

SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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“FOR FREEDOM CHRIST HAS SET US FREE”

The Apostle Paul writes to the Galatian church: **“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”** [5:1]

Later he states, ‘You were called to be free! Do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.’

The Apostle Peter admonishes the followers of Jesus to have the same attitude toward their newfound freedom. **“Live as free men but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.”** [I Peter 2:16]

Freedom is an essential part of our Christian Faith as we live it out in relationship with others around us—both Believers and unbelievers. Freedom has to do with being free from bondage to sin and slaves to

behavior patterns in our lives that are destructive.

Now we are free to be slaves of righteousness; slaves to doing that which brings life, not only to us, but to those around us.

In Christ we are free to **“show proper respect to everyone; free to love the brotherhood and sisterhood of believers; free to fear God and free to honor those in leadership over us.”** [I Peter 2:17]

Christians are free to do good on behalf of others while forgetting their own needs or desires. Christians are free to “look not to our own interests, but to the interest of others.” [Philippians 2:4]

Followers of Jesus are free to **“live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and give glory to God.”** [I Peter 2:12]

“JOURNEY WITHIN” SEMINAR

It was a great time of spending three days in the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Worship was led by Dennis Rickabaugh during the day sessions. He was joined by Bob Martello for our evening sessions. Worship was a special time for experiencing the presence of God as we sang praises to him while acknowledging his holiness, his majesty and his love.

The teaching sessions helped all who attended to come to a deeper walk with Jesus and to experience freedom at a new level in our lives.

Personal testimonies indicated that the Holy Spirit was actively involved in touching and changing hearts and lives with new freedom to become more Christ like, made over into the image of Jesus—God’s original plan for us.



We, in the Body of Christ, have freedom in Christ, but we are not free to do anything we want. We are not free to follow our own base and impure desires. We are not free to ignore God’s laws or the boundaries that he has set for our good. We are not free to get involved in lifestyles that go against God’s Word or engage in relationships that mock God’s grace and mercy.

Jesus has told us to love one another as he has loved us. That means we ARE free to love as he loved us—unconditionally, sacrificially and with purity of thoughts and actions.

“The entire law is summed up in a single command, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Gal.4:14

That is true freedom, the ability to love one’s self as a child of God and then to love others in the same way. God’s good plan!

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TESTIMONIES OF GOD'S GOODNESS

Question: *What has been your overall, general impression of the Healing Conference?*

A Few Answers:

- "It has been energizing for me! I love what God has in store for me through this event."
- "Very healing. The fellowship and especially the mutual sharing of insights from personal experiences was very valuable, inspiring and fun."
- "Awesome"
- "Welcoming, healing, empowering."
- "It has been so wonderful, educational and so very helpful."
- "It presents a lot of sound teaching from the Word of God and gives you keys to overcome problems and difficulties in life."
- This has been a place of peace, healing and joy as God has brought me through the breaking of bondages."

Question: *Were the Workshops Helpful?*

- "Very helpful. The small group sharing was life-changing and life-sustaining for me. I thank God for the prayers of deliverance and healing uttered in this place."
- "The workshops were very meaningful and useful, especially the fellowship aspect. We could have used more time effectively."
- "I feel that the workshops were a little long."
- "Great prayer times and healings."
- "Yes, they were very helpful and I felt no time constraints on our sharing."
- "Yes, they were helpful, content was good and time was good."

Question: *What were strongest points of event?*

- "The great focus on seeing Jesus! Wow! I didn't see anything weak. I am uplifted and revived in my soul—every step of the way."
- "Though my world view is different, I do respect that this is true, meeting the needs of the majority of the participants."
- "The teaching is the strongest point."
- "I loved the sensitivity of the leadership to the Holy Spirit and his leading."
- "I loved the speakers' sharing their personal experiences."
- "The prayer gatherings were the strongest points of the conference."

We praise God for those who were willing to take the "Journey within" and experience the Healing touch of Jesus.

THE ELLINGTONS RETURN TO INDIA

It has been a joyful and blessed time since Joy and Jeremy arrived the end of June to share about three months with us in ministry. Wind of the Spirit Ministries has been richly blessed by their presence.

They have been able to participate in the recent "Journey Within" seminar on emotional healing, each teaching one session and being involved in prayer ministry with the participants.

In addition, they have also spoken and ministered in several local United Methodist and other churches during their three month stay.

