

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

**MAY 2013** 

# DECLARING THE WONDERS OF GOD

**PENTECOST!** In the early Jewish community, Pentecost happened on the fiftieth day following the celebration of Passover. It came at the time of the celebration of the Feast of Weeks [Exodus 24:22, Deuteronomy 16:9-11] or the Day of First Fruits [Numbers 28:26]. The prescribed way of celebrating the Feast of Weeks was to bring two loaves of bread, seven year-old male lambs without defect, one young bull, two rams and one goat for a sin offering and two lambs for a fellowship offering. That was quite an investment for a Jewish family, and sacrifice for many.

The account of Pentecost in Acts records that gathered among those in Jerusalem for the festival were God fearing Jews from at least fifteen other places around Israel - some from as far away as Egypt and Rome. God-fearers were Gentile converts to Judaism who followed certain Jewish laws, but stopped short of circumcision, which was required of full proselytes when they were converted to the Jewish faith.

Also present at the festival were the disciples of Jesus who had walked with him for three years, came under the influence of his teachings, witnessed his crucifixion and also experienced forty days with him following his resurrection. They stood with him as he ascended into heaven.

Now, ten days later, they were still waiting in Jerusalem as Jesus had instructed them, "Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my father promised which you have heard me speak about. John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." [Acts 1:4, 5]

Then it happened! What Jesus told them would happen, happened. The Spirit of God came like the sound of a violent wind and filled the whole house in which the disciples were seated. "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues [languages] as the Spirit enabled them." [2:4]

They went out into the bewildered crowd proclaiming and explaining the good news of the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon God's people. The Godfearing Jews who spoke fifteen different languages heard the good news, each in their own language. And by the end of the day 3,000 people accepted the apostles' message, were baptized and came to receive Jesus as their Messiah.

WOW, Think what would happen if the contemporary church would wake up, earnestly seek for another powerful outpouring of God's Holy Spirit, loudly and unapologetically proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of that Spirit - as did Peter, quit trying to satisfy unbelieving people's whims through political correctness and see how the Name of the Resurrected Christ would reach into the hearts and lives of people from all nations who hear us declaring the wonders of God!. Perhaps there could be a baptism of 3,000 people in one day [think of it!], and the Church could become the Church that Jesus had in mind at Pentecost, and not the promoter and "amen corner" for the cultural decadence all around us.

I wonder how many God-fearers who are out there now, would come to the place of wholeheartedly receiving Jesus as their Messiah and Savior! Come Holy Spirit! Wake us up! Do it again! Help us declare your wonders!



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# SEATTLE FOUNDATION GIVE BIG DAY From Seattle Foundation Website. GROW YOUR GIFT

The Seattle Foundation **GiveBIG** is a one-day, online charitable giving event to inspire people to give generously to nonprofit organizations who make our region a healthier and more vital place to live.

Each credit card donation\* made to the more than 1,400 nonprofit organizations profiled on The Seattle Foundation's website between midnight and midnight [Pacific Daylight Time] on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, will receive a prorated portion of the matching funds [or "stretch"] pool. The amount of the "stretch" depends on the size of the stretch pool and how much is raised in total donations on **GiveBIG** day.

\*We will "stretch" all donations up to \$25,000 per donor, per organization.

### WIN A GOLDEN TICKET.

Throughout **GiveBIG**, donors will be chosen at random from all donations made up to the time of the drawing. The winner will have an additional \$1,000 and a pair of round-trip airline tickets, courtesy of Alaska Airlines, given in their name to the same nonprofit that received their donation. The winner will also receive a \$100 gift card, courtesy of Seattle Foundation's lead sponsor.

# YOU CAN BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIG

A friend of Wind of the Spirit Ministries has made a matching fund challenge up to \$25,000 through the Seattle Foundation.

You and I can double that amount for the work of ministry by making a donation on GiveBig Day, May 15, 2013. Each dollar you give becomes two or more, as we also share a Stretch Pool, and could be drawn for a large gift in an hourly drawing.

#### LET'S BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG!

On May 15, midnight to midnight, go to wosm-nw.org, click on "May 15, 2013 Give-Big" in the rotating banner below the heading,

OR.

Go directly to

### Seattlefoundation.org

Search for Wind of the Spirit Ministries
And make your donation
Let's meet that matching challenge!
And may it all be for the glory of God!

#### A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE!

I'LL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN! It has been over a week now since I first arrived through the doors of the Healing Academy. My prayer was that I would not leave the same way that I came. My experience with the team at the healing Academy was such an encouragement to my soul.

