



SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING

Jesus is his own best example of a life that is grounded in prayer. He spent much time in prayer, often going apart by himself or staying up all night. He was in constant contact God, calling upon his heavenly Father to tell him and show him what it was that he was to say and do.

That must have been the case, for he made it quite clear to everyone that he did only what he saw the Father doing [John 5:19] and he said only what he heard the Father saying [John 12:30]

His prayer “format” is clearly outlined in John 17. He first prays for himself, not asking anything for himself but only that God’s glory may be seen in him so that God may be glorified through him. He glorified God by doing and saying what God had given him to do and say. [17:1-5]

What a great way to begin our prayer time! “O God, my desire is that my life may be lived in such a way that it reveals the glory that belongs to You. I want to do and say what you want me to do and say.”

Next, Jesus prays for his disciples. He prayed that they be obedient to the word they had received from God through him and that they be united as one, even as he and the Father are one. He prayed that they know his joy, that they be protected from the evil one and be sanctified, or set apart, by the truth of God’s Word. [17:6-19]

What a great word for us as the church! God help us to be obedient to the Word that was given to us through your Son, Jesus. Empower and enable us to be one in Spirit as you and Jesus are one, totally united in heart and purpose. Protect us from the evil one and Sanctify your church with the truth of your Word that we may know the truth and be set free.

Then Jesus prays for all Believers who come to him as a result of the testimony of his followers. He prayed for those who, at the time, were unbelievers; those yet to hear the Gospel and respond to it. 17:20ff

What a great word of encouragement to those who do not yet know Jesus! He lives to intercede for us all the time [Hebrews 7:25] When we follow his example, we intercede for those who have yet to come to faith in him, whether in our family, those visiting and “trying out” worship for the first time or even those in outright rebellion who may ridicule the faith. We have the privilege of joining in his intercession for the redemption of those yet to hear and receive the word of hope.

At our recent Mid-year Board of Directors and Support Council meeting, we took quality time to intentionally listen to God for his direction regarding the future of Wind of the Spirit Ministries. We have done this regularly during our meetings. As Jesus listened for his Father’s direction, so it is well that we, the Body of Christ, listen for God’s direction, whether for our personal lives or our corporate ministry.

Here are a few of God’s responses and directions related to our time of listening:

- “Let me lead you. Have I not gone before you in the yesterdays? I know the plans I have for you and I am still the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. My Word shall continue until the day I receive you to myself. GO”
- “Let us go forward and do not be timid with your future. Live in the supernatural.”
- “There will be times of refreshing for the people of God; streams in the desert. Your landscape will not change but your thoughts will. I go before you. I am the Lord your God. I am your anchor and your rear guard. Do not be deceived by pleasant words. Keep your eyes on me.”
- “I’m giving you an open door that no one can shut. Listen! In all you do, pay attention to my Living Word; this is my Son. Listen to him; follow his instructions!”
- “I will take you to new levels of ministry and freedom.”

Praise God for his Guidance in and through Prayer! lle

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JESUS AND MOHAMMAD SIDE BY SIDE

There is much in the news media regarding the issue of Islamic Terrorists' activity around the world with special focus on the recent attacks in France and the spread of the Islamic State [IS] in Syria and Iraq. There is also concern that similar events will happen in our own country of the United States. In light of these events on the world stage, how are we as Christians to respond? We follow the teaching of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who said, *"You have heard it said, 'love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you, love our enemies and pray for those who persecute you., so that you may be sons of your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:43-45

We are to pray for our enemies and those who persecute us, following God's example. In light of that we are hearing reports of millions of people in the Islamic faith turning to Jesus, not through any missionary efforts, but through the sovereign work of God's Spirit revealing the Resurrected Christ to them. They are turning to faith in Jesus because they see visions of Jesus and hear the voice of Jesus telling them to turn to him.

Our prayers then are prayers of thanksgiving to God who loves them enough to redeem them as well as us.

The following is simply an historical and factual comparison of the life of Jesus and that of the Muslim prophet, Mohammad. It is presented simply as a way of comparing the two lives. People must then make a decision as to which life they choose to follow. That choice will determine our eternal destiny.

JESUS

A righteous Leader

Never killed anyone

Never owned slaves

Followers were invited to follow him

Called God, "Father."

Personal relationship with God

Man is made in God's Image

Forgives Trespassers

Emphasized forgiveness and love

Did not retaliate

Martyr: Dies for faith while being killed

Love your enemies Matthew 5:44

Never married

Crucified, Resurrected, Alive

MOHAMMAD

A religious leader and a warrior

**Killed an estimated 3,000, including beheading
700 Jews, AD 627**

**One fifth of prisoners taken in battle, including women,
became his slaves, Sura 8:41**

**Forced followers. "Whoever changed his Islamic religion,
then kill him" Hadith Vol.9**

Blasphemy to call Allah your father

Allah unknowable, no relationship

Allah has no image

Avenge Trespassers

Emphasized Obedience/Submission/Fear

Retaliated

Martyr: Dies for faith while killing

Take neither Jews or Christians as friends, Sura 5:51

Married with many wives, including 9 year old girl

Died of illness, Buried in Medina, Dead

OUR PRAYER

"O God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we humbly ask that you reveal truth to all who do not yet know you and bring them into a saving knowledge of the One who died for our sins that we may share eternal life with you."

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PRAYER RETREAT IN IRONDALE, ALABAMA

At the invitation of the Rev. Taylor Gallman and the church's Administrative Council, Larry will be leading a Prayer Retreat for the Irondale UMC on the dates of March 20 and 21.

Sessions will be conducted with workshops on Friday evening, Saturday morning and Saturday evening. Topics will include:

- People who Pray. Jesus is our role model for prayer
- The God to Whom We Pray
- Listening Prayer. God's Spirit directs us how to pray

Pastor Gallman has extended a cordial invitation to any who are in the Birmingham area and who wish to attend the sessions.

Larry will preach at the two morning services of worship on Sunday, March 22. The theme of the message is based on Ephesians 1:3-14, entitled, "God's Vision