# The Air Hill Breezes

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AIR HILL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
"To Follow Jesus Christ through the Wind of the Holy Spirit"

## Etiquette

I have been pondering a couple discussions lately. The word that summarizes those discussions might be the word, 'etiquette.' Wikipedia defines etiquette as "a set of norms of personal behavior in polite society, usually occurring in the form of an ethical code of the expected and accepted social behaviors that accord with the conventions and norms observed and practiced by a society, a social class, or a social group." This is an interesting definition. Why? You may ask. (Other definitions are like this.) First, it is a set of norms of behavior for polite society. Do those norms exist for impolite society? In other words, are those norms for all people? Second, and in the same way, how do you know which society or social class you are in? If we know our social class, do we know if those norms are for our social class?

I was recently in a conversation with a couple of people about whether it was proper to run on the roads through a cemetery. I personally never heard that it was not. (It must have been my social class.) I did say that it was improper to run through the cemetery stepping on people's graves. They didn't perceive that as an issue. So, I did some google research. Some would say that it is improper to run and even ride bike on a road through a cemetery. And yes, you are not to run, play games, walk on the graves of the deceased. It does not show respect to those buried there. (In biblical times you became defiled if you touched a grave.) So, what happens if you are not of the social class that goes by these norms? How do we know the norm is right?

I was also in a conversation about wedding photographers with a photographer. In the last wedding I had officiated, I failed to have a conversation with the couple and with the photographers about wedding photography. I was amazed to have a drone above my head making noise as it hovered. I was also amazed to have photographers crawling around us as I spoke. In contrast, many churches have norms that say that during the wedding itself the photographer must be still, except the processional, kiss, and recessional. Whose norm is right? What social class goes with which norm?

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Another norm that exists within the church is that one should not enter the sanctuary, or walk period, while the Scripture is being read or during prayer. Also, children would not be allowed to play on the altar or on the platform. Is that norm, right? For which social class?

At the very heart of the word etiquette is love and respect. How do I show agape love and respect to all people in all situations? How do I show love and respect to God in all of life? Our culture, however, often asks "Who cares?" in much of life. Who cares about whether a person is buried there? On the other hand, who cares about the person who is standing above ground? Who cares about distracting the couple and congregation from the vows being made before God? Who cares about treating a sanctuary like a gym?

We live in a world where people have often asked, "Who cares?"

We as followers of Jesus Christ through the wind of the Holy Spirit should care. In fact, we love. This will mean that we also follow norms that love and respect each person in each situation. Yes, some of those norms may disappear, but in all situations, we seek to love each person out of our love for God.

Enjoy Jesus!

John M.

## October Prayer

Lord Jesus, empty me of my brokenness and fill me with your wholeness.
Amen.

## October Spiritual Exercise

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to do these two things:

- Introduce yourself and have a conversation with one person at church with whom you never/rarely talked.
- Introduce yourself and have a conversation with one person in your neighborhood/ workplace with whom you never/rarely talked.

## Community of the Month:

Scotland

Walk, ride, or drive through Scotland. Ask God to give you the opportunity to talk and pray with people.

## Missionary of the Month

Jason and Rebekah Oberholser

# YOUTH MINISTRY

"116 for Life!" I have heard this phrase for years now as my son and daughter have started listening to Christian rap. I've asked them what 116 meant and they could never really tell me. This past Sunday at the first high school boys' discipleship group we started studying the book of Romans. We read from Romans 1:16, and Andrew made the comment, wouldn't it be interesting if someone came up with a catchy slogan and made a lot of money from this. Another student said, 'They did.' Andrew proceeded to explain, that "116" was a group of Christian rappers living by the call of Romans 1:16. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile." For I am not ashamed of the gospel.

In youth group this month, we have been looking at the Bible as the authoritative word of God and that the Bible is the objective word of God. Meaning the Bible is not influenced by my personal feelings or opinions in considering and representing the facts. The Bible is true regardless of my life circumstances or situations or beliefs. That is good news. We have a source that is true and trustworthy despite my circumstances and experiences. We talked about the scripture from Matthew 7:7-8. Amplified version says this "Ask and keep on asking and it will be given to you; seek and keep on seeking and you will find; knock and keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who keeps on asking receives, and he who keeps on seeking finds, and to him who keeps on knocking it will be opened." Jesus is encouraging us to keep asking, keep seeking, keep knocking and we will find him when we keep seeking, asking, knocking.

