

# The Air Hill Breezes

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Currently, our church board is reading the book The God-centered Church by Henry and Mel Blackaby. Mel Blackaby tells this personal story to inspire us to follow Jesus closely as the head of the church:

*I pastored a church in British Columbia, Canada, a place filled with beautiful mountain ranges, trees, and rivers. A member of our church worked for the federal government in the area of water conservation and flood control. One day George asked me if I wanted to go with him to check the readings at one of their remote stations. This was the middle of winter, and the heavy snow had already arrived. So, we loaded up the gear, drove as far as we could go in the truck, and unloaded the two snowmobiles to go the rest of the distance, another forty-five minute ride.*

*It was a cold January day, but we were prepared. George took off on his machine, and I followed on mine. Now George is not your average man. He had spent most of his career working in harsh, Canadian weather. He had numerous stories of hunting expeditions, and he spent a great deal of time in the backwoods of the mountains. On the drive out there, he laughed as he told me of a dangerous encounter he had with a bear and many other stories that caused me to question whether I ought to be there. Remember, I am a preacher! Where-*

*as he may have animal heads on his wall, I have educational diplomas hanging on mine.*

*We were ready. George hit the gas and aggressively raced off into the woods. Still getting used to the snowmobile, I launched out with caution, trying to get the feel of the machine I was riding. I quickly realized that George was leaving me. That, however, was not what caused me the most concern. I saw that some other snowmobiles had been in the area, and there seemed to be a thousand trails going every direction through the woods. The thought crossed my mind, "If I lose George, I will never be seen again! I will never find my way back to civilization!" So, I hit the gas, lowered my head to get more streamlined, leaned into every corner, and kept my eyes firmly fixed on the man I needed to follow. If I were going to die on that day, it would not be from getting lost – though hitting a tree was a very real possibility.*

*Do you see the lesson God taught me? Many roads lead through life. Others have left trails that lead away from the destination God has for me. As a pastor, I must keep my eyes firmly fixed on Jesus, or I will be hopelessly lost. I must help others see Him and encourage the church to follow Jesus with their whole heart.*

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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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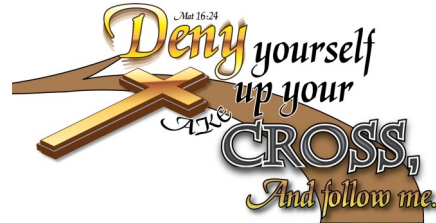
Just as Mel pursued George with great energy, so must we follow Jesus with that zeal. Too often we just want to take it easy. Too often we carry extra baggage, and that slows us down. Too often we are wishing we are on the beach while we are on a snowmobile. Too often, in whatever form, we are distracted. Too often we allow the hurts of life to pull us from the path. If we don't pay attention, we will discover it is not Jesus Christ we are following but someone else.

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Jesus has a goal for Air Hill. Jesus has a way he wants us to get to his goal. Thus, we need to keep on his tail closely, so we don't lose track of him- following on his path on the way to

his destination for us. It is not always easy. In fact, it can be difficult. Yet, that is where true "life" occurs.

Let us zealously follow Jesus through the wind of the Holy Spirit in accomplishing the Father's will. "Hit the gas!"

Pastor John



### July Spiritual Exercise

Think of five people you have not seen at church, whether they are shut ins, children/youth from the Wednesday night, or otherwise. Choose to make a visit, give a call, or send a card. Either way, give them a word of encouragement.

### CHURCH BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- Motion was passed to discontinue looking for an Outreach Pastor
- Kyle Grove will continue to serve as Youth Leader for another year.
- A prototype for a Memorial Plaque for Lynn Myers was approved.

### The Gospel Challenge: July

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 7:11-17
2. Luke 7:18-35
3. Luke 7:36-50
4. Luke 8:1-15
5. Luke 8:16-25
6. Luke 8:26-39
7. Luke 8:40-56
8. Luke 9:1-17
9. Luke 9:18-27

10. Luke 9:28-36
11. Luke 9:37-50
12. Luke 9:51-62
13. Luke 10:1-16
14. Luke 10:17-24
15. Luke 10:25-37
16. Luke 10:38-42
17. Luke 11:1-13
18. Luke 11:14-28

19. Luke 11:29-36
20. Luke 11:37-54
21. Luke 12:1-12
22. Luke 12:13-21
23. Luke 12:22-34
24. Luke 12:35-48
25. Luke 12:49-59

## **FROM THE OBERHOLERS**

Hello friends! Here several updates to the prayer requests we sent in May. We've also included several new prayer requests as well.

