

The Air Hill Breezes



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The Gospel



in a Nutshell

The Gospel in a Nutshell

What is life about?

Family? Friends? Parties? Cars? Food?
Sports? Fashion?

What is your life about?

Jesus described eternal life as this:

“Now this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” (John 17:3).

Eternal life = (is) knowing God and Jesus Christ.

Eternal life is about knowing God, not just knowing about God, but knowing him intimately as a husband knows his wife and a wife knows her husband. We may know God personally and relationally now and through eternity.

Jesus did go on to say, “I have brought you (God) glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do” (John 17:4). As Jesus was given a purpose and work to do, so God has a purpose for us to fulfill. This is part of eternal life: knowing God personally and achieving his purposes.

But what hinders us from experiencing life? “I!” From birth we have defined life as “I”. Whatever pleases “I,” we pursue. We have put “I” on the throne of our heart. We worship and serve “I.” We expect everyone and everything to serve “I.” Every attempt to please “I” we call sin. The heart of sin is “I”: self-interest, self-centeredness, self-absorption, and self-reliance.

Some of the results of sin include:

Separation from God: “But your iniquities have separated you from God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear” (Isaiah 59:2)

Addiction: “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin” (John 8:34).

Death: “For the wages of sin (self-interest) is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

So, how do we begin to experience eternal life, a life that never ends?

First, we must **admit** that we are living for ourselves. We need to confess to God that we have had “I” on the throne of our heart.

Second, we need to **turn** to God for help. We turn to God for help, because he is the one who created us, and he created us with a purpose. We need to tell God in prayer, “I am living for myself and I am making a mess of the life you have given me.”

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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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Third, we need to **receive** by faith what God has already accomplished for us in Jesus Christ. Jesus was fully God and fully man, and he came to rescue us from the bondage of sin, “the slavery to pleasing ‘I.’” Through his life, he showed us how to live for God and not for oneself. He showed us this through his actions and through his teachings. Through his death, he paid the penalty of our sin (self-interest). Though we earned spiritual and physical death as our wages, he died in our place. Through his resurrection, he has given us power over our sin (self-centeredness). We can have the ability to say “No! to pleasing oneself, and we can live to please God. Thus, as we learn who Jesus is and what he has done for us, we pray to God, “Thank you for all that Jesus has done for me. Thank you for sending Jesus to pay the wages of my sin. Help me live as Jesus lived.

Help me learn to follow him in everything I do.
Help me know you more.”

What is life about? Jesus Christ. We live by confidence and faith in him, for “for he is the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through him” (John 14:6). When we put Jesus on the throne of our heart, and let him rule our lives, then we begin to experience what life is about, eternal life, that never ends. As we begin to pray, to read and meditate on the Bible, and to meet with other followers of Jesus, our relationship with God grows deeper and we will more fully understand his purposes for us. As we do, we will have “life to the full” (John 10:10).

Pastor John

September Spiritual Exercise

- Meditate on Colossians 3:17 NIV “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”
- This month try to do everything in honor of God – “in the name of the Lord Jesus.” Drive your car, answer the telephone, conduct a staff meeting, walk your dog, milk your cows, mow your yard, greet people, or google on your computer to an audience of One – the triune God.
- Carry in your pocket the words “in the name of Jesus” to help remind you to do so.

The Gospel Challenge: September

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 20:27-40
2. Luke 20:41-47
3. Luke 21:1-19
4. Luke 21:20-28
5. Luke 21:29-38
6. Luke 22:1-13
7. Luke 22:14-23
8. Luke 22:24-30
9. Luke 22:31-38

10. Luke 22:39-46
11. Luke 22:47-53
12. Luke 22:54-62
13. Luke 22:63-71
14. Luke 23:1-12
15. Luke 23:13-25
16. Luke 23:26-31
17. Luke 23:32-37
18. Luke 23:28-43

19. Luke 23:44-49
20. Luke 23:50-56
21. Luke 24:1-12
22. Luke 24:13-27
23. Luke 24:28-35
24. Luke 24:36-44
25. Luke 24:45-53

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.

Church Board Highlights

- **Marriage/Wedding Policy was adopted.**
- **\$70,000 Capital Improvement Fund was moved to Maintenance Fund Savings Account**
- **Missions Committee recommendation to give \$1000 to Brian Thrush of CRU and \$1000 to Roxbury Camp was approved.**
- **\$2900 from the unused VBS Budget is being made available to the Children's Ministry Committee to be donated to a Christian Children's Ministry of their choice.**

The logo for RightNow Media, featuring the word "rightnow" in a lowercase, sans-serif font and "MEDIA" in a smaller, uppercase, sans-serif font, both in white text on an orange rectangular background.

RightNow Media is a resource that Air Hill BIC Church subscribes to for all families of our congregation. This resource has Bibles studies for all ages and videos and shows for children.