The question is, am I willing to live my life unashamedly for Jesus Christ? He unashamedly lived and died for us; are we willing to live and die for him?

In His Grip,

Travis

# Shepherd Ministry Moments

***And we know that in***

***all things God works for the good of those***

***who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.***

**Romans 8:28**

On Saturday, August 16th, at 9:00 am, the Core Team and two new couples met for a Continental Breakfast and a 2-hour Equipping Seminar lead by Rozanna Myers and Pastor John.

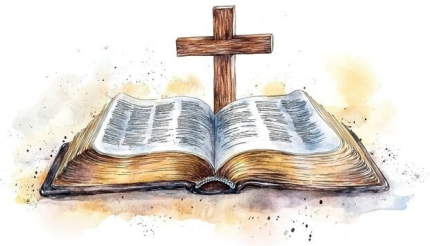
On Sunday morning, September 21st, two new shepherd couples were commissioned to begin their caring ministry. They were Dan & Rachel Garling and Don & Becky Shenk. We praise God for their commitment.

On Sunday evening, at 5:00 pm, the Shepherd Ministry sponsored an All-Church Campfire behind the church. A fire was built by Todd and Sandy Bender and about 50 hot dogs were roasted. Approximately 40 attended bringing a snack to share. What a nice smorgasbord of food. We had a great evening enjoying eating and playing Bible Pictionary lead by Dar Detweiler followed by songs of praise lead by Renee Mummert. Betty Mummert and Rozanna Myers shared about the Shepherd Ministry Program being a blessing and invited others to join. Our evening ended with songs of praise followed by a challenge from Pastor John and prayer. Many stayed to fellowship. It was an enjoyable evening out in God's creation.

*Then sings my soul my Savior God to thee:*

*How great thou art, how great thou art.*

# Bible Reading Plan



| OCTOBER 2025 BIBLE READING PLAN | | | |
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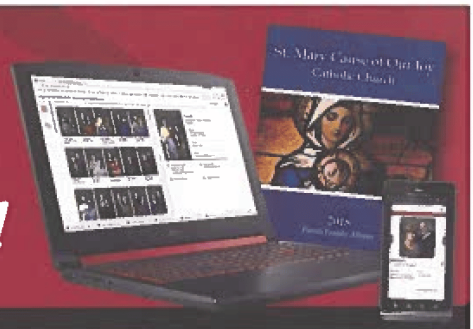
| | | | |
| 1 | James 1:1-11 | 14 | 1 Peter 1:10-16 |
| 2 | James 1:12-18 | 15 | 1 Peter 1:17-25 |
| 3 | James 1:19-27 | 16 | 1 Peter 2:1-8 |
| 4 | James 2:1-13 | 17 | 1 Peter 2:9-17 |
| 5 | James 2:14-26 | 18 | 1 Peter 2:18-25 |
| 6 | James 3:1-12 | 19 | 1 Peter 3:1-7 |
| 7 | James 3:13-18 | 20 | 1 Peter 3:8-12 |
| 8 | James 4:1-10 | 21 | 1 Peter 3:13-22 |
| 9 | James 4:11-17 | 22 | 1 Peter 4:1-11 |
| 10 | James 5:1-6 | 23 | 1 Peter 4:12-19 |
| 11 | James 5:7-12 | 24 | 1 Peter 5:1-7 |
| 12 | James 5:13-20 | 25 | 1 Peter 5:8-14 |
| 13 | 1 Peter 1:1-9 | | |

# *Dear Church family,*

## *It's time for a New Directory!*



***Celebrating faith.***
***Connecting families.***
***Sharing hope.***

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

***Directory Committee***

# *Connections Event*

***Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.***

- **Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.** If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- **Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!**
- **Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!** You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

**Set your appointment with Universal today!**

UNIVERSAL
CHURCH DIRECTORIES

***Gathering families,***
***Connecting generations.***

*Our Church Directory will not be complete without you!*
*If you need help with scheduling your appointment, just call the church office.*

