



# SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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## “THAT THEY MAY BE ONE”

The Abraham Lincoln Museum in Springfield, IL is an excellent place in which to experience a part of our nation’s history that underscores the importance of strong leadership that is focused on what is good for the nation and that which, at the same time, honors God. I spent quality time there this last week.

President Lincoln was a man of faith and even though he made decisions that did not always set well with those who opposed him, they ultimately recognized his total commitment to work for the good of all people and all for the glory of God.

...At one point he quoted a portion of the Scripture found in Matthew 12:25 *“a household divided against itself will not stand.”* He called for the nation to stand together to abolish slavery and to remain one nation. Through much opposition he accomplished that goal: the abolition of slavery and a United States.

...On a much greater scale and with a far higher goal, Jesus, when accused by the Pharisees of being in league with Beelzebub—or the devil, stated, *“Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.”* He was not of the kingdom or household of Satan, but of God.

When Jesus prayed his high priestly prayer recorded in John 17, he prayed for his disciples, that *“they be one even as He and the Father are one.”* [v.11] Then He prayed for all Believers [including you and me] *“May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”*

Jesus had unity in his heart and mind, the kind of unity that existed and exists between Jesus and God the Father. Unity—one in spirit, one in heart and one in vision.

I write this in light of the fact that in our contemporary church there is great disunity. There is great disunity regarding the basic teachings of Jesus and the

instructions that He has given to the Church. On these things, the “house is truly divided.”

The early Church was not uniformly functioning in all areas of witnessing for Jesus, but they were in unity when it came to who Jesus is and how his Holy Spirit works. The exponential growth of the early church gives testimony to the unifying work of God’s Holy Spirit who *“added to their numbers daily those who were being saved,”* both Jews and Greeks.

They may have had disagreements on how to share the good news with Jews and Greeks, but their message was the same. “Christ has died! Christ is Risen! Christ will come again!”

The teachings of the apostles were the teaching that Jesus had taught them to teach. They had no other message. The things they did—pray for the sick, forgive sins, drive out demons, were the things they had learned from Jesus. Like Jesus, they sought out the lost and shared with them the message of redemption.

Today, in our beloved United Methodist Church, there appears to be a greater sense of disunity than the unity for which Jesus prayed. There is disunity over the resurrection of Jesus, the Trinitarian nature of the Godhead, the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit. We have a divided house.

Some deny the Virgin Birth, the Resurrection of Jesus, the need for evangelism to the lost for, to some, no one is lost. Universalism and humanism has crept into the church, nullifying the need to tell others of Christ. The house is divided!

There is disunity regarding the nature of sin, the authority of Scripture and the need for worship.

...**However**, that same Holy Spirit that shares perfect unity with the Father, is the same power that can bring unity in the church today, and bring joy to the heart of God who desires to answer Jesus’ prayer for unity.

“Come, Holy Spirit, heal our brokenness and disunity. Make us one in heart and Spirit in answer to Jesus’ prayer. Amen.”  
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## HEALING ACADEMY

*“Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the Kingdom and healing every sickness and disease among the people.”* [Matthew 4:23]

Jesus talked about the Kingdom of God and he demonstrated the Kingdom of God. He backed up what he said with what he did.

He preached the gospel and he healed the sick. Sometimes he would preach the gospel and **THEN** heal the sick. At other times he would preach the gospel **BY** healing the sick.

When he sent his disciples out to put into practice what he had been teaching them, he told them to preach the gospel, heal the sick, drive out demons and forgive sins. [Luke 9, 10]

The **WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES' HEALING ACADEMY** is patterned after Jesus' approach to ministry—teach and practice. The Academy provides opportunity for the participants to listen to subjects that have to do with healing of the human spirit, healing of our souls [our minds, wills and emotions], healing of emotional hurts, healing of relationships, sexual abuse, forgiveness and physical healing.

Each lecture provides opportunity for a workshop to follow in order that what is taught may be put into practice. Participants not only experience healing of the issues in their own lives, but also gain tools with which to help others in their sphere of influence to experience healing.

**A PUBLIC HEALING SERVICE** will be conducted on Friday, August 15, giving opportunity for the participants to pray with those who come desiring prayer for healing.

Teachers for this session of the Healing Academy are: Revs. Larry & Audrey Eddings, Rev. Taylor Gallman of Birmingham, AL, Rev. Davis Hylkema of Chehalis, WA., Bob and Tracy Martello of Seabeck, WA, Jane Petter of Snohomish, WA. and Gary Wright, Silverdale, WA

The morning and evening worship sessions will be led by Dennis Rickabaugh, a member of the worship team at the Silverdale UMC.

