

The Air Hill Breezes

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AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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



Waving The White Flag

I am currently reading a book called “The Three-fold Secret of the Holy Spirit” by James McConkey. His writing once again caused me to think of the word ‘surrender.’ For the next few paragraphs, let’s contemplate the word ‘surrender.’

Patrick Morley told this story about the Baptist pastor Adrian Rogers:

Adrian Rogers once went on a mission trip to Romania. Over the course of two weeks, he bonded with his interpreter but had not learned much about the man’s thoughts. So, toward the end of the trip, he asked the man, “Tell me, what do you think of American Christians?”

“I don’t want to talk about it,” came the strange reply. This, of course, only made Dr. Rogers more curious, so he began to press the man for an answer.

After several attempts, Dr. Rogers finally said, “Why won’t you tell me? I really want to know.”

Finally, the interpreter capitulated. “Well, ok then, but you’re not going to like my answer. I don’t think you Americans understand what Christianity is all about. Back in the 1960’s, you started to use the word ‘commitment’ to describe your relationship with Christ. However, any time a word comes into usage, another word goes into disuse.”

The man continued, “Until the 1960’s, you Americans talked about ‘surrender’ to Christ. Surrender means giving up control, turning over all to the Master Jesus. By changing to the word ‘commitment,’ your relationship with Christ has become something you do, and therefore you are able to keep control. ‘Surrender’ means give up all right to one’s self. You Americans don’t like to do that, so instead, you make a commitment.”

The word ‘surrender’ according to Webster is “the act of yielding one’s person or giving up the possession of something, especially into the power of another.” Wikipedia defines ‘surrender’ this way, “a believer completely gives up his own will and subjects his thoughts, ideas, and deeds to the will and teachings of a higher power.” Obviously, in our case as followers of Jesus, we surrender our will to follow Jesus.

Ponder this military surrender as recorded in 1 Kings 20:1-4, “Now Ben-Hadad king of Aram mustered his entire army. Accompanied by thirty-two kings with their horses and chariots, he went up and besieged Samaria and attacked it. He sent messengers into the city to Ahab king of Israel, saying, “This is what Ben-Hadad says, ‘Your silver and gold are mine, and the best of your wives and children are mine.’” The king of Israel answered, “**Just as you say, my lord the king. I and all I have are yours.**”

Ahab king of Israel seemed to surrender. That is not the end of the story, but it seemed to be with those words, “**Just as you say, my lord the king. I and all I have are yours.**” Those words are to be our words to our Lord Jesus, “**Just as you say, my lord the king. I and all I have are yours.**”

The book “The Three-fold Secret of the Holy Spirit” argues that:

- Repentance and believing in Jesus Christ leads to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
- Surrender leads to the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

- Constant faith in Jesus and constant love for one another leads to abiding in Christ.

We cannot experience the fullness of Christ and the abiding presence of Christ without surrender. This is so hard for us because we still want to control our ‘self.’ We don’t want to yield our ‘self’ to anybody. As the person above said to Adrian Rogers, “You Americans don’t like to do that, so instead, you make a commitment.”

Because we are self-focused, we miss out on the fullness of the Spirit and the presence of God. We miss out on the essence of following Jesus and the exhilaration of following Jesus. We are satisfied with rules and regulations of Christianity (Pharisee-style) in which we believe we can maintain and control by our own effort. (By the way, we get bored, discontent, and disgruntled by this style of Christianity.) To follow Jesus Christ through the wind of the Holy Spirit necessitates surrender. **“Just as you say, Lord Jesus. I and all I have are yours.”**

Pastor John

October 2023 Church Board Highlights

- The board agreed to get information from the BIC Foundation about investing \$75,000
- The board approved the membership of Ray Wenger and Ray and Mim Heisey.
- The board motioned to raise the Pastor’s salary to \$57,000 and pension to \$5,700 and to raise the Youth Pastor’s salary to \$43,500 and pension to \$4,300.

November Spiritual Exercise:

Make A Surrender Flag

1. Get a popsicle stick, or something like it.
2. Cut a piece of white material 3 ¾” by 2 ½”. You may use a piece of white paper, but it might not last as long.
3. Glue the 2 1/2” side of the material to the popsicle stick with the top edge of the material beginning at the top end of the stick.
4. This should end up looking like a white flag of surrender.
5. Either carry this with you or put it in a prominent place to remind you that each moment of life is to be surrendered to Jesus.

Community of the Month

Chambersburg

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

November Prayer:

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures – I wish no more than this, O Lord. Amen.

Charles de Foucauld



NOVEMBER 2023 BIBLE READING PLAN			
1	Ezekiel 1-3	14	Ezekiel 35-37
2	Ezekiel 4-8	15	Ezekiel 38-39
3	Ezekiel 9-12	16	Ezekiel 40-41
4	Ezekiel 13-15	17	Ezekiel 42-44
5	Ezekiel 16	18	Ezekiel 45-47
6	Ezekiel 17-19	19	Ezekiel 48
7	Ezekiel 20-21	20	Daniel 1-2
8	Ezekiel 22-23	21	Daniel 3-4
9	Ezekiel 24-26	22	Daniel 5-6
10	Ezekiel 27-28	23	Daniel 7-8
11	Ezekiel 29-30	24	Daniel 9
12	Ezekiel 31-32	25	Daniel 10-12
13	Ezekiel 33-34		

Mark Your Calendars



Dec. 17th



Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE

Dec. 24th



New Year's Eve
PRAYER SERVICE

Dec. 31st



Sweetheart
Dinner

Feb. 9th

"I am personally convinced that the slow but sure collapse of the family is having even greater long-term effects on our lives and culture than Osama bin Laden's terrorist attacks. Coupled with that collapse is a massive shift toward a pluralism and relativism that undermines our understanding of truth, spiritual reality, and moral values."

