

The Air Hill Breezes



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Recently a little booklet was sent to the church. It was called "Comparison: The Thief of Joy" and was written by Jennifer Grant. She recalled a story from her family which maybe you can identify:

A few years ago on Christmas afternoon, I noticed my teenage daughter intently swiping through photos on her phone. Curious, I sat down beside her. She turned the screen toward me and told me that a girl at her school had posted pictures of the presents she received that morning. Neatly displayed on the girl's bed were an iPad, new laptop, a pair of expensive headphones, a mountain of new clothes and shoes, and more. The comments and "likes" from peers came fast and furious. "Jealous!" "OMG!" "Lucky!" There was giddiness in these comments and in the speed with which they were posted; they were likely fueled by a potent mix of curiosity and envy.

Have you ever been there? You may have been content with your gifts, but then when you saw what somebody else got, you become envious. They got so much more. Comparing with others almost always leads to a disaster. Comparing with others steals one's joy and contentment.

Jennifer Grant argues that social media even draws out the sin of envy even more. In fact, she writes about the results of a study

done by the Journal of Epidemiology in which they looked at the effects of time spent on social media versus "face-to-face" time with another person. What was the conclusion?

"When we are present with others, self-esteem and life satisfaction are raised. However, observing other people online can have just the opposite effect, the study suggested. And that negative blow to our sense of well-being has to do with envy."

However, let's not blame technology for envy. Envy has been around since the birth of sin. Just think for a moment about Cain and Abel. Why did Cain kill Abel? Envy. Cain saw that God favored Abel's request more. Cain became envious and attacked his brother.

As you flip the pages of the first book of the Bible, Genesis, you see the same sin occurring again and again, the sin of comparing, the sin of envy. Sarai compares herself with Hagar. Hagar is pregnant; Sarai is not. Sarai mistreats Hagar, and so Hagar flees. Jacob egged on by his mother compares himself with his brother Esau. Jacob deceives Esau of both his birthright and his blessing. Esau then wants him dead. Joseph's ten brothers compare themselves with their brother Joseph. The brothers compare how their father Jacob treats Joseph so much better than them; Joseph is even given an ornate robe which they never

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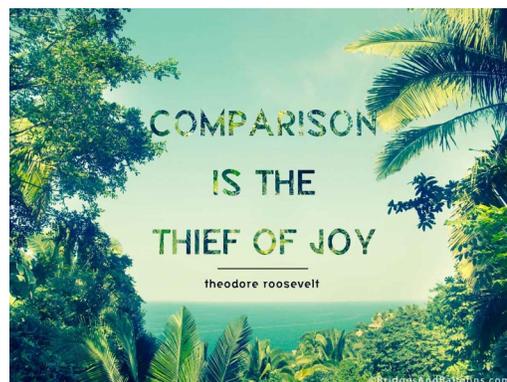
"To grow a healthy, loving, Christ centered church family that has a passion for reaching the community and the world for Christ"

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had received. Out of envy the brothers get their revenge; they sell Joseph as a slave.

With or without social media, humanity has always been ensnared by comparison and envy. The grass always seems to look better on the other side of the fence until you jump the fence and step in the poop. Yet, unfortunately, we define ourselves by what we have and don't have in relationship to others. We don't feel good about ourselves if we don't have what "everyone" else has. Somehow, we are less of a person. Comparing steals our contentment and our joy. Though actually no one takes it from us; we give it away. Could it be that when the apostle Paul wrote, "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation..." that he had learned not to compare himself with others. He was satisfied with

having Jesus Christ. He didn't need anything else. Of course, he didn't have social media.



Pastor John

October Spiritual Exercise

Sometimes October is associated with Halloween and trick or treat. Why not give someone a treat – the sharing of your faith? Why not tell someone or hand someone the gospel message? What a great treat to give! Pray that you will be able to look, love, listen, learn, and lead people. As you do, keep alert to those who need to know about Jesus. You may use a little handout that we currently place in our visitor's packet, "The gospel in a nutshell." Who knows, someone might even come to the door and you will have a perfect treat.

The Gospel Challenge: October

The challenge: This year read and meditate through the gospels. Begin each day (you may choose another time) and for at least 15 minutes read and ponder the gospel reading for the day. Before you begin each reading, ask God to help you know Jesus more. For added benefit to your life, write down every insight you gain from that time or from your thoughts about the gospel as you think of it throughout the day.

Each month I will give you the next month's readings. (It will take three months to go through each gospel.) Note: I will give you 25 readings for a month. If you miss a day, you may catch up another day.

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| 1. John 1:1-18 | 10. John 3:22-36 | 19. John 6:16-24 |
| 2. John 1:19-28 | 11. John 4:1-14 | 20. John 6:25-40 |
| 3. John 1:29-34 | 12. John 4:15-26 | 21. John 6:41-59 |
| 4. John 1:35-42 | 13. John 4:27-42 | 22. John 6:60-71 |
| 5. John 1:43-51 | 14. John 4:43-54 | 23. John 7:1-13 |
| 6. John 2:1-11 | 15. John 5:1-15 | 24. John 4:14-24 |
| 7. John 2:12-25 | 16. John 5:16-30 | 25. John 4:25-36 |
| 8. John 3:1-15 | 17. John 5:31-47 | |
| 9. John 3:16-21 | 18. John 6:1-15 | |

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Air Hill Etiquette for Covid

- As you enter the sanctuary, you will find a table that includes a bucket for offering and the bulletins and some other materials. You will also find a cart with the red church Bibles. Please return any Bibles or pencils to the lower shelves of the cart.
- Wearing a mask is optional at our services. We invite you to wear a mask as you enter and as you leave when there may be little social distancing. When you have your seat socially distant from another family unit, you may take off your mask.
- We ask that you sit on the rows marked with the flowers, and that your family unit sit six feet on the right and on the left from other family units.
- Most of all, show love and respect for each individual, for there are many different views in how to respond to covid.

