The Air Hill Breezes

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I recently was reading a biography of the late Dallas Willard, a Christian writer and a philosophy professor at University of Southern California. The biography was by Gary Moon. The story goes like this:

Dallas had already been challenging Richard (Foster)on his limited understanding. One day, Richard shared with Dallas how he had spent some time leading a young man in the congregation to a decision for salvation.

(In the words of Richard Foster) "I told Dallas this fellow had accepted Jesus as his Savior, but I could immediately sense from Dallas' reaction that he did not view that term like most people I knew in the church. He was thinking about salvation quite differently."

"He said something like, 'Well, I hope that was good for him and leads him into accepting Jesus as his life.' And I thought, Whoa! What does this mean? Salvation for Dallas meant far more than merely a decision. It meant a new way of living, healing of the soul, living with God in the present moment.

Are you among those who are confused about salvation? Do you know why Jesus entered this world? He came to bring us new life, new life that begins now and goes into eternity.

Jesus became human, so that we humans might be like and live like God.

It is a shame that so many Christians assign their faith to a prayer they made rather than a life that God offers. It is a shame that so many Christians think of salvation as a destination (heaven or hell) and not as a tremendous opportunity to live life in vital relationship with God now. After all, Jesus himself said, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). We may walk with Jesus, even now, as we obediently follow him. That's what it means to be his disciple. We may be with Jesus!

Jesus entered this world not only to die for our sins. Jesus entered this world to show us how to live as God would live. He came and showed us how to deal with all the situations of life, for he himself dealt with them all, yet he was without sin. He came and showed us how to live life to the full.

As you approach Christmas, think about how Jesus came into the world to teach you how to live:

With contentment and not greed
With respect and not lust
With humility and not pride or power
With peace and not violence
With faith/trust and not fear or anxiety
With agape love and not hate
With oneness with God under the leadership of the Holy Spirit

December Spiritual Exercise

We often celebrate the Magi coming at Christmas, though it seems they came later. As the Magi gave gifts to help a poor family (Joseph, Mary, and Jesus), so I invite you to give a gift to a family in financial need.

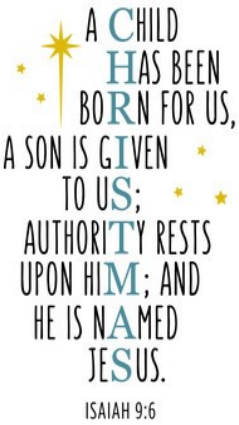
Christmas is an opportunity to make someone else's life better

Ideas:

* Gift a cashier, gas attendant, grocery bagger, bank teller, or another worker with a sweet or salty treat and a note attached thanking them for their diligent work.
* Over-tip a restaurant server, barista, hair stylist, nail technician, or other such worker and attach a note thanking them for their faithful service all year long.
* Take hot cocoa, a latte, or another delicious drink to a Salvation Army bell ringer, construction worker, crossing guard, school car pool line worker, or any other person who works outside.
* Buy a gift card to a local bakery and leave it on a coworker's desk or taped to a friend or neighbor's door along with a note telling them your life is sweeter for knowing them.
* Drop off a food gift to a shut in, elderly neighbor, or another person who may be lonely this time of year. Offer to help them with any of their holiday tasks such as wrapping presents, addressing their Christmas cards, or Christmas gift shopping.
* Make the mail carrier's day! Leave a treat or small gift in the mailbox for them along with a note of thanks for faithfully delivering the mail all year long.

Alright, are you ready?
Grab your family or a friend
and go make someone's day!
It will end up making your day as well.

