

# SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A “SENIOR?”

Occasionally I read an article in a book, paper or magazine that catches my attention. The following article caught my attention because it speaks of things that resonate with my spirit, especially at a time when I consider myself among the “senior” group. If you are a senior, it may serve to encourage you when you come under fire for the “mess” you have left for the younger generation. If you are not yet a senior, perhaps it might help you to stop and think that perhaps things are as they are—positive or negative, because you have played a part in it being that way. So, as one writer said, “Let’s set the record straight.”

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A SENIOR?

“Upon reflection, we would like to point out that it was NOT senior citizens who took: the melody out of music, the pride out of appearance, the courtesy out of driving, the romance out of love, the commitment out of marriage, the responsibility out of parenthood, the togetherness out of the family, the learning out of education, the service out of patriotism, the Golden Rule from rulers, the civility out of behavior, the refinement out of language, the dedication out of employment, the prudence out of spending, or the ambition out of achievement.

And, we certainly are NOT the ones who eliminated patience and tolerance from personal relationships and interactions with others.

And, we DO understand the meaning of patriotism and remember those who have fought and died for our country. Just look at the seniors with tears in their eyes and pride in their hearts, as they stand at attention with their hand over their hearts, as the American Flag passes by in a parade.

YES, I’M A SENIOR CITIZEN! I’m the life of the party—even if it lasts until 8 p.m. I’m very good at

opening childproof caps—with a hammer. I’m awake many hours before my body allows me to get up. I’m smiling all the time because I can’t hear a thing you’re saying.

I’m sure everything I can’t find is in a safe secure place, somewhere. I’m wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that’s just my left leg. I’m beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps.” [Author Unknown]

*Mr. Carl Johnson, the Community Relations Director for the Elderly of our area, comments on the above article:*

“So there you have it. In many ways that’s what it means to be a senior citizen. Although we may be slowing down and some of our cognitive and physical abilities are not what they used to be, nonetheless, we are [or should be] the moral compass and stabilizing influence for a world in conflict.

As Seniors, we’ve seen the world change—technology advance beyond our imagination—’role’ changes, as many seniors are raising grandchildren—a longer life expectancy, the need to stay in the workforce longer to meet financial obligations, and the list goes on.

In other words, we’re not ready to “throw in the towel.” We’ve got a lot to offer and our nation needs us now more than ever.

What a great time to be a senior.”

I would add to that, as seniors we have a lot to offer to the church in a time when the church needs a moral compass and a stabilizing influence amidst all of the theologies of “prosperity,” “gender identification,” “inclusiveness,” “relative truths,” “universalism,” “political correctness,” and all the other things that fail to acknowledge the Life, Teachings, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ as fundamental to being the healthy humanity on earth. LE

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## **PRAYER SEMINAR BLESSED BY GOD**

It was an exciting weekend at the First United Methodist Church in Olympia, WA.

The prayer team met to prepare for the weekend at just the right time, as the church was sending a mission team to Haiti to work there for ten days. We had opportunity to pray for Pastor Joanne Coleman Campbell and the team as they prepared to travel to Seattle for their flight to Haiti. We interceded for them throughout the weekend seminar and worship services.

The theme for the weekend was “The Power of Prayer.” God manifested his power as the participants in the weekend experienced ways in which to develop an intimate relationship with God, ways in which to nurture that relationship, ways of learning how to teach others—especially our children, how to develop that intimacy, and how to protect that relationship for ourselves and others through intercessory prayer.

Participants were given opportunity to gather into small groups of three, select a specific Scripture that was meaningful to them, and then pray that Scripture for themselves and for others in the group.

They also had opportunity to intercede for their families, their church, their community, our nation and the world. Jesus and the Holy Spirit lives to intercede for us and so we were able to join Jesus in that intercession.

Since May 12 was the Celebration of the Christian Home [Mother’s Day], Larry preached on the subject of “The Christian Family, a Miniature Kingdom of God on Earth.” based on Ephesians 1:3-14. As a Christian family—nuclear, as well as church family, we are called to be a holy, a forgiving and a reconciled people.

Following the first and second service, two different individuals greeted me at the door and each spoke about the need to forgive.

The first was a gentleman who said he thought he had forgiven but couldn’t forget. While standing there I led him through forgiveness for those who had offended him—which was their sin, and helped him seek forgiveness for his attitude toward them—which was his sin. He forgave, received God’s forgiveness and expressed thanksgiving for experiencing that forgiveness and freedom.

The second was a woman who said to me, “I am the woman in that story you told in your ser-

mon. My ex-husband did what her husband did. He had an affair, broke up our family, hurt our children and I have that same hatred in my heart for him. I led her through the forgiveness prayer as I had with the gentleman in the first service. She experienced God’s amazing forgiveness and freedom from her hatred.

