

The Air Hill Breezes

 **AUGUST** 

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On longer trips, Nancy and I have developed a habit of reading a book while we drive. Generally, I drive, and she reads, but sometimes the opposite occurs. On this last trip, we read the book Prince Caspian by C.S. Lewis. We completed it at home, after all, we were so engrossed, and who knows when our next trip would be.

We are going to join the story where a girl named Lucy encounters Aslan, the lion. Aslan is portrayed as a Jesus-like figure in this story. Lucy had seen Aslan a little earlier, and he wanted her to follow, but instead, she yielded to the desires of her three siblings and a dwarf. They ended up getting lost. Now, she encounters Aslan again and speaks with him:

"Welcome child," he said.

"Aslan," said Lucy, "you're bigger."

"That is because you are older, little one," answered he.

"Not because you are?"

"I am not. But every year you grow, you will find me bigger."

For a time she was so happy that she did not want to speak. But Aslan spoke.

"Lucy," he said, "we must not lie here for long. You have work in hand, and much time has been lost today."

Yes, wasn't it a shame?" said Lucy. "I saw you all right. They wouldn't believe me.

They're all so--."

From somewhere deep inside Aslan's body there came the faintest suggestion of a growl.

"I'm sorry," said Lucy, who understood some of his moods. "I didn't mean to start slanging the others. But it wasn't my fault, anyway, was it?"

The Lion looked straight into her eyes.

"Oh, Aslan," said Lucy. "You don't mean it was? How could I-I couldn't have left the others and come up to you alone, how could I? Don't look at me like that... oh well, I suppose I could. Yes, and it wouldn't have been alone, I know, not if I was with you. But what would have been the good?"

Aslan said nothing.

"You mean," said Lucy rather faintly, "that I would have turned out all right _ somehow? But how? Please Aslan! Am I not to know?"

"To know what would have happened, child?" said Aslan. "No. Nobody is ever told that."

"Oh dear," said Lucy.

"But anyone can find out what will happen," said Aslan. "If you go back to the others now, and wake them up; and tell them you have seen me again; and that you must all get up at once and follow

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AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

"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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me- what will happen? There is only one way of finding out."

"Do you mean that is what you want me to do?" gasped Lucy.

"Yes, little one," said Aslan.

"Will the others see you too?" asked Lucy.

"Certainly not at first," said Aslan.

"Later on, it depends."

"But they won't believe me!" said Lucy.

"It doesn't matter," said Aslan.

Lucy had been stuck just like many people get stuck. Lucy had seen Aslan, and she did not follow him because of the others. Many people see or hear about Jesus but because of family or friends, they will not follow. The cost of follow-

ing Jesus involves following Jesus despite of what they think. I won't spoil the book by telling you what happens. The book is in our library; you may read it. But as you read the excerpt, maybe even re-read, you will find out other spiritual truths. However, the main one, I want you to consider, is don't allow others to hinder you from following Jesus.

Pastor John

August Spiritual Exercise

This exercise has three parts: 1) Take notes from a sermon from Roxbury Holiness Camp. You may either attend the service in person or watch online; 2) Meditate on how you may respond in action to that message; 3) Every 3-5 days for the rest of August, re-read and meditate on those notes with the goal of implementing that action into your life from step 2.

The Gospel Challenge: August

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.

1. Luke 13:1-9
2. Luke 13:10-21
3. Luke 13:22-35
4. Luke 14:1-14
5. Luke 14:15-24
6. Luke 14:25-35
7. Luke 15:1-10
8. Luke 15:11-32
9. Luke 16:1-9

10. Luke 16:10-18
11. Luke 16:19-31
12. Luke 17:1-10
13. Luke 17:11-19
14. Luke 17:20-37
15. Luke 18:1-8
16. Luke 18:9-17
17. Luke 18:18-30
18. Luke 18:31-43

19. Luke 19:1-10
20. Luke 19:11-27
21. Luke 19:28-38
22. Luke 19:39-48
23. Luke 20:1-8
24. Luke 20:9-19
25. Luke 20:20-26

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.

Shepherd Ministry

The Shepherd Ministry is being "God's Love With Skin On".

As a shepherd you can have a growing relationship with your families.

Our Vision: "To have lay people spiritually guide a group of families to grow in the Lord through loving and caring relationships"

You may say! "I would love to care for families of our church; but I just would not have time"

Luke 6:38 tells us, "Give, and it will be given you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

God has this amazing way of giving us the time to do what we need to do when we put Him first. We can never out give God. His Word is truth. We must trust Him.

We are now in the heat of Summer and I praise the Lord for the breeze He gives to endure the hot weather.

We are also in a very difficult time with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Psalm 27:1 says, "The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? He is the stronghold of my life whom shall I be afraid?" This scripture has helped me so much

when pangs of fear has tried to enter my life. Praise the Lord! God's Word is our strength and a very present help in time of trouble.