Jesus' UNCONDITIONAL love and compassion overflowed from the team mates to me and to other participants and it was both healing and amazing. I personally was touched with the blessed breath of the Holy Spirit and came to know Him through a new name: FORGIVENESS.

I knew I was a forgiven child of God, but I came to know Him as FORGIVENESS!!!!!!

#### I WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN!

Not only was a good work done in my being, I gained knowledge and wisdom by practical hands-on experience of what it means to minister in the Power of the Holy Spirit. I would like to thank the whole team of the Healing Academy for taking your time and energy to minister to me and the other participants.

Also, it would not have been possible for me to even attend if it were not for the generous hearts of those who have so graciously donated their money for a person like myself to attend. Please let the people who donate know WHAT A DIFFERENCE THEY HAVE MADE IN MY LIFE!

By their obedience and sacrifice, a door to continued healing was opened up to me. I walk through it and I am here to say, I WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN.

Thanks everybody. Lisa Frankowski

# OTHER RESPONSES TO THE HEALING ACADEMY

- 1. Rate the event on a scale of 1-10 with 1 as low and 10 as high: One person's response:"! ! 10 + 10 + 10!!"
- 2. Most memorable experience: "I was driving by the front of your church on Sunday morning and I ran out of gas. I noticed that the time of the services on the reader board was 9:30, so I went in to worship. An announcement was made about the Healing Academy that started on Tuesday, so at the close of the service I registered for it.

It changed my life. I have shared with another woman I saw in the store about the church. I think she is going to attend church. Thank you for the Healing Academy." *M* 

**Thought:** When you run out of gas, go to the place where you can get your spiritual tank filled. The Body of Christ.

WEB-PAGE Wind of the Spirit Web Page address is www.wosm-nw.org

#### PRAYER WEEKEND AT OLYMPIA FIRST UMC

We are excited about returning to this church for a second weekend on prayer. Pastor Joanne Coleman Campbell has a real desire that the church become a praying church. We are privileged to be asked to be a part of the preparation for that to happen.

We worshipped at FUMCO on April 21 and met with the prayer committee to make final preparations for the Prayer Weekend. We and they are excited about what God is preparing for us when we gather on the dates of May 10-12. The theme is "*Prayer? Who needs it?*" It is the weekend when we celebrate "The Festival of the Christian Home," or Mother's Day. The emphasis is on the family being a miniature Kingdom of God on earth. There will be sessions on how families pray for one another, with accompanying practice workshops.

Come join us for a very special time with this special church family.

Larry will be preaching on Sunday, May 12. on the topic, "The Christian Family, A Miniature Kingdom of God."

### TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

- 1. NASA recently sent a number of Holsteins into orbit for experimental purposes. They called it the herd shot round the world.
- 2. Two boll weevils grew in South Carolina. One took off to Hollywood and became a rich star. The other stayed in Carolina and never amounted to much—and naturally became known as the less of two weevils.
- 3. Two Eskimos in a kayak were chilly, so they started a fire, which sank the craft, proving the old adage that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
- 4. Did you hear about the Buddhist who went to the dentist and refused to take Novocain? He wanted to transcend dental medication.
- 5. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel, and met in the lobby where they were discussing their recent victories is chess tournaments. The hotel manager came out of the office after an hour and asked them to disperse. He couldn't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.
- 6. A group of Friars opened a florist shop and became very successful. A rival florist business was failing, so he asked them to cut back on hours or close. The Friars refused. The rival hired Hugh McTaggert, the biggest and meanest thug to beat up the Friars. Terrified, they closed the shop. This proves that Hugh, and only Hugh, can prevent florist Friars.

	My Prayer Request Is:
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Address	
City State Zip	
Email: (optional)	
Please return this slip with your next gift.	

Checks payable to "Wind of the Spirit Ministries" are tax deductible. THANK YOU!

In addition to my prayer and moral support of Wind of the Spirit Ministries, I wish to contribute the following:

"You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." Jesus, [John 3:8]



# MINISTRY CALENDAR

### PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES Eddings Email address: woseddings@msn.com

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MAY 10-12	Prayer Seminar Weekend at Olympia First UMC
MAY 25-26	Great Witness Weekend, First United Methodist Church, Vancouver, B.C., Pastor Bing Canlas Sponsored by the Wesleyan Covenant Connection
JUNE 12-15 JUNE 22	Pacific Northwest Annual Conference in Ellensburg, WA ANNUAL WIND OF THE SPIRIT BOARD AND SUPPORT COUNCIL MEETING, SILVERDALE
JULY 10-14	ALDERSGATE CONFERENCE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT, Lexington, KY
JULY 25-28	Pacific Northwest Writer's Conference in SeaTac, WA



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