

The Air Hill Breezes



2022

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AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

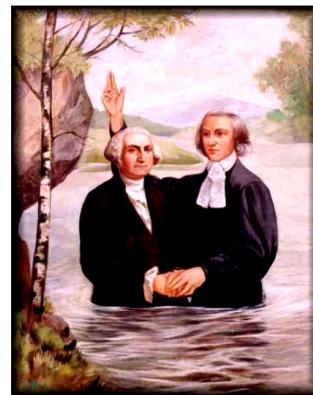
“To Follow Jesus Christ through the Wind of the Holy Spirit”

The Legend of George Washington’s Baptism

Recently, as I was studying for the sermon on baptism, I came across an article called “The Legend of George Washington’s Baptism.” There seems to be no doubt that George Washington was baptized on April 5, 1732 as an infant within an Anglican church. However, along came a story that he was baptized as a believer in Jesus Christ.

According to the story, George Washington approached John Gano, a Baptist chaplain, with these words: “I have been investigating the Scripture, and I believe immersion to be baptism taught in the Word of God, and I demand it at your hands. I do not wish any parade made or the army called out, but simply a quiet demonstration of the ordinance.” This baptism allegedly occurred during the harsh winter of 1777/1778 at Valley Forge. George Washington was supposedly baptized in the icy waters of the Schuylkill River. Forty-two people witnessed this baptism as the story goes.

Intriguingly, it wasn’t until 1870 that this claim was made by his grandchildren. They even signed affidavits. To top it off, in 1908 a pastor, E.T. Sanford, had a painting commissioned of this event, but strangely enough, the painting involved the Potomac River and not the Schuylkill River. That painting then has its own history which I will not tell here. “Time” magazine in 1932 published that quote of George Washington to John Gano to substantiate that story; they are the first ones to publish that request of George Washington to be baptized.



Now here is the problem according to some historians: 1) John Gano did not serve with General Washington but with General Clinton; 2) John Gano did not travel to Valley Forge that winter, nor did his memoirs record baptizing General Washington, a pretty significant event not to write about; 3) Plus, there are no written accounts from those forty-two witnesses of George Washington’s baptism. Thus, this story falls under the same category as the myth of six-year-old George Washington cutting down the cherry tree. Did you know that was a legend also?

It seems that life has not changed. Technology has changed. Stories travel faster. People love to make up stories. They love to make heroes out of people. Some even want to make them Christian heroes. Of course, it works the opposite way also, does it not? People are torn apart as villains in the media. How are you going to determine what is true and what is false?

Intriguingly, two thousand years ago, the same problem existed. Jesus is standing before Pilate, and Pilate asks Jesus, “What is truth?” Pilate probably had heard so much garbage; he may have shoveled some of his own. He was a politician. He was the governor. Thus, he couldn’t believe anybody. Yet, here is Jesus Christ standing before him who says, “*You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me*” (John

18:37). Amazingly, Pilate believed Jesus. He knew Jesus did no wrong. Yet, because of “politics,” he handed Jesus over to be crucified.

How do we treat the good news of Jesus? I believe the life of Jesus Christ is not at all like the legend of George Washington. In fact, you can find people who explored Jesus’ life thinking it was a legend but discovering the veracity of the Bible and Jesus Christ, people like Josh McDowell and Lee Strobel. These atheists were transformed by their research, and then they wrote about what they learned. We may base our life on the gospel of Jesus; there is nothing better. In fact, Jesus invites us to make his story our story, and as we do, his story transforms us.