Church Board Highlights

- **Church Board discussed the personnel placement for the leadership roles they had to fulfill**
- **Church Board accepted the Shepherd Ministry job descriptions**
- **Church Board accepted a recommendation by the Property Managers to have church/parsonage wide WIFI**
- **Property Management presented information on Fellowship Hall Repairs.**
- **Children's Ministry Committee decided to donate to four ministries using the unused VBS budget: CEF, Camp Joy EI, Network Ministries, Local School Projects**



“Over the years I have made a career out of studying the most challenging management roles out there. After all of that I am now convinced the two most difficult jobs in the world are these—one, to be President of the United States, and two, to be the leader a church.”

J. R. Briggs (Christianity Today 2018)

A pastor rarely has a day off. Even on his “day off”, he is still a pastor and is normally available to anyone in need.

Pastor Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastoral families for their sacrificial dedication. Let's fill their mailbox with cards and letters of appreciation. Let's fill their bodies with meals and fellowship. Let's fill Pastor John and Nancy with love and encouragement.

1 Timothy 5:17 The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 ¹² Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.



Orville & Cheryl Hade

(Sept. 15) Dear Prayer Partners,
The issue of renewing our annual DIRE residency permit has now moved to front and center, as our DIRE expires the end of Sept.

Without timely renewal we may be required to leave Mozambique in two weeks.

A few weeks ago the government reopened Immigration and since that time we have been working with a lawyer in Maputo to help resolve two issues:

1. Official notice to the government of transfer of leadership from the former Bishop. Since April 2018 he has neglected and refused to do so. This has created significant issues for the church, as well as for Cheryl and I since we cannot obtain necessary government documents for renewal of our DIRE. It seems it will take several months to obtain resolution to this problem, unless the former Bishop has a sudden change of heart.
2. Renewal of our annual DIRE residency: The lawyer is working to find a way around problem #1 above, by trying to obtain an official exception to the required documents and procedures. After 2-3 weeks he has made some progress, but time is soon running out and serious obstacles remain.

Thank you for your prayers!!!!

Orville and Cheryl Hade

BICUS World Missions: missionaries serving in Mozambique



AIR HILL Upcoming Events:

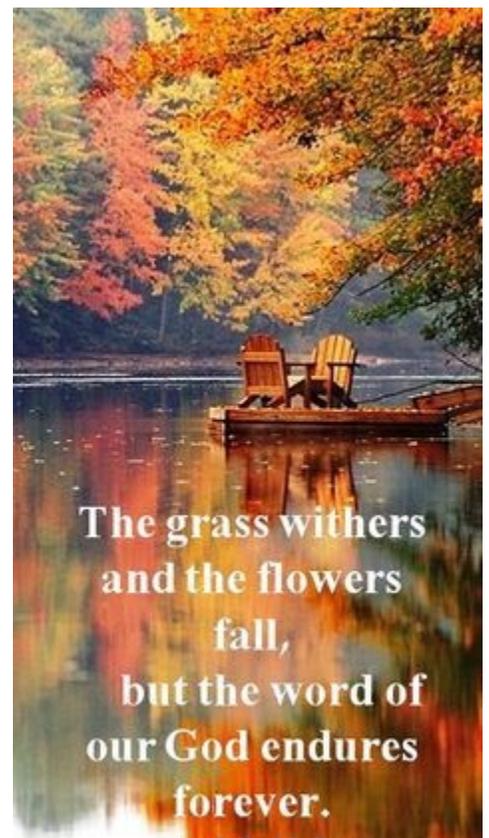
Oct. 4th: Easter in October

7:00 am: Sunrise Service

9 & 11 am: Worship Service with communion

Oct. 24th: Bike Ride

**Meet @ Britton Park in Shippensburg @ 1:00 pm.
We will ride until 2:30. Light Snacks and Water
provided after the ride. (bring your own water
for during your ride)**



Shepherd Ministry Moment

To God be the glory great things He has done.

Sunday, September 20th, God gave us a beautiful cool evening for our Shepherd Ministry Fall Flock Family Campfire. 47 of us joined together in fellowship under God's creation.

We were greeted by Nancy and led by Pastor John in a song of prayer entitled "Kum Ba Yah", "Lord come by here".

A light meal consisting of hot dogs, chips, pretzels, grapes, cookies and a drink was served. For dessert we had homemade vanilla and grapefruit ice cream.

We enjoyed a song time along with Bible Pictionary led by Todd and Sandy Bender. There were different pictures for the children and for the adults. The children did an amazing job in guessing the pictures they drew.

It was a great evening of fellowship. We closed by singing "The Lord is My Shepherd" followed by prayer.

On Saturday, November 7th, a Shepherd Ministry Seminar (refresher course) is scheduled for all shepherds and anyone wishing to become a shepherd. A continental breakfast will be at 9:00 am followed by training. The training will end with a lunch.

If you are a member of the Air Hill Church and feel God calling you to care for families of our church as a shepherd, please contact Rozanna Myers.

"Being God's Love with Skin on"



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<p>Pastor Appreciation Month</p> <p>Wed. Kids Club to begin in October. Details to come.</p>						
<p>4</p> <p>7:00 Sunrise Service 9 am Worship 10:15 S.S. 11 am Worship Gym in Use (1-6)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 pm Property Mgt. Meeting 7 pm Praise/Prayer</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 Youth Group</p>	8	9	10
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