

SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, MIND AND STRENGTH

When someone asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment, he did not quote one of the well-known Ten Commandments. He quoted the Shema. The Shema is a declaration of the Hebrew Faith that is repeated daily. It is recorded in Deuteronomy 6:4,5.

“Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one.” [Or, “The Lord is our God, the Lord alone”] “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”

The heart, for the Hebrew people, has to do with the whole person. It is not just that part of us that expresses an emotional attachment to something, but it has to do with every part of a person’s being: their spirit, their soul [which is the seat of the mind, will and emotions], and strength, which has to do with the physical expression of that in which we believe.

Therefore, to love the Lord with all our heart is to love him with every part of our being, including the way in which we live out that love in how we think, in what we say and in what we do.

Jesus quickly ties the declaration of Love for God with love for each other: ***“And the second is like it, ‘You will love your neighbor as yourself.’*** Love of God and love of people are tied together. In another place in Scripture we are told, ***For anyone does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, who he has not seen.*** [I John 4:20]

Love does not happen in a vacuum. It must have an object. You don’t just go out, stand on your front porch and love. Love is directed to some thing or some one.

God is love and God’s love must have an object. The object of God’s love is people. You and I are the objects of God’s love. God and other people are the objects of our love, imitating the nature of God.

Love involves commitment. God’s love for us compels him to be committed to our welfare and our love for God compels us to be committed to thinking, saying and doing those things that reflect our love response to him.

I want to suggest that there are levels of commit-

ment in our love for God and for others. These levels are perfectly outlined in the vision that God gave Ezekiel of the River of Life running from the Temple into the Dead Sea, bringing life wherever it flowed. [47:1-9]

The angel led Ezekiel one quarter mile out into the River and he was ankle deep. It is possible to have an ankle deep commitment to God. Though it may look good, it is shallow. We are still in control of our lives. It is a level at which we are “in” one day and “out” the next. We try to live by faith and sight at the same time. We try to walk in the Spirit and in the flesh at the same time. There is little or no commitment.

The angel led Ezekiel another quarter mile and he is in the River up to his knees. The pull is stronger toward the middle than to the shore. I suggest this is the level of commitment at which we begin to pray and learn how to communicate with the One who teaches us how to love. It cannot be ankle deep prayer, but a depth of prayer that moves us to call on God in every aspect of our lives. We move from “now I lay me down to sleep,” prayers to, “O God, grant me wisdom for this hour,” prayers.

The angel led Ezekiel another quarter mile into the River and now he is waist deep. The water covers his digestive system and reproductive organs. At this level of commitment we begin to digest the things of the Kingdom of God and our spirits are nurtured by the truth of God’s Word. We commit ourselves to live according to the ways of God’s Kingdom rather than the ways of the world. This level of commitment brings us to share the love of God with others and help them to come into a living and vital relationship with Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit reproduces heirs of the Kingdom as he works in and through us and our commitment to be about his work.

The angel led Ezekiel another quarter mile into the River. He is now in over his head. Here he must sink or swim. There is a level of commitment to God where we are in over our heads. This is the level of commitment at which we are carried along by the

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Person and Work of the Holy Spirit. It is the place at which our passion and our desire is to be and do that which blesses people around us but, even more than that, bring Joy to the heart of God our Father. It is at this level of commitment that we are truly able to *“Love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our strength. And, we are also able to love our neighbors as ourselves.”*

In the month of February there is an emphasis on love, or, what we call, “Valentine’s Day.” It is a time when we take opportunity, through cards letters and other expressions, to verbalize our love for people around us.

For followers of Jesus Christ, it is a 24/7, day in and day out way of living out our love for our Lord God. We love—and we are able to love, because he first loved us, the objects of his love.

I encourage each and all of us to so commit our lives to Jesus Christ that we find that we are continually “in over our heads” relying totally upon the Holy Spirit to show us how to demonstrate our love for God in every part of our being.

FEBRUARY HEALING ACADEMY

We are excited to announce that Jeremy and Joy Ellington will be a part of the teaching staff for the Healing Academy that will be conducted February 16-20, 2016.