### **Updated Prayer Requests:**

- After dealing with Strep in our family for several months, the doctor officially declared our home "Strep Free". We recognize that Strep is a minor inconvenience compared to other health issues that some families are currently walking through. Nonetheless, we praise God for his healing hand on our family and we pray for those families still waiting for healing.
- Bekah and the children have 7 more days of school to finish out the current school year. They'll take a week or two break, and then jump right in to getting a head start on the next school year. This schedule provides great flexibility to take days off school throughout the year when other opportunities arise.
- Covid-19 continues to spread throughout the Navajo Nation. Pray that every Navajo person would heed warning from local officials and do what they can to help stop the spread. Pray for families who are losing loved ones. Pray that this virus points people to Jesus in a new, fresh way.
- Several weeks ago we received the anticipated supplies from Colorado. Jason teamed up with several community members to pass out food boxes in Red Valley, a rural community on the Reservation where some people still live without running water or electricity. It was humbling to see how many of the people live, but also a joy to see how grateful they were for a little help. This distribution project has allowed Jason to build some new relationships in the Red Valley community. Pray that these friendships would lead to a movement of house churches in Red Valley and in other communities on the Reservation.
- We praise God for the increased connections we have with our next door neighbor, Herlinda! She has expressed interest in meeting in our backyard for home church/Bible study. Pray that we can begin meeting regularly with her and her family.

### **New Prayer Requests:**

- We received notification from the renters in our old house that they'll be moving out in July. We have some big decisions to make about this house. Do we relist the house with a realtor? Do we attempt to sell it ourselves? Should we find new long-term renters to live there? Or should we pursue a combination of the above three? Prayers for direction and discernment would be greatly appreciated!!
- The Navajo couple who has been renting our house (Melissa & Mike) are also our friends. Mike is currently in the hospital suffering from medical issues caused by many years of alcohol. The doctors are only giving him several months to live. They're trying to stabilize his body now so that he can go home and live out the remainder of his days in the presence of his family. Pray for this family as they walk through a very dark valley. Pray for our family to have opportunities to love and minister to them during this time. Melissa is a solid believer, we're not sure about Mike's salvation. We're praying that Mike has the chance to repent and turn to Jesus before it's too late.
- A few weeks ago Jason was voted on as a member of our local volunteer fire department. He's been appointed the role of chaplain to serve the 50+ members in our department as well as individuals in our community who need emotional and spiritual support. We see this as a great opportunity to connect with people who are longing for deeper spiritual connections. Pray for Jason to learn his new role quickly so that he can effectively minister to those he comes into contact with.

Blessings to all!! Please let us know how we can pray for you!

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





hey how are youu doing!!

As some of you may know, I went home for the outreach (missions trip) part of my school! (because of corona haha

My Quarantine was in Chambersburg! I'm still kinda sad I didn't get the chance to go to Haiti and the Dominican Republic for my first missions trip, but that's okay! God is everywhere and God is IN us.

He has used me to evangelize in Chambersburg too! even though it was a little tough because of corona!

God has given me words of knowledge for people, this one person the Lord told me to talk to, I was hesitant at first, but I just did it after a couple minutes of going back n forth. That person couldn't get into contact with their family, so I prayed for him and yea! God is constantly showing me that love is a choice. God has stretched me soo much in this season of quarantine! and I'm sure soo many of you have all been stretched too!

I prayed for this lady at Southgate in Chambersburg! She was dancing and stuff there.. you know, most of our first thoughts of her dancing would be like (why is she dancing or.. is she on drugs) But I really felt God telling me to go talk to her! So I went! I found out that SHE is a Christian! and she is actually from Haiti and dancing reminds her of being in Haiti! That was soo cool because that's where I was suppose to go on outreach! Also she's been praying to get a plane ticket back! so please pray for her too!

That's a little but of what I was up to during quarantine!

If you still want to know what ywam is exactly: it is a missions training school that will help you use your unique passions to change the world! The awesome thing though is, while you're training, you're also traveling the world, sharing the gospel, and growing your faith in Jesus! Who wouldn't wanna do that? You should apply! at [ywamorlando.com](http://ywamorlando.com)

#### SOME STUFF I AM LEARNING

Week 1: Ezra Griffiths INDEPENDENT SPIRIT

We learned the discerning of spirits, the difference between judging and righteous judging! The best thing was learning that if you want to be a leader, you need to be a servant!

Week 2: Andy Miller FAITH IN FINANCES AND SUPPORT RAISING

Week 3: Troy Sherman COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Week 4: OUTREACH: (we are in right now!)

We plan on doing a stateside outreach or overseas!, wherever the lord sends me. We will be doing different types of ministries such as orphanages, healing ministries and lots of evangelism!, which is lovingly sharing the gospel with everyone we come into contact with!!

Money wise!