Quote from "True North" by Gary Inrig



"He can use us when we are not educated or trained. He can use us when we are afraid. But God cannot use us when we don't believe Him. If God says we can, we can. We need to get our focus off what we are or are not and onto who He is."

Quote from "The God of the Way" by Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel

Shepherd Ministry Indoor Campfire "How Great Thou Art"

Shepherds and sheep, all 30 of us, enjoyed a time together on Sunday evening, October 15th @ 5:00 pm in the gym due to chilly weather. Instead of hot dogs over the fire, it was hot dogs on the grill, with all the trimmings ending with home made ice cream giving us a little chill.

After sharing bread together we were led in singing "How Great Thou Art" and many other fun songs.

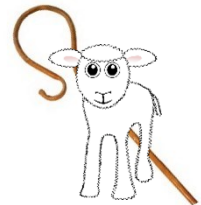
Following our singing there was a game titled, "Would You Rather". One example is, "would you rather love your neighbor - or - forgive your enemies?" What would your answer be? The questions made us think a little.

Our ending song was "Kum Ba Yah" (Come by here my Lord). Yes God's presence was with us.

A few words of encouragement were spoken by the coordinator and closing prayer by Pastor John.

Jeremiah 23:29 says: "is my word not like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?" God's word is truth. We must share the word of the Lord with our sheep.

Our goal as shepherds is to encourage our sheep to make their purpose be, "to follow Jesus Christ through the wind of the Holy Spirit"



Rozanna Myers

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: Friday evening, March 8, 6:30-9

Saturday morning, March 9, 9-12

Cost: \$50/couple



FROM OUR MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Eat at Hoss's on Tuesday, November 7 to help support CROSS. Pick up a "ticket" on the bulletin board by the mailboxes so a percentage of your meal will be donated to the ministry of CROSS.



Check out our November missionaries of the month on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. David and Patricia Miller are serving in the Montreal area. Learn more about them!

We will have a Thanksgiving "offering" in November for the Andrew Buchanan weekend food program and NETwork Ministries in Chambersburg.

We will gather items needed for these 2 ministries from November 5 through 19 in boxes in the narthex. **Please look at the following lists carefully to provide what is needed and can be used.**

Thank you!

Andrew Buchanan: Every week during the school year, Air Hill provides bags of food for children to take home with them on the weekends. All foods must be individually wrapped and ready to eat. No out-of-date items, please! We currently provide for 20 children.

Breakfast:

Individual Boxed Cereals
Granola Bars
Pop Tarts

Fruit:

Individual Boxes of Raisins
Individual Cups of Fruit
Individual Cups of Applesauce

Dinner: (all individually wrapped serving sizes)

Macaroni and Cheese
Beefaroni
Ravioli
Raman Noodles
Flavored Microwave Lunches
Mashed Potatoes

Snacks:

Little Debbie (off brand) Snack Cakes
Individually Packaged Crispy Treats
Individually Packaged Cookies
Pudding Cups (non-refrigerated)
Jell-O Cups (non-refrigerated)

NETwork Ministries provides programs for school age children and teens. They have activities to provide opportunities for growth in many areas of life, including learning about Jesus.

- Cleaning items—Child-friendly and bio-degradable preferred
- Paper goods—toilet paper, paper towels, plate, bowls, cups-no Styrofoam
- Copy paper
- Postage stamps
- Kid's scissors
- Glue
- Glue Sticks
- Art canvasses
- Acrylic paint
- Paint brushes
- Sports equipment—soccer, basketball, kick balls
- Games, educational toys, books
- Potatoes
- Apples
- Rice
- Beans

November



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			<p>1 6:30 pm Kingdom Kids/Youth Group</p>	<p>2 11:30-2:30 Homeschool Group</p>	<p>3 6:00 pm Shepherd Banquet @ Roxbury</p>	<p>4 7:00-8:00 am Men's Discipleship Group</p>
<p>5 8:30 am Prayer 9:00 am S.S. 10:00 am Worship</p>	<p>6 11:30-2:30 Homeschool Group</p>	<p>7 7:00 pm Praise/Prayer</p>	<p>8 2:15 pm Good News Club 6:30 pm Kingdom Kids/Youth Group</p>	<p>9 11:30-2:30 Homeschool Group</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 7:00-8:00 am Men's Discipleship Group</p>
<p>12 8:30 am Prayer 9:00 am S.S. 10:00 am Worship</p>	<p>13 11:30-2:30 Homeschool Group 7:00 pm Church Board</p>	<p>14 8:30 am Ladies Sewing 7:00 pm Praise/Prayer</p>	<p>15 2:15 pm Good News Club 6:30 pm Kingdom Kids/Youth Group</p>	<p>16 11:30-2:30 Homeschool Group</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7:00-8:00 am Men's Discipleship Group</p>
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