Jeremy will be teaching sessions on The Word of Knowledge and Healing of Emotional Hurts. Joy will teach the sessions on The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit and Deliverance.

This promises to be an exciting time as we join our teaching staffs and begin working together in a shared ministry.

Jeremy and Joy will intern with Wind of the Spirit Ministries while here in the States February 10 through March 20, then again July through September.

Local pastors have already begun to extend invitations to the Ellingtons to speak at their church while they are in the States.

Please contact the Wind of the Spirit Ministries’ office in Silverdale to make arrangements for a ministry event with them in your church. The office number is 360-692-9813 Ext 14.

PRAYER NEEDS

- 1. Travel mercies for Jeremy and Joy, Healing Academy participants and Staff**
- 2. Holy Spirit guidance for Teaching staff**
- 3. God’s healing touch for participants**
- 4. Blessings upon the Silverdale UMC for providing space for the Healing Academy to be held.**

Jean, our Office Administrator, will be happy to help you make those arrangements.

TEACHING STAFF FOR HEALING ACADEMY

We are excited about the line-up for those who will be teaching and leading in worship for the upcoming Healing Academy.

Mr. Dennis Rickabaugh is a beloved friend and brother in Christ who has been with us on other occasions to lead us in worship at the morning and evening sessions of the Academy. Dennis is a gifted worship leader who is open to the direction of the Holy Spirit in selecting appropriate songs and Scriptures for the teaching sessions. We welcome his presence once again and praise God for his leadership.

The teaching staff brings a new variety of voices to this particular session of the Healing Academy.

We welcome Jeremy and Joy Ellington. This will be their first time with us on the teaching staff and we are eager to hear how the Lord will speak through them in their sessions and workshops. Their presence will bring a new depth of learning and inspiration from what is happening on the mission field in India.

Taylor Gallman will be with us once again. He is pastor of the Irondale UMC in Irondale, AL. His enthusiasm for Jesus Christ and for healing and wholeness always brings a new excitement to our gathering. The ways in which God uses him to bring healing to individuals is a real source of encouragement for any who feel that God may be calling them into the healing ministry.

Our local teachers will include Jane Petter, who has been with us on several previous occasions, Gary Wright, who has also been with us. Both Jane and Gary have brought new and challenging insights as they have taught with us in the past.

Larry Eddings will also be involved in teaching some of the sessions and help to lead in the workshops throughout the week.

Be sure to plan and promote the public healing service that will be held on Friday, February 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Silverdale United Methodist Church sanctuary. This has always been a very real and practical way in which to reach out to the community. Many have experienced healing in various areas of their lives as they received prayer at the service.

There will be opportunity to be led in worship by Dennis Rickabaugh, a brief message on healing and wholeness by

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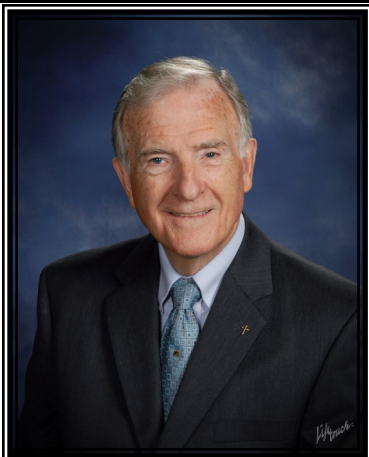
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“He gave some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip God’s people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up ...attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11



MINISTRY CALENDAR

PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THIS EVENT

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES
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February 16-20—Healing Academy at The United Methodist Church, Silverdale, WA

April 7-9—Regional Conference on The Holy Spirit, Peoria, IL

July 19-21—Bishop’s Convocation and Worker’s Conference, Baguio, Philippines, with Bishop Rudy Juan

July 21-24—Aldersgate Conference on the Holy Spirit, Lexington, KY.

Larry will be speaking for the Sunday 6:00 o’clock evening prayer services at the Silverdale United Methodist Church during the months of February—June. All are welcome.