

# SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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**“THY KINGDOM COME! THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH.”**

Scripture reminds us that *“Without a revelation, people cast off restraint.”* Proverbs 29:18 Another version states, *“Where there is no vision, people perish.”* That Scripture concludes by stating: *“but blessed is he who keeps the law.”* It is important to have the right vision, revelation and focus—especially focus!

It is also true that where there is a wrong vision or wrong revelation, people cast off restraint and perish., simply because they pay no attention to the law of God, the infallible Word of God.

There is much written and being said about the importance of “casting a vision.” That is, it is one responsibility of church leadership—especially pastoral leadership, to “cast a vision” for his or her church, which vision the church body will then endeavor to live out in its many functions as the Body of Christ.

Another way of stating it is that the local church must have a “vision statement,” that will guide it as it endeavors to reach out to the community in which it exists.

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church has such a vision statement for the general denomination: *“Making Disciples for Jesus Christ, for the Transformation of the World.”*

That is a noble vision for we certainly do want to fulfill Jesus’ instruction that we go into the world and make disciples of all nations. And, the hope, of course, is that in the process of making disciples for Jesus, those lives will be transformed and, as a result, the world in which they and we live will experience transformation as well.

Many good vision statements have been created, discarded, recreated, honed, refined and polished in order to have one that truly expresses a local church’s vision of what it is to be about in the community in which it exists to serve in the name of Jesus. I applaud their efforts and pray that it works.

However, it is my conviction that Jesus, our Lord, our Messiah, our Savior, the Head of our Body, gave us his vision for the Church, his Body. Are we endeavoring to live out his vision.

He expressed that Vision when he was teaching his disciples how to pray. He began by teaching them to

say, *“Our Father [catch that vision—God as our Father] who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom Come! Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”* That’s the Vision! Jesus’ vision is that God’s Kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven.

I believe that with the vision—he also gave instructions on how that is to happen. In that part of Scripture that we call “The Great Commission,” Jesus said, *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”* Matthew 18:18-20 Emphasis mine!

If we are to make disciples for Jesus for the transformation of the world, then we must do as he told us: teach them to obey everything that Jesus commanded his first disciples—and commit to following those teachings ourselves.

When the early church gathered together *“they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”* Acts 2:42 The only teachings that the apostles had to teach were those that Jesus had taught them to teach. And their prayer was most likely the one he taught them to pray, *“Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”*

Through his lifestyle and his teachings Jesus demonstrated how that Kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven. He is the vision that God has in mind for all humanity, but especially for his church.

If we need to “cast a vision” for the church, may it be something more than a clever statement to catch people’s attention. Rather, may it be that the Holy Spirit of God make us over into the image of Jesus, living the kind of life that he lived, teaching those things that he taught and, in the process, demonstrating to the world the life transforming power of his Spirit, and the fact that Jesus’ promise is real: *“Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

May our lives be a fulfillment of the vision that God in Christ, has for his Church on earth. lle

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## JUNE HEALING SEMINAR

This Seminar provides a great opportunity not only to hear some excellent teaching in the area of healing and wholeness, but also to experience healing in our personal lives as we become better equipped to help others deal with issues in their lives.

We are excited to announce that our times of praise and worship will be led by Pastor John Weston and Bob Martello, Pastor and Layman from the Silverdale UMC.

The teaching staff will consist of Jeremy and Joy Ellington, from India, Bob and Tracy Martello from Silverdale, Brian Clark from Living Waters Church in Bremerton and Larry Eddings of Wind of the Spirit Ministries.

All are invited to come and take advantage of this learning and equipping seminar. You will be richly blessed.

### THE SUBJECT OF HEALING

When the word “healing” is spoken, most people think immediately of a physical sickness or malady that needs to be corrected. It is generally related to the condition of our physical bodies.

However, when we stop to analyze it, healing has to do with our whole person—spirit, soul [*which consists of our mind, will and emotions*] body, relationships and deliverance from those things that keep our whole person in some kind of bondage. These five major areas of healing related to our whole lives.

The life and teaching of Jesus make it very clear that there are multiple kinds of healing with which he was involved. It is estimated that about 95% of his ministry involved healing of some kind.