If you would like to use this resource in your home or for a bible study and you do not currently have access, please call the office. We can get you set up to a whole library of various Biblical studies and shows.

The Tide is an international Christian outreach committed to worldwide evangelism and discipleship. Their goal is to lead as many people as possible into a life transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. They do this primarily through Christian radio broadcasts in multiple languages around the world. They also engage in other activities such as discipleship, leadership development, church planting, and short term mission trips.



Rather than broadcasting translations of English programs, The Tide works with partners in Africa, Asia, and Europe and with local ministers to produce radio programs to share the Gospel with their language and in the context of their culture. These local ministry partners are our boots on the ground to provide listener care and coordinate discipleship and leadership training activities.

The Tide is celebrating 74 years of serving God. See the bulletin board on how you can help further The Tide mission with a special anniversary gift.



THE OBERHOLERS

(Aug. 24th)

Hello Friends, here are two updates from last week's email as well as one new request.

The inspections on our old house passed without major issues. We continue to inch towards our goal of closing on it in a few days. Pray for all to go well in this process.

Last week Jason & Rebekah attended our friend, Gerald's funeral. During the graveside activities Gerald's youngest daughter floated between Bekah and two other Godly women to cry on their shoulders and to find comfort. This imagery has prompted us to pray that all of Gerald's daughters would never cease to seek the counsel of Godly women; especially as they grow into young women.

Vaughn and Raffy, a married couple who's a part of one of our cell groups have tested positive for Covid. We praise God that their symptoms have been minimal so far; they remain at home and consult with their doctors daily. However, they are asking people to pray against fear as they wrestle with anxiety from time to time. Obviously, we aren't able to meet with them in person right now. However, Vaughn and Jason have stayed connected by phone, conversing almost daily. Pray for their walk with Jesus to grow; especially during the pandemic.

Blessings to all,

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

(Aug. 25)

Hello all,

We just received an update from our realtor yesterday afternoon. The buyer isn't ready to close on the house this week as we had thought he was wanting to do. He's now saying 2 more weeks, which could drag out even longer. This prospective buyer of our house has been buying up multiple properties in our community. In talking with several different realtors, it sounds like he can be very difficult to deal with. However, our realtor has had success with him.

My biggest prayer request right now is for my heart. I'm so weary of dealing with this old house. I don't want to wait two more weeks just to see what happens next, I want to be done with it now. This is one of those times that I'm seeing my ways aren't God's ways! Pray for us to remain faithful to God's will, no matter what happens.

Blessings,

Jason

AIR HILL Upcoming Events:

Sept. 26th: Movie Night

**Moving of the parsonage. 6 pm in the Annex.
Games, Light Snacks & Drinks in the gym.**

Oct. 24th: Bike Ride

**Meet @ Britton Park in Shippensburg @ 1:00 pm.
We will ride until 2:30. Light Snacks and Water
provided after the ride. (bring your own water
for during your ride)**

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“For You are my Lamp, O LORD;
and the LORD illumines my
darkness...As for God His way is
blameless... He is a shield to all
who take refuge in Him.”
2 Samuel 22:29, 31



Dave & Deb Nightingale
(Our beloved interim director
and his wife)

Sojourner Arrives Home

Our faithful and wise interim director, Dave Nightingale, has entered glory and is now enjoying the presence of Jesus Christ after a short battle with COVID-19. Our team is ever grateful for the much needed stability and guidance that he provided while he led our team and our region for seven months. Please pray for his wife Deb and the family who are left as they grieve. Also, be in prayer for the Word of Life leadership team as they are now in search of new people to fill some big roles in the ministry.

A Time of Rest and Preparation

Our summer term ended on July 31 and due to COVID-19 we had to cancel our summer camp ministry for this year. However, it proved to be a blessed time of much needed preparation for next term in rest and reconnection with many of you and with alumni. I am grateful for the opportunity to teach an English class at SYME this fall term beginning August 31. Later in the term, I will also teach a reading class. We have plans to continue a ministry class this fall and I may have some teaching opportunities here, as well. We want to focus on helping the students have confidence in sharing the gospel before they finish SYME. They will learn to use various methods of sharing the gospel and will have opportunities to practice these methods with each other. Please pray with me that our unsaved student, Dominic, will come to a deep understanding of the gospel through this class and other conversations.

Word of the Month:

英語 (eigo) English



Left: This fall term I will have the privilege of regularly leading a café discussion group every Tuesday and Saturday.

Right: Our students working hard on their English and Bible assignments.



Praises & Prayer

Pray for creativity, wisdom and energy for teaching an English class.

Pray for faithfulness in continued Japanese study with friends.

Pray for Dominic's (student) understanding of the gospel.

Pray for more students for next year.

Praise God for an opportunity to attend a Japanese Bible Study at a local church



September

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<p>6 9 am Worship 10:15 Chil- dren's S.S. 11 am Worship</p>	<p>7 </p>	<p>8 7 pm Praise/ Prayer</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
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