

The Air Hill Breezes

November 2021



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As you head east on Smith Rd. from the parsonage, you will find a pond on the left-hand side of the road. Nancy and I don't take an evening walk every day, but when we do walk, we will pass by the pond. I often stop to see if there are any inhabitants of this small pool of water. For a while, I gazed at many one inch long, if that, fish. I don't see them anymore.

Right now, I have encountered three frogs by the pond. These friends of mine camouflage well with the water of the pond. The greenish-blackness of their skin blends into the greenish-blackness of the murky water. Occasionally, you can see them clearly against the whitish grey of the stones. There is something about the bulginess of their eyes that sometimes reveals that the lump of greenish-black is actually a frog. For the last couple of months, I have often observed them sitting by the edge of the pond.

Admittedly, these frogs do not make great friends. First, I don't know their names. Even if I knew their names, I cannot tell them apart. One does appear larger than the other. Second, if I speak to them, they respond with a great "splash." In other words, they hop from me. They hop and hide in the water. That doesn't sound like a good friend, does it? I haven't gone chasing them yet. However, if I stand in silence with them, they usually sit still also. I stare at them; they stare at me.

We live in a day and age in which many people act like those frogs. **If you don't bother them, they won't bother you.** If they see you coming, they will run and hide in their ponds, their houses. As long as you don't try to approach them and talk with them, they will remain still. They maintain their distance, their invisible wall. They keep you at arm's length.



AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

"To Follow Jesus Christ through the Wind of the Holy Spirit"

They live in fear. Often, we live in fear of them also.

You and I are different people though. We follow Jesus Christ. In Jesus we love God fully. In Jesus we love our neighbor. Love drives out fear. In Jesus we live by faith and not fear.

I invite you to go against those barriers that keep us in our own ponds. People need love. People desire it, yet they fear it. People need the love of Jesus.

I am slowly learning my neighbors. This year I met a young man who races cars at Path Valley Speedway. I have talked with a man who raises goats. I conversed with a man who chopped down two to three trees and re-seeded grass in that area. I spoke with a couple sitting on their porch; the woman was the mother of the previous owner of the house. I met and talked with a man who is visiting his grandmother; I have never met the grandmother who lives there. On the south end of Nyesville Road, I met a retired electrician and his wife, even twice in a week. And now most recently, I stopped and introduced myself to a couple who moved in about four months ago.

In a world of hop and hide, I invite you to play, "Look, Love, Listen, Learn, and Lead." I challenge you to break down the barriers between you and your neighbors. Get to know them, so that when you take a stroll, they won't hop and hide like my friends the frogs. Pretty soon my frogs will hibernate for the winter. Pretty soon our neighbors will do the same, until they pull out their snow blower. Until then, break down those walls and love your neighbor.

Upcoming Dates

November 7th: The movie "The Insanity of God"
 November 14th and 17th: Child Protection Training
 December 3rd: Fundraiser Dinner for Karina Thrush
 December 12th: Budget and Personnel Council
 followed by a potluck lunch.
 December 24th: Christmas Eve Service
 December 31st: New Year's Eve Praise and Prayer

November Spiritual Exercise:

Read and meditate on
Colossians 4:2-3.
 Pray that God's Spirit will open
 a door for you to meet a new
 neighbor this month, or to reopen
 a door of a neighbor that
 you rarely see.

November Prayer:

Loving Father, may I treasure
 each of my neighbors as much as
 you treasure them in Jesus Christ.
 Amen.

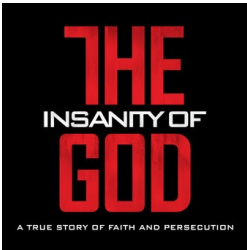


NOV. 2021 BIBLE READING PLAN

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1	2 Peter 1:1-11	14	1 John 3:1-10
2	2 Peter 1:12-21	15	1 John 3:11-18
3	2 Peter 2:1-9	16	1 John 3:19-24
4	2 Peter 2:10-16	17	1 John 4:1-6
5	2 Peter 2:17-22	18	1 John 4:7-21
6	2 Peter 3:1-9	19	1 John 5:1-12
7	2 Peter 3:10-18	20	1 John 5:13-21
8	1 John 1:1-4	21	2 John 1-13
9	1 John 1:5-10	22	3 John 1-14
10	1 John 2:1-11	23	Jude 1-7
11	1 John 2:12-17	24	Jude 8-16
12	1 John 2:18-23	25	Jude 17-25
13	1 John 2:24-29		

Church Board

- **Motion** to honor Pastor John for his faithful work with a raise of \$3000 a year to his salary and raise his pension to \$4500.
- **Motion** to increase the secretary's wage to \$17.50 an hour, \$18,200 a year.
- **Motion** to add two additional paid vacation days to the secretary's current six days. (Total 8 days)
- **Motion** to allow Pastor John to pursue the project of supplying food for the weekends to 15-20 students of Andrew Buchanan Elementary School and to use the finances from the Deacon Fund.
- **Discussion:** there was a discussion of the possible need of adding another pastoral position.
- **Evaluation:** the board evaluated the revival services.



Join us on Sunday, November 7th to watch this movie of Faith and Persecution during the worship service.

Karina Thrush's Fundraiser Dinner
Friday, December 3, 2021 @ 6 pm



If you would like to attend this fundraising dinner, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or call the office at 717-267-3373.

Karina will be speaking to the Adult Sunday School Classes on November 21, 2021

Here are several ways you can continue to pray for the Oberholzers.

- For continued health and safety as we travel and visit with many more people!
- For special family times that are being planned with relatives in Pennsylvania and Tennessee.
- For wisdom to effectively convey to others what God's doing among the Navajo.
- For our house, property, and livestock in the Four Corners to be protected and taken care of by our neighbors and friends.
- For members of the Freedom of Nations network to remain faithful to studying God's Word and fellowshiping with others, especially in our absence.

A merry heart does good, like medicine.

—Proverbs 17:22b



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Why don't ants get sick?
Because they have little antibodies.

My friends asked me to go camping, so I made a list of the things I would need.

1. New Friends

College is really just kidnapping done backwards.
If you don't give them a ridiculous amount of money, they'll send your child back.



Happy Thanksgiving

November



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2 6:30 Prop. Mgt 7:00 Praise/ Prayer	3 6:30 Youth Group/Kingdom Kids	4	5	6
7 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship Movie: The Insanity of God 	8 8:30 Ladies Sew- ing 7:00 Church Board	9 7:00 Praise/ Prayer	10 2:15 Good News Club 6:30 Youth Group/Kingdom Kids	11 	12	13
14 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship (Child Protection Training after Worship)	15	16 7:00 Praise/ Prayer	17 2:15 Good News Club 6:30 Youth Group/Kingdom Kids (Child Protection Training after clubs)	18	19	20
21 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship	22	23 7:00 Praise/ Prayer	24 5-8 Annex in Use	25 10-4 Annex in Use 4:30-9 Gym in Use 	26	27
28 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship	29	30 7:00 Praise/ Prayer				