Pastor John

SEPT. 2022 BIBLE READING PLAN			
1	Prov. 18	14	Prov. 25:1-14
2	Prov. 19:1-14	15	Prov. 25:15-28
3	Prov. 19:15-29	16	Prov. 26:1-16
4	Prov. 20:1-15	17	Prov. 26:7-28
5	Prov. 20:16-30	18	Prov. 27:1-14
6	Prov. 21:1-16	19	Prov. 27:15-27
7	Prov. 21:17-31	20	Prov. 28:1-14
8	Prov. 22:1-16	21	Prov. 28:15-28
9	Prov. 22:17-29	22	Prov. 29:1-14
10	Prov. 23:1-18	23	Prov. 29:15-27
11	Prov. 23:19-35	24	Prov. 30
12	Prov. 24:1-22	25	Prov. 31
13	Prov. 24:23-34		

September Spiritual Exercise:

- Break each part of the “Lord’s prayer” into their separate phrases; e.g.. “Our Father in heaven,” “hallowed be your name.”
- Pray, meditate, or sing through each of those phrases one at a time. In other words, spend time praising God for being our Father.
- Ponder what that means that we may communicate with the creator of the universe who at the same time tells us we may address him as Father. Maybe even a song comes to mind, such as, “He’s a good, good Father.” After you have completed one phrase, move on to the next phrase.
- Try to pray through the Lord’s prayer this way twice in the month of September. It might be a great way to prepare yourself for Sunday worship on a Saturday night or a Sunday morning.

September Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily needs. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. Amen.

Adapted from Matthew 6:9-13

September Scripture Memory:

Psalm 139:1-18

- ¹You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.
²You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
³You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
⁴Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.
⁵You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
⁷Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
⁸If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
⁹If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
¹⁰even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"
¹²even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.
¹³For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.
¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts God! How vast is the sum of them!
¹⁸Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

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- **Membership Classes** are scheduled for September 18th and October 2nd. If you are interested contact Pastor John.
 - **Membership Celebrations** for all members are scheduled for October 16th and November 6th. Check your mail for all the information.
 - If you have any questions, please contact the office.



From the Oberholzers

Hello Prayer Warriors,

This has been a busy summer so far. Here are a few highlights and prayer requests.

Highlights:

Jason and several other men hosted a successful Freedom of Nations men's camp in June. As a result of camp, several men have committed to meeting regularly as a "band of brothers"!

We held a successful children's VBS at the Village apartments in June and July; we made connections with several new families and shared God's love to a bunch of children.

We praise God for traveling mercies and great connections with many people in July when our family attended the Global Team Retreat and BIC General Assembly in Kansas.

After missing much of the summer, we recently had a good visit with the Peterson Family. We were particularly encouraged that two of their neighbors joined in on the fellowship and Bible study.

We praise God for another successful year at the county fair in early August for our children. They received many awards and honors for their animals, baked-goods, crafts, and garden projects.

Prayer Requests:

Pray for the men that attend our "band of brothers" meetings, pray for other men to join the group

We're praying about what follow-up outreach activities we should do this fall at the Village Apartments to continue to nurture the friendships we've started through VBS

Pray for all members of Freedom of Nations Church to get excited about attending regular gatherings that are offered each week. Pray for members to effectively invite their friends and families to join them.

Pray for each of our children as they enter a new school year, here's a list of the grades they will be in this year. Christy:10th, Abby:9th, Jessie:7th, Caleb:5th, Josh 2nd, Amos: kindergarten

Blessings to all,

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



From the Hades

Dear Prayer Partners,

We are thankful for the many opportunities we had to share at churches during our time of Home Ministry these past months. We are also thankful for the opportunity to attend the BICWM Missionary Conference and BIC General Assembly that was held in Kansas in July, and also attend Roxbury Camp in August.

Thank you for your prayers as we met with BICWM leadership to process our transition of departing Mozambique and to discern what we do next. Please pray for us as Cheryl will begin a job as a nurse at the end of August, while Orville will fly out to Africa on Sunday, August 28 on a short-term missions trip.

Outline of Orville's trip - two primary purposes

Task 1) to visit church leaders in Zambia and Zimbabwe to learn about the different ways they have provided biblical training to their people and visit various Bible schools, share about the significant need for basic Bible training in Mozambique and Malawi, and discuss possible ways that Zambia and Zimbabwe can help meet these biblical training needs.

