On Around the World?

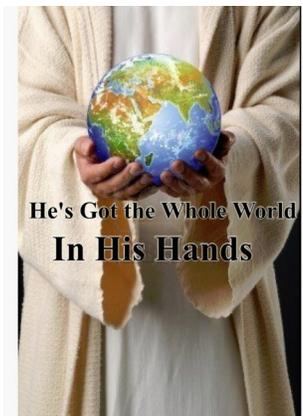
Pray for the BIC Church of Nepal. Recently the government of Nepal announced all government schools are to remain closed as the number of positive Covid cases are increasing. The government has also imposed a rule that all religious institutions should be closed and gatherings of more than 25 people are not permitted. As a result, the SPICE children have returned to their homes until the schools can reopen. The BIC Church Board of Nepal has taken the step to provide a daily meal at the school sites during this time. Pray for the BIC Church of Nepal that they may navigate through this time with grace and wisdom.

Pray for Jay and Judy Smith. Judy Smith's mom, Eloise Robitschek, died peacefully with her family around her last Thursday morning in Florida. Pray for Jay and Judy's sons who are all flying in for the burial on Wednesday. Ask God to be with them as they close her mother's apartment and see to final details.

Pray for Bruce and Merly Bundy as they continue to make the transition to Asturias. Praise God for the relational connections that have already been made in the area. Pray for Bruce's fishing friend, Mike, who identified as an agnostic, but seems open to hearing more about Jesus and the gospel. Pray that God would confirm in some tangible way His desire to accompany Mike, leading him to a regenerated life in Him.

Continue to pray for Orville and Cheryl Hade as they deal with issues related to renewing their visas in Mozambique. Pray that God would open doors that appear to be closed and that he would make a way for Orville and Cheryl to continue to minister in Mozambique.

Pray for Doug and Barb Miller. Pray for God's healing for Barb as she deals with a pressure sore that has developed. Praise God for the growth happening among the villages. As a result, there is need for several people to serve as Bible Study lesson readers to help accommodate the growing number of village groups. Pray for the Lord to raise up those he wants to be in these leadership roles. Pray also for the Lord's help with preparing in-depth lesson material, especially some that may address sensitive topics like polygamy.



BIC U.S. World Missions sends and supports more than 40 missionaries serving in a variety of locations and contexts.

Our God is so big...sometimes we forget that He is at work all over the world!!!!

BIC 250th Anniversary

Project 250 is a set of five priorities to guide BIC U.S. towards our 250th anniversary in 2028.

The Brethren in Christ can trace its history back to the late 1770s in Central Pennsylvania where a small group of believers broke from convention and baptized each other in the Conoy Creek. They had come to realize their understanding of Christian life, focus on scriptural obedience, and passion for discipleship didn't fit within the faith groups of the day.

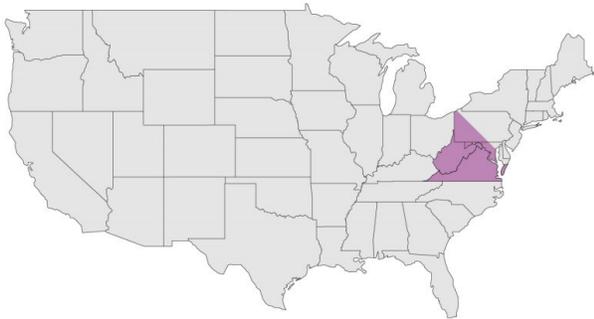
Today we stand strong in those same values and are ready to pursue the call God has placed on us. Looking towards the future, we asked our leaders and pastors to pray and reflect on how they would like to see BIC U.S. grow and step into God's calling in the coming years. We identified five key priorities from their feedback that will guide us towards our 250th anniversary in 2028.

1. Reaffirming Our Identity as a Community of Christ-Followers
2. Making Lifelong Disciples
3. Multiplying Missional Congregations, Movements, and Leaders
4. Increasing Global Awareness and Impact
5. Growing to Reflect the Demographic Realities of our Communities

You can read more about this on the BICUS website: bicus.org/project-250/

The BIC US:

Is a family of nearly 250 congregations across the country. The Brethren in Christ U.S. (BIC U.S.) desires that all people would experience the transforming love, grace, and freedom found in Jesus.



The Air Hill BIC Church is part of **The Allegheny Conference:** which is a network of Brethren in Christ congregations located in Maryland, central and western Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Bishop Rob Patterson has been serving as bishop of the Allegheny Conference since 2002.





2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 7 pm Prayer Service
2 8:30 am Prayer 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship	3 7 pm Ministry Board	4 6:30 pm Prop. Mgt. Meeting 7:00 pm Praise/Prayer	5	6	7	8
9 8:30 am Prayer 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship 	10 8:30 am Ladies Sewing	11	12	13	14	15
Pastor John and Nancy on Vacation						
16 8:30 am Prayer 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship Speaker: Ben Thompson	17 7:00 pm Church Board	18 7:00 pm Praise/Prayer	19	20	21	22 7 pm All Night Prayer Service
23 8:30 am Prayer 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship	24	25 7:00 pm Praise/Prayer	26	27	28	29
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