We encourage you to register for the Healing Academy and enjoy a fresh move of God's Holy Spirit in your life as you participate. You will be richly blessed, but also equipped with the spiritual tools each of us need to share the good news that Jesus shared and to heal the sick as did Jesus. **Call 360-692-9813, Ext 14 to Register.**

## SPIRITUALLY GIFTED PEOPLE

You are a spiritually gifted person, whether or not you realize it. Scripture makes it very clear that the Holy Spirit imparts spiritual gifts to individuals—and especially to those who come into the family of God.

Your spiritual gift is closely related to your personality traits and motivate you to think and act as you do. It is helpful when we understand how these gifts motivate us and those around us. When we understand these gifts we can better understand our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Romans 12:6-8 lists seven spiritual gifts that are commonly called motivational gifts. He writes: *“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us.: If a man's gift is prophesy, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.”* NIV

The spiritual gifts then are prophet, server, teacher, encourager, leader, giver, and mercy person.

Let's look at how spiritually gifted people prefer to hear a message or sermon or talk that is given by a pastor or other leader in the church. Our spiritual gifting impacts the way in which we listen and respond to the message.

**Prophet:** Desires to hear that Jesus came to expose sin, reveal truth and bring repentance.

**Server:** Desires to hear about Jesus doing good works and wants to be inspired to do the same.

**Teacher:** Desires to hear the Scriptures explained as to their background and historical setting. Prefer well organized messages.

**Encourager:** Desires to hear about the various ways in which Jesus helped and encouraged people. Prefer real-life stories as examples.

**Giver:** Desires to hear how God gave Jesus for the redemption of humanity. They gladly receive truth that may be shared with others. They respond well to a positive social application of the Gospel.

**Leader:** Desires to hear how the whole story of the Bible fits together and how, as the Body of Christ, we all have a place in God's Kingdom.

**Mercy:** Desires to hear about God's overwhelming love and forgiveness. Want to hear how to help others accept Christ.

**Pastors preach to one congregation, but to seven different sets of ears that listen according to their spiritual gift.**

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## WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

When persons prepare to depart from family, friends or even a secular gathering of some sort, they usually endeavor to share some important thought or expression such as "Please travel safely," "Stay in touch," "We love you," or some other word of encouragement. Those are special moments.

When Jesus prepared to ascend and leave his disciples, he made an important statement that was designed to prepare them for their future.

***"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.....You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses.....I will be with you always."*** Acts 1:4, 8

Jesus had taught his disciples about the person and work of the Holy Spirit [summarized in John, chapters 14-16]. Now he gives them their final instructions before he leaves them.

We are privileged to live in post-Pentecost Days when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples and has been with us for the last 2,000 plus years.

**Who is the Holy Spirit?** The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Triune Godhead—God the Father, God the Son [Jesus] and God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is NOT a third god. The Holy Spirit is NOT one-third of God. The Holy Spirit IS God—God's Living Presence in our lives and in our midst. The Holy Spirit is the Indwelling Presence of the Risen Christ, thus fulfilling Jesus' promise to his disciples, ***"I will be with you always."***

The nature of the Holy Spirit is the nature of God. Scripture defines and describes that nature:

**God is Holy:** Leviticus 11:44, ***"Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy."*** The word holy means "separate," "set apart." God is set apart and there is nothing and no one with which to compare God.

**God is Spirit:** John 4:24 Jesus said, ***"God is Spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."*** God is not flesh and bone. God is Spirit.

**God is Consuming Fire:** Hebrews 12:29 ***"Therefore....let us be thankful and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."*** God's Spirit purifies, cleanses, refines and burns away all dross.

**God is Light:** I John 1:5 ***"God is light; in him there is no darkness at all."*** Jesus is the true light that enlightens all people. That is the nature of the Holy Spirit, to reveal truth and enlighten all people to the truth.

**God is Love:** I John 4:8 ***"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."***

**The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Holy God who is perfectly revealed in Jesus, who is God incarnate in the flesh.**

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

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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

**PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS**

**OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES**  
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<b>AUGUST 2</b>	<b>Wedding of Kristen Eddings and Michael Tetteh</b>
<b>AUGUST 11</b>	<b>Wedding of Aleah Eddings and Karl Knutsen</b>
<b>AUGUST 12-16</b>	<b>HEALING ACADEMY at Silverdale United Methodist Church, Tuesday evening thru Saturday noon</b>
<b>AUGUST 18-24</b>	<b>Tent Revival at Silverdale United Methodist with The Rev. John Zimmerman, preaching</b>
<b>AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 1</b>	<b>Retreat with the Silverdale United Methodist Church at Fort Worden, Pt. Townsend, WA</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 20</b>	<b>Men’s Conference, Silverdale Washington</b>