We were also able to conduct together a prayer seminar at Tim Ellington's church in Kailua, HI. Tim is Jeremy's brother and he and members from his church had previously travelled to India to help in ministry there. It was a joy to see the reuniting of Jeremy and Joy with Tim and his ministry team.

The Ellingtons bring a unique and special gift to Wind of the Spirit Ministries as they continue to share in its work of "Equipping the Saints for Works of Ministry." Their teachings at the recent Journey Within seminar were well received and they brought fresh new insights as they inserted stories about the Lord's work in India and how God is bringing healing to the emotional hurts of people there.

They have also developed strong and lasting relationships with persons in other local churches, including the "Living Waters" Church [AOG], that is located in East Bremerton. That Church fellowship brought its pastor and several of its members to the recent Journey Within seminar. It is truly a gift from God to experience the interdenominational flavor of the Body of Christ as we join together to experience the real presence of our Lord Jesus.

We are planning for Jeremy and Joy's return to be with us in February of 2017. For now, we keep them in our prayers as they return to India to once again take up leadership in their work there. Let us keep them in our prayers for their protection, their empowerment by the Spirit and for continuing work of the Holy Spirit to bring new persons to Jesus from among the tribal people in that land.

**Thank you Jeremy and Joy,
for the powerful gifts
that you bring into the work
in this part of God's Kingdom!**

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BROWN BAG FELLOWSHIP

[Taken from WCC Publicity Materials]

The Wesleyan Covenant Connection invites Christians from around the Kitsap Neighborhood to gather and share conversations and brown bag lunches. You are invited to gather to celebrate the One Body of Christ, to be refreshed and to find new friends who are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Each of the planned four gatherings will begin with a thirty minute address on one of the characteristics of Jesus, followed by a discussion around a table—along with lunch. The event is neither denominational nor political. Rather it is to encourage us as we seek to follow Jesus.

The theme is "*Who Do You Say that I Am?*" taken from Matthew 16:13. Themes for the four quarterly sessions will be: "Jesus as Healer," "Jesus as Bread of Life," "Jesus as Light of the World," "Jesus as Prince of Peace."

The first meeting will be on Monday, September 19, 2016, at the Silverdale United Methodist Church from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

WHY MEET? Secular pressures, political division, international conflict and divisions within the Christian community weaken our ministry and sap our strength. More than ever, we need to keep our eyes focused on Christ, the Lord of the Church. He is greater than every political power, economic engine and cultural clash. He is Lord of His Church. And we are His! We need to be together.

We are responding in this time of stress with an invitation to gather with other Christian leaders to ask, "Who do you say that I am?"

Getting Started: Our first scheduled facilitator will be Pastor Larry Eddings. Larry has over six decades of ministry in many parts of the world. He is presently Executive Director of Wind of the Spirit Ministries, which he, and his late wife, Audrey, founded in 1983. He brings the Word of God in such a way that you will know again that you've been chosen and are truly loved by the Lord.

For more information, look for the Wesleyan Covenant Connection on Face Book or contact Pam Morton at 360-621-4395, Kathy Cosner at 360-286-7350 or BrownBagFellowship@gmail.com.

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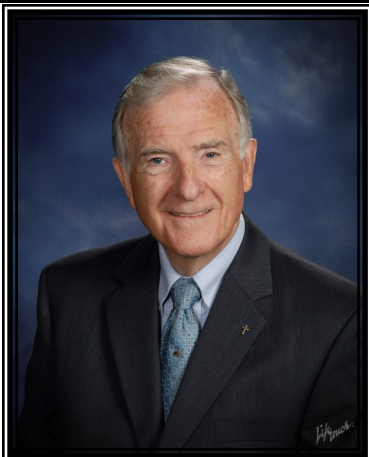


MINISTRY CALENDAR

PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THIS EVENT

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES
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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



SEPTEMBER

- 3-5, Labor Day Retreat with SUMC at Ft. Worden
- 12—Jeremy and Joy Ellington return to their work in India.
- 19—Larry speaks at the Wesley Covenant Connection gathering at the Silverdale United Methodist Church.
- 30—October 8—Larry in Europe on Danube River Cruise, preceding ministry trip to Estonia.

OCTOBER

- 9-16—In Estonia for Healing Seminar with Rev. Thea Kant, pastor

NOVEMBER

- 5—Teaching Retreat with Katie Fortune, Kingston, WA
- 18-20—Prayer Seminar, Asbury United Methodist Church, Fort Payne, AL, Rev. Taylor Gallman, pastor