Christmas TRIVIA



1. Joseph was originally from... (Luke 2:3)
   - A. Bethlehem
   - B. Nazareth
   - C. Hebron
   - D. Jerusalem
   - E. None of the above

2. What does the Bible say that the innkeeper said to Mary and Joseph? (Luke 2:7)
   - A. "There is no room in the inn."
   - B. "I have a stable you can use."
   - C. "Come back later and I should have some vacancies."
   - D. Both A and B
   - E. None of the above

3. How many angels spoke to the shepherds? (Luke 2:10)
   - A. One
   - B. Three
   - C. Multitude
   - D. None of the above

4. What is a heavenly host?
   - A. The angel at the gate of heaven
   - B. The angel who serves refreshments in heaven
   - C. An angel choir
   - D. An angel army
   - E. None of the above

5. Where did the wise men find Jesus? (Matthew 2:11)
   - A. In a manger
   - B. In a stable
   - C. In Nazareth
   - D. In Saudi Arabia
   - E. In a house
   - F. None of the above

6. The "star in the east" that the wise men followed... (Matthew 2:9)
   - A. Stayed in the same place their entire journey
   - B. Disappeared and reappeared
   - C. Moved ahead of them and stopped over the place where Jesus was
   - D. Was just a mirage
   - E. None of the above

Christmas Trivia Answers

1. A. He worked and lived in Nazareth, but he was returning to Bethlehem - "his own city" (See Luke 2:3).

2. E. The innkeeper didn't "say" anything (See Luke 2:7). The Bible doesn't even mention an "innkeeper" because the "inn" was probably more like a guest room in a house.

3. A. Luke 2:10. A semi-trick question because verses 13-14 record what the angel company said as they praised God together. However, only one angel spoke directly to the shepherds.

4. D. The word means "army" literally thousands. Now, since there was a "multitude" of the heavenly army" (hosts), there could easily have been from 10,000 - 100,000 angels there that night! No wonder the shepherds were "sore afraid"!

5. E. Read Matthew 2:11

6. C. Read Matthew 2:9 Most people miss this question. The star did not stay stationary over the manger or the house. This verse makes it clear that the star moved "in front" of the magi and guided them till it "stood over where the young child was."

- Dec. 9: Budget Council after worship
- Dec. 9: Christmas Program @ 7 pm
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service @ 7 pm
- Dec. 30: Praise/Prayer Service @ 6:30 pm

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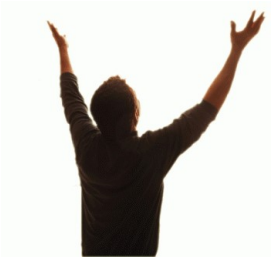
Church Board Highlights

- Resignation of Jason Wenger received and approved.
- Discussion on open leadership roles and persons to be asked.
- Budget was discussed, amended and passed.

New Heights
Air Hill Church

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.



-1 Chron. 6:8

New Heights Youth Group

Join us Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8 for youth group. In the month of December we will be looking at the Christmas story and celebrating Christmas together on Dec. 19 with a youth Christmas Party. We have an amazing group of young people. Our challenge for December is to bless someone else this month. So often we think about the sales at stores or the gifts we receive at Christmas, but the way to celebrate Christ's birth is to follow the example he set for us. Let's look for a way to bless others, not just with gifts, but with encouraging words, prayer, listening ears, serving others and any other way God places on your heart. Make this Christmas about Jesus. Merry Christmas!

Youth All - Nighter

Dec. 30-31 Best night of the year. Join us at the conference youth all nighter. Cost is only $25 for pizza, games, worship and the most fun you've had since your birthday! This year we are heading to Spooky Nook near Lancaster, PA. Talk to Jason as soon as possible if you're interested in going.

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 19—Christmas Party

Dec. 30—Conference All Nighter

Mark Your Calendar
» UPCOMING EVENTS

Ways you can help:

-Donate a snack for Wednesday nights

-attend an event our youth are involved in to support them

-Pray for our Youth

DECEMBER

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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"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship 6 pm Ladies Bible Study	3 6 pm Volleyball	4 6:pm Prop. Mgt. Meeting 6:30 Men's Basketball	5 6:30 Youth/ Children/ Adults	6 5-7 Gym in Use	7 2:15 Good News Club	8
9 9 am S.S. 10 am Worship 11:30 Budget Council 7 pm Christmas Program	10 8:30 Ladies Sewing 6 pm Volleyball 7 pm Church Board	11 8:30 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Men's Basketball 6:30 Ladies Prayer	12 6:30 Youth/ Children/ Adults	13 5-7 Gym in Use	14 2:15 Good News Club	15
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