I still need \$4,000 for my missions trip in total!!!! God is soo faithful in providing and I'm soo thankful that you are all part of what the Lord is doing in missions in 2020!! Thank you all for your prayers and support!!

If you would like to give, I'd really appreciate it! I understand how being in quarantine is super hard for a lot of people! so no pressure! I'm praying for you all! I pray that the Lord gives you peace! and that you press on in your faith! Don't stop running the race! And I still really need lots of prayer! If you could be praying for me I'd really appreciate that as well!

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You can give to Overflow Church or Airhill Church for my missions trip!!!

I love you all! I'm going to try harder to keep you guys more updated this time around! I'm sure you want to see more of what I'm doing?!

I also would love to update my supporters more often and I would really love names and numbers!

If you would like to be part of my support team, I'd really love to know your name and have your number!  
Would you please text or email me??



(contact the church office for Kimarha's contact information)

## **From Karina Thrush in Japan**

What a great bunch! It is rare to have only guys at SYME, but we are rejoicing for the five God has blessed us with! Nick, Isaac, and Ted are Christians and are either already involved in ministry or have a desire to be involved in ministry in Japan someday. Peter and Dominic have not yet made decisions to trust Christ. Peter has a desire to learn and an interest in spiritual things, but through a recent conversation with Dominic, he says he is happy with his current life and doesn't see the need to trust Christ. This thinking is quite common in Japan. Please pray with us that Peter would see that attaining knowledge is good, but it must become a belief in his heart. Also, pray that Dominic would understand his need for a Savior.

I have the privilege of teaching a class this term at SYME called Kid's Ministry. We are training our students to teach memory verses, songs, bible lessons and how to lead a child to Christ. Over the course of this term, the students will have opportunities to prepare and present their own projects as well as doing a full Kid's Club at the end of the term to put it all together.

Thank you again for your faithful support and prayers as we press on together toward the prize of the upward calling in Christ here in Japan and around the world.

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Word of the Month: 救い主 (sukuinushi) Savior

### **An Excerpt from "A God Centered Church" by Henry and Melvin Blackaby**

Points to  
Ponder



*The deepest desire of every member should be first his or her relationship with Christ and second the maturity of every other member of the body where God has placed the believer. You ought to seek to know how Christ will bring others to maturity through you. It may be by encouraging, teaching, helping, exhorting, giving, or ministering. God's goal through you is for every member of the church to be greatly blessed through His life in you."*



# ROXBURY CAMP MEETING 2020

July 31-Aug. 9

Theme: Focus, Clarity, Illuminate

Many items are uncertain during this time, which also includes details of camp meeting 2020

Would you join us in prayer as plans and details are worked out for camp meeting and what specific guidelines will need to be followed.

## PRAYER CALENDAR

July 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!	Pray for wisdom for all of the extra challenges this year!	Camp Director Jeremy Spear	Assistant Directors John Gibe Steve Shetterly	Director of Buildings & Grounds Caleb Ray	Office Staff Heather Jensen Samantha Ray
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Bookkeeper Tom Briggs	Special Projects-Maintenance Ray Heisey	Housekeeping Nancy Melhorn and team	Registration Linda Gayman and team	Nurse Staff Jolene Kline Cameron Kline	Sound & Recording Ron Etzweiler Duane Asbury	Nursery Diane Thrush and team
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Kids Camp Alissa Patterson Patty Patterson and team	Junior High Camp Jason Wenger Dwight Gehman	Teen Camp Tammy Carnicella, Director Tyler Bryan, speaker	Young Adults Dave Gettel Becca Gettel	Kitchen Crew Kathy Jo Shelley Michelle Reese All the volunteers	Tabernacle Sound Brian Gayman Michael Crouch Steve Shetterly	Volunteers!!! In EVERY area We couldn't do it without them!
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship Leaders & Musicians Various Thank you for sharing your talents	Seminar Speakers Mon. and Tues. Allan Coppedge Toni & John Fickett	Seminar Speakers Thurs. and Fri. Ken Hepner Toni Fickett	Missions Day (Wed) Adrian Despres All our missionaries Travel mercies	Seminar Speakers Thurs. and Fri. Judy Smith Tess Crawford	Fri. Healing Service Joshua Nolt Prayer Team Those coming forward	Prayer Team Darrell, Troy, Brenda, Shelley Diana, Paul, Justin, Lynn, Steve, Holly
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Hosts Extraordinaire Dale Winger Linda Winger	Evening Evangelist Alan Robison BIC National Director	Weekend Speakers Allan Coppedge Ken Hepner	Morning Speakers Bishop Lynn Thrush Bishop Bryan Hoke	Safety for everyone as they travel to camp	That love and grace will overflow during all of camp!	God is here. Let us show up and meet Him.