Then she said, “I don’t attend this church. I go to another church, but today when I got up I felt that, for some reason, I was to come to this church. Now I know why. I needed to hear that story.”

We serve an amazing and awesome God who knows our needs even before we ask and shows us the way to go in order to have that need met. I love this ministry!



**SOME PARTICIPANTS IN THE POWER OF PRAYER SEMINAR**

### **SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE BIG**

Wind of the Spirit Ministries is one of 1,400 non-profit organizations that are affiliated with The Seattle Foundation, a clearing house for all who wish to make charitable donations to these various groups.

Wednesday, May 15, was set aside by the Foundation as the GiveBIG day on which donations could be made and additional monies were made available in various categories.

Wind of the Spirit had an anonymous giver provide a challenge fund up to \$25,000. All who contributed to Wind of the Spirit on that day had their gift doubled. Several of you made donations of \$7,295.00 which, when doubled, equals \$14,590.

The Board of Directors and Support Council of Wind of the Spirit Ministries wish to thank each person who gave generously, and, in some cases, sacrificially, to take advantage of the generous offer by this friend [or friends] of the Ministry.

### **WEB-PAGE**

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## WIND OF THE SPIRIT ANNUAL MEETING

The Board and Support Council meet on June 22 for its Annual Meeting. It is one of the highlight events of the year for the Ministry when we gather to remember what God has done in the past year and look forward to that in which He will have us involved in the year ahead.

We will gather at the Silverdale United Methodist Church, where Wind of the Spirit offices are located. We will receive reports, elect officers and set our budget for the new year. It will be an exciting time as we look into the future, exploring new ways in which the ministry can be even more effective in sharing the Good News of God's love, conducting training seminars and events and equipping individuals with spiritual tools to strengthen their ministry to others.

Board and Council members will come together at 9:00 a.m. for a time of fellowship followed by worship at 9:30.in preparation for our business meeting that begins at 10:00. Plans are to conclude the meeting at 3:30 with Holy Communion.

All Board and Support Council members are urged to be present for this meeting. And, thanks to everyone for your prayers.

Jesus said; *"If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Even the tax collectors do that. And, if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Even the pagans do that. **Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**"* Matthew 5:46-48

That's what Jesus said! ***"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."***

In stark contrast, I have heard people say, "Well, nobody's perfect." And that statement is usually made on the heels of making a mistake or given as an excuse for doing or saying something hurtful or realizing that they've acted in ignorance or just plain 'screwed up.' "Well, nobody's perfect."

That may be true, but it is no reason or excuse for not making an effort to "go on to perfection," or reaching for that higher goal that Jesus set for us. As follower of Jesus we are called to reach for the higher goal of what God has for us and not lower the bar to a level where we can feel good about ourselves, even when we know that what we do is wrong. 'Nobody's perfect.'

When Jesus told his disciples to be perfect as their heavenly Father is perfect, he said it in the context of loving those who love them, but also challenging them to love those who don't love them—even their enemies. He told them to greet not only their brothers, people who look like them and think like them who are a part of their 'in group,' but also those who were not their brothers or those totally unlike them. In doing that they follow the example of God, who makes his sun shine on the evil and good and sends rain on the righteous and unrighteous.

The next time we are tempted to excuse ourselves or someone else's behavior by saying "Well, nobody's perfect,' perhaps we should remember our Lord's command: "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Strong Words! No Excuse!

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

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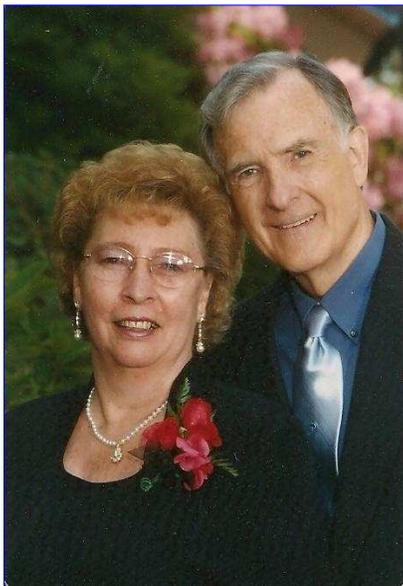
*“You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” Jesus, [John 3:8]*

## MINISTRY CALENDAR

**PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS**

**OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES**

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**JUNE 13-16**

**Pacific Northwest Annual Conference in Wenatchee WA**

Pray for our bishop, Grant Hagiya and the members of the conference as they meet.

**JULY 10-14**

**ALDRSGATE CONFERENCE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT, Lexington, KY**

All are encouraged to make effort to attend this dynamic, Spirit anointed conference

**JULY 25-28**

**Pacific Northwest Writer's Conference in SeaTac, WA**

Larry, with his son, Gary will be attending this conference to gain more writing skills.