May your quiet time with the Lord be meaningful and allow you to grow in your relationship with HIM.

The Lord
is my shepherd
Psalm 23:1

S.M. Coordinator, Rozanna Myers

THANK YOU FROM ROXBURY CAMP

Thank you for your generous donation for the Roxbury Camp Curbside Meal Program. With your help we were able to provide meals throughout the local community. Here is a glimpse of what this looked like:

Nearly 3700 meals and 450 gallons of soup
800 Loaves of Bread
775 Dozen Eggs
250# of Fresh Fruit
250# of Canned Fruit
80 Gallons of Orange Juice
And 900 Rolls of Toilet Paper!

We also had a "Celebrating Green" outdoor, socially-distanced picnic and two Senior Café modified restaurant experiences for our sen-

Changes to Roxbury Camp

Roxbury 2020 - COVID-19 Protocols

WE are living in an uncertain time, and every one of us has an opinion about COVID-19. As we come together for Camp Meeting this year, we encourage everyone to respond to this situation as The Body of Christ and follow what Scripture teaches us.

How we choose to live as individuals is a personal choice and a matter of personal conscience. In light of Scripture, how we live in community may necessitate how each of us responds to the best interest of others, even though we may not live that way in our private lives.

The authorities that govern our state have mandated that all individuals older than 2 years of age should wear a facial covering when a social distance of 6 feet cannot be maintained from those who do not live in our household, unless there is a safety or health concern.

In light of these mandates, masks will be

required in all indoor public gathering areas, except for health and safety reasons. (All of course, within the PA guidelines of re-opening)

More importantly, we were able to show God's love to this community, and that people still care for one another. Many of our guests, while picking up meals shared some small talk or a prayer request with a staff member. Their positive response to this program was equally a blessing to us.

So on behalf of Roxbury Camp and the Food Service Department, Thank You for your part in helping us help others.

Michelle Reese
Food Service Director
Roxbury Camp

required in all indoor public gathering areas, except for health and safety reasons. This will include meal lines, public restrooms, and the tabernacle. The leadership team strongly encourages each camper to respect the personal space of others; and, when moving through places where social distancing is not possible—regardless of an indoor or outdoor setting—consider a face covering of some type.

Brunch and Dinner will be served. The lunch counter and snack counter will be open.

Speakers have changed.

- Evangelist - Alan Robinson
- Evangelist Tuesday - Friday Evening: Ken Hepner
- Second Weekend - Adrian Despres
- Mission Day Speaker - Adrian Despres
- Monday - Joshua Nolt
- First Sunday Morning and Tuesday Evening- Jeremy Spear
- Thursday Evening - Bishop Brian Hoke



FROM KARINA THRUH

Graduation! I praise the Lord for bringing me through these last two years of language school. I am certainly not finished learning, but I am grateful for the progress made. These last two years have probably been the most difficult years of my life so far, but I have seen God’s faithfulness in giving wisdom and comfort when needed and opening my eyes to this very different culture. I have learned that just being able to speak another language is not enough to be able to truly communicate well in another language. One must also learn culture and how the culture affects communication. Those lessons are sometimes learned through trial and error. I will

begin a new style of continuing Japanese study through conversation partners. I had done a little of this in the spring and now it will become my main method of improving. God has blessed me with several Japanese friends who are willing to work with me. Hopefully this new method will begin sometime in August.

Summer Term at SYME Our students have worked so hard this term on Bible presentations, kid’s ministry projects, and Bible clubs along with the regular English classes. I am also observing one of the English classes now, with the plan of teaching in the fall term. This will be a new, exciting and challenging experience. Prayers are appreciated!



School Kits for MCC

Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. School kits are often requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes. Last year, 79,557 kits were shipped to Jordan, Lebanon, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, and the U.S.

There is a shortage of these kits at the present time. We will be collecting the school supplies to make these kits. The collection dates will be from August 2 to 23. We will be making bags to put the items in on Wednesday, August 19 beginning at 6 p.m. in the annex . Then, on Sunday, August 30, the school kits will be put together during the Sunday School time between services.

You may choose as a family unit to purchase one or more complete kits or you may choose to join with others to purchase these kits.

Listed below are the specific items needed. All items must be new.

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in. x 10.5 in. and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils in packaging
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens

Thank you for your help in advance!

The Missions Committee



Total raised for MCC through My Coins Count and the PA Relief Sale was \$133,670.96



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Sun

Mon

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Worship
Services
9 and 11 am

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7 pm Praise/
Prayer Service

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Worship
Services
9 and 11 am

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7:00 pm
Church Board

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7 pm Praise/
Prayer Service

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7 pm Shepherd
Core Team

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Worship
Services
9 and 11 am

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7 pm Praise/
Prayer Service

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6 pm MCC Bag
Making

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Letterkenny Blood Drive

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Worship
Services
9 and 11 am

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7 pm Praise/
Prayer Service

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Worship
Services
9 and 11 am
Pack school
kits

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