

SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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IT'S MORE POWERFUL THAN ROUND-UP

WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SIN? NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS!

“Greet one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God.” Colossians 3:16

Singing has been a part of our Christian faith from the very beginning. Jesus and his disciples sang a song when they left the Upper Room to go to the Mount of Olives. [Mark 14:26] Singing has experienced many transitions through the years. Plainsong was and is used by many in the Christian community. Then came the singing of the melody only, followed by two-part, three-part and eventually four-part harmony; followed by hymns, then Scripture choruses and now new worship choruses that often focus on a personal relationship with God in Christ.

Each has played an important and vital part as the Christian family endeavors to express its faith through word and song.

There is one hymn—among many others, that clearly expresses sound theology when it comes to declaring Jesus' power over sin in our lives.

THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD

Lewis E. Jones

‘Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There’s power in the blood, power in the blood!
Would you o’er evil a victory win?
There’s wonderful power in the Blood!
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the Blood of the Lamb
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious Blood of the Lamb!’

The Illustration our pastor gave was perfect for what he was talking about. He said that you have a choice when it comes to dealing with weeds in your overgrown and unkempt yard. You can choose to try to dig them up one at a time, which is a never ending job, or, you can choose to use something like Round-up on it and kill everything all at once.

He went on to say that we can try to deal with our sins one at a time or acknowledge that the Cross of Jesus Christ is more powerful when it comes to dealing with our sins.

How true that is. On my own, I can choose to try to eliminate sinful thoughts, sinful words and sinful actions from my life one at a time. I’ll just work on it and eventually it will work and I’ll get it done. However, I find that it is somewhat akin to trying to pull out the weeds in the unkempt yard one at a time.

I can say to myself things like, “I’m not going to think that thought again. I choose to not think it.” That’s a good resolve. However, almost without even thinking about it, that same thought creeps back into my mind. Then, once again “I choose to not think it.” And around and around it goes!

Well, I’ll just not **say** what I’m thinking. I’ll work on that. I may **think** it, but I’m certainly not going to **say** it. At least, I surmise, that is progress. Then, a circumstance arises in a conversation with someone that pushes a particular button that demands the kind of response about which I have been thinking and—out it comes, verbalized in **sixteen point font words**. Foiled and Failed again!

On my own I am powerless to cleanse my life of sin. Only the Blood of Jesus has the power to kill sin in my life. I simply do not have the power or wherewithal—or sometimes, even desire, to do it.

Just as a chemical, like Round-up, can kill all the weeds and make the ground barren to any growth in the near future, so it can be with our lives when we are covered with the Blood of Jesus Christ.

The blood of Jesus is powerful in its effect. It not only kills the sin in my life, but, his blood and the Presence of his Holy Spirit, renders my life barren to any future efforts that sin may make to grow in me and He gives me the wherewithal to keep it out.

**What can wash away my sin—and yours?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus! There is
power in his blood.**

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ESTONIA HEALING ACADEMY

We are truly excited and giving praise to God for the upcoming trip to Estonia where we will conduct the 4 1/2 day Healing Academy for the Estonia District of the United Methodist Church.

The West Coast part of the team—Bob and Tracy Martello, Brian and Beth Clark and Larry Eddings, will be leaving Seattle on August 19, arriving on August 20. We will be joined there by team members: Taylor Gallman from Alabama and Jeremy and Joy Ellington from India.

The Estonia District Superintendent, Taavi Hollman, along with the Rev. Kaupo and Thea Kant, are sponsoring and hosting the event at the First United Methodist Church in Tallin.

We had the joy of being with these beautiful brothers and sisters in Christ last October for a short Healing Seminar. They were gracious enough to ask us to return for the full Academy.

Kaupo and Thea will be joining us on the teaching staff for the event.

We ask that you keep all of us in prayer. The following schedule will help you to know when we will be where and for what purpose. We cherish your prayer covering.

August 19,20—Travel to Tallin, Estonia

August 21 Day of Rest

August 22 Day of preparation

Beginning of Academy,

August 22-26 Healing Academy Sessions

August 27 At Church served by Kants

August 28-30 Rest, Sight Seeing

August 31 Return flights to home

May all that is said and done serve to edify the church in Estonia and bring honor and glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

LARRY IS MOVING TO A NEW RESIDENCE

On Tuesday, August 1, Larry will be moving to 12147 Country Meadows Ln NW, Apt. 102, Silverdale, WA 98383. His phone number will remain the same, 360-550-2422.

This is an independent living cottage located about two miles north of Silverdale on Highway 3. It is part of a complex that also houses Apartments for those who need assistance care and others who may need constant care and rehabilitation.

In the very near future Larry will place his home, in which he and Audrey have lived since 1998, on the market.

It is located at 9140 Olson Road NW, Bremerton, WA 98311

MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS SEMINAR IN ALABAMA

Those in attendance at the recent seminar in Alabama truly experienced the real presence of God's Holy Spirit.

This was the church's first experience with learning about the gifts that the Apostle Paul wrote about to the church in Rome, Romans 12:6-8, often called the Motivational Gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are the gifts that motivate us to function with effectiveness in the Body of Christ, the Church.

Following the teaching on Prophecy—taught by Jeremy Ellington, the workshop focused on listening to God and what God would have to say to the Asbury Church. Time was spent in silent listening prayer during which time the participants sought to hear what God would say to the church.

Each participant wrote down what they believed God had spoken to them. These "prophecies" were then used throughout the rest of the seminar for the workshops in each of the other gifts to discover how it would be lived out in the local church body. That is, how would a Server or a Teacher or an Encourager, for example, work to make that prophetic statement a reality in the church.

The results were powerful.

The following prophecy was used in one of the workshops and all requested that it be used during the Sunday Morning worship service—and it was with amazing results.

THE PROPHETIC STATEMENT USED IN WORSHIP

"Broken and poured out, this body has been broken by many who have tried to keep the church the same. I see your discouragement and disdain. I feel the hurt and scorn you have endured.

However, there is a new day coming.

I, the Lord, will bring new life and health to this body. I will place within you a new excitement and joy. I will open doors that no man can shut and there will be great joy, love and peace as you once knew.

Be aware, I the Lord will do this. No man or woman can create what I will bring. I, your Abba, will open the flood gates of heaven and you, my people, will see in the flesh what I have shown many of you in the spirit!

Be ready to receive this gift of life and hope, for you will be my light to this community. Abba"

SOME RESULTS:

- One young couple had their call to mission work confirmed.
- Two women discovered a new purpose for their lives in ministry to other widows and widowers.
- Others shared testimonies of strengthened faith, hope.
- The service lasted for over two hours

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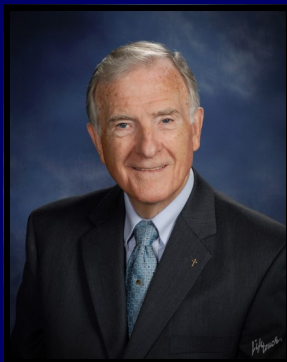
MINISTRY CALENDAR

PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES

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“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11,12



AUGUST 1-4	Larry moving into new residence at Country Meadows.
AUGUST 8	Jeremy and Joy Ellington Return to India for their work there.
AUGUST 19	Team leaves for Estonia to conduct a 4 1/2 day Healing Academy in Tallin, Estonia, 22-26
AUGUST 27	Ministry at church served by Kaupo and Thea Kant
AUGUST 31	Team returns from Estonia to home.