Task 2) In Malawi: to organize video recording of 42 Bible lessons for pastors in Mozambique, which can also be used in Malawi. It will be a team effort as church leaders that will do the teaching, as well as students, will be from both countries. A plan for distribution of the videos will be established.

Orville's Africa trip schedule

Sunday August 28 - Fly USA to Blantyre, Malawi - (arrival Monday 29th)

In addition to task #2 above, Orville will discuss with Malawi and Mozambique church leaders of possible ways that Zambia and Zimbabwe might help them with biblical and leadership training.

September 29 - Fly from Blantyre to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

In addition to task #1 above, Orville will lead a few days of biblical training seminars.

October 20 - Bus from Zimbabwe to Chroma, Zambia

November 19 - Fly from Lusaka, Zambia to USA

May God bless you!!

Orville Hade

Serving with BIC World Missions





is coming

September 17th.

Find out how you can be part of what God can do through sharing your time and talents. Speak to Sharon Warren for more information.

Andrew Buchanan Weekend Meals

It's hard to imagine children in our area going hungry, but it is a reality in our communities.

You can help 25 families from Andrew Buchanan Elementary School by providing food for children to take home for the weekends. Here is a list of specific items that we send each week.

Breakfast:

- Individual Boxed Cereals (#1 item needed)
- 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)

Items may be dropped off at the church

32nd Franklin Fall Farm Fun Fest
Saturday, Sept. 24
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hollow Acres
WENGER FAMILY
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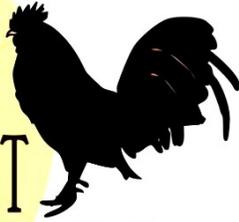
located at
6969 Upper Strasburg Road
Pleasant Hall, Pa. 17246

Spend a day on the farm

HOSTED BY
RON AND AMY WENGER
AND FAMILY

September 10th @ 8:30 am

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Sign up on the bulletin board.

Ladies Sewing begins
Monday, September 12th
@ 8:30 am.

They meet the 2nd
Monday of each month.

All ladies are welcome.
For more information
see Jean Rook.



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Let's Celebrate!

God has truly done wonderful things in the lives of our clients! We have been blessed to be a part of saving babies and helping their parents make life changes.

Please join the celebration, hear client stories and be inspired by guest speaker, Toni McFadden.

Toni is a Pro-Life Advocate and speaker. She is also the founder of the program Relationships Matter. Toni has a burden to expose the lies of abortion, especially within the black community. She shares her abortion story of regret with transparency while leaving her listeners with hope.



Celebration & Fundraising Dinner

Thursday, October 13

6:15 pm at Antrim Brethren In Christ Church

Reserve your seats now. We expect to fill up again this year.
RSVP at www.pregnancyministries.org/events
or call 717-267-3738



VIRTUAL CHALLENGE

DATE: October 8th - 23rd
LOCATION: Anywhere in the world

Proceeds will benefit The Tide® ministry's new
Pashto children's radio program in Afghanistan.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AND
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE!**

thetide.org/race

Kickoff event will be held
Saturday, October 8th
Norlo Park - Fayetteville, PA

Watch for more details



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Mon

Tue

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Thu

Fri

Sat

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4 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship	5	6 7:00 Praise/ Prayer	7	8	9 6-8 Gym in Use	10
11 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship	12 8:30 Ladies Sewing 7:00 Church Board	13 7:00 Praise/ Prayer	14	15	16 FunFest Set Up	17 Funfest
18 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship Membership Class	19 6:30 Personnel Committee Meeting	20 7:00 Praise/ Prayer	21	22	23 6-8 Gym in Use	24
25 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship 6:30 Shepherd Training	26 7:00 Ministry Board Meeting	27 7:00 Praise/ Prayer	28	29	30 6-8 Gym in Use	