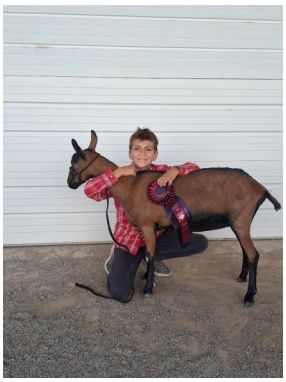
*Event Dates: October 31, 2025 and November 1, 2025*

# The Oberholser's

Hello Prayer Warriors,

Here's a Google photo album of pictures from August Family events. We included pics from the fair, our sunflower field, and other activities. (https://photos.app.goo.gl/JzUdeDojwCrwv28t8)

In August we asked you to pray for our children as they prepared for the county fair, here's the specific request we were lifting up to God. "**We're praying that throughout the highs and lows of fair week, each of our children would see the glory of God at work in their lives and desire to follow Jesus more whole-heartedly!** Little did we know how powerful that prayer would be as our family did experience some significant and unexpected low points during the fair week. However, we did experience many highlights, and we praise God for those blessings. This year's fair reminded us that God does work all things for our good, as the book of Romans instructs us. During the same week, Christy had a great trip to Michigan to connect in-person with fellow students and leaders for the online post-high school program she's enrolled in. **We invite you to continue praying for our children as they mature and seek God's best for their lives.**



Over the past year, we've hosted weekly "Friday Night" outreach events in the Kirtland community as a way to generate more interest for our Sunday gatherings. While these events provided great fellowship opportunities; they haven't produced the desired connections between our church and the community. Though this is disappointing; we're not losing heart. We are going to continue to host occasional, special outreach events in Kirtland, Just not weekly. While one door closes, we believe this opens up more opportunities to connect with people at the apartment complex in Farmington. As we begin hosting more informal activities at the apt, **we're praying that we can connect with more people, especially with the parents and family members of the kids we've been connecting with.**

Blessings to all!

The Oberholser Family

# Upcoming Important Dates

October 19 - Potluck Meal

October 31 - Universal Directory - Family Portraits

November 1 - Universal Directory - Family Portraits

November 8:  7:00 pm - 11:00 am Half Night of Prayer

December 1:  12:30 pm Widow's & Caregiver's Luncheon

December 14:  Congregational Council  & Potluck Meal

December 21:  5:00 pm Christmas Caroling

December 24:  7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

# Church Cookbooks

There are two **previously used** Air Hill cookbooks that have been donated to our church.  They are free to anyone who wants them.  Please contact Margaret Burkholder if you are interested.

# October 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1<br>6:30 pm Kingdom Kids & Youth Group | 2<br>5:00 am Discipleship Group | 3 | 4<br>7:00 am Discipleship Group |
| 5<br>8:30 am Prayer Time<br>9:00 am Sunday School<br>10:00 am Worship<br>6:30 pm Youth Discipleship Group | 6<br>7:00 pm Sunday School Committee Meeting | 7<br>7:00 pm Praise & Prayer | 8<br>6:30 pm Kingdom Kids & Youth Group | 9<br>5:00 am Discipleship Group | 10 | 11<br>7:00 am Discipleship Group |
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| 19<br>8:30 am Prayer Time<br>9:00 am Sunday School<br>10:00 am Worship Service<br>11:30 am Potluck Meal<br>6:30 pm Youth Discipleship Group | 20<br>7:00 pm Ministry Board Meeting | 21<br>7:00 pm Praise & Prayer | 22<br>6:30 pm Kingdom Kids & Youth Group | 23<br>5:00 am Discipleship Group | 24 | 25<br>7:00 am Discipleship Group |
| 26<br>8:30 am Prayer Time<br>9:00 am Sunday School<br>10:00 am Worship Service<br>6:30 pm Youth Discipleship Group | 27 | 28<br>7:00 pm Praise & Prayer | 29<br>6:30 pm Kingdom Kids & Youth Group | 30<br>5:00 am Discipleship Group<br>6:30 pm Property Mgmt. Meeting | 31<br>2:00 pm Universal Directory Photography Begins | |
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