Though Scriptures record many instances of Jesus healing peoples’ physical bodies, the primary healing with which Jesus was concerned was that of the healing of the human spirit, the healing of our relationship with God. Jesus came to bring us into a right and righteous relationship with God, resulting in eternal life.

His ultimate goal was to bring humanity into a reconciled relationship with God. The Apostle Paul writes, *“God was pleased to have all of his fullness dwell in him and through him to reconcile all thing to himself.....by making peace through his blood shed on the cross.”* Colossians 1:19, 20

The human spirit is diseased by sin. Sin is that condition of the human heart that keeps us separated and estranged from God, who is the very Source of our wholeness and health.

Most diseases are deficiency diseases. That is, we become ill when some essential ingredient is missing in the elements that go together to make

for health and wholeness in our bodies. That missing element may be a weakened immune system. Physically we feel sick, we look sick and we are sick, for all the symptoms point to that fact. A weakened immune system may allow for the invasion of our bodies by a virus, bacteria or germ that brings with it illness with which we suffer.

The same is true with our emotions and with our spirit. When these are not healthy, there is something missing, the spiritual and emotional immune systems are weakened. Spiritually and emotionally we feel sick, we look sick and all the symptoms point to the fact that we are sick.

When one is sick in the spirit, something is deficient in our relationship with God. Something is missing. The missing element is a right relationship with God which then opens a person up to having a sin-sick spirit.

Sin is that diseased condition of the human spirit that serves to keep us from what God intends us to be in the first place. It causes us to be, as the Apostle Paul stated in his letters to the Ephesians [2:12] and Colossians [1L21], *“alienated, without hope and without God.”*

To be alienated, without hope and without God is a disease that leads to eternal death were it not healed.

Healing of the Spirit is deliverance from personal sin. That is the time in which we are justified, or made right in our relationship with God.

At the same time, this healing is ongoing. The sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit is to heal our soul—our mind, our will and our emotions. The Spirit works to transform our minds—the way we think, to bring our wills in line with God’s will and to set us free from emotional traumas and issues in our lives. Sanctification is a life long process. Healing of the Spirit takes place at the time of our initial encounter with God as we respond by receiving the gift of salvation that God gives, by his amazing grace, through Jesus Christ. Healing also takes place throughout our faith journey as we continually call upon our Lord to *“deliver us from the evil one.”* [Matthew 6:13]

Sin cling close, but God’s Word reminds us that *“where sin abounds, God’s grace abounds all the more.”* [Romans 5:20]

Jesus told the Pharisees—and his disciples, that we are to *“love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.”* That is with our whole being.

When our spirits are healed and we experience that level of love for God and we are in right relationship with him, then all levels of healing can happen. But, even if healing doesn’t happen then we still know that our lives are in his hands and we can trust him to work his will for us, which is far greater than anything we could will for ourselves.

God told the people of Israel *“I am the Lord who heals.”* Exodus 15:26 We can trust our God to keep his Word.

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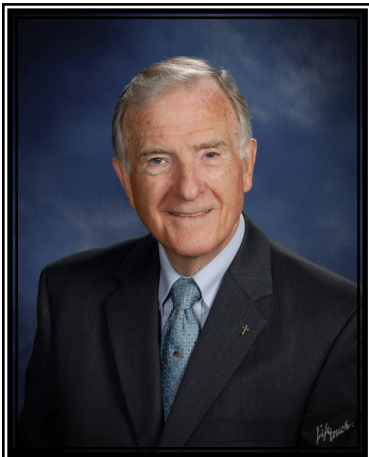
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*“He gave some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip God’s people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up ...attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11*



## MINISTRY CALENDAR

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OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES  
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*JUNE 21—Ellingtons Return to the States to work with Wind of the Spirit Ministries.*

*22-24—Healing Seminar, Silverdale UMC,*

*28-July2—ALDERSGATE HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE,  
Lexington, KY*

*JULY 6-8—Motivational Gifts Seminary, Asbury UMC, Ft. Payne,  
AL, Pastor Taylor Gallman.*

*9—Larry Preaches for the Asbury service of worship*

*AUGUST 19-31—HEALING ACADEMY in Tallin, Estonia  
27—Ministry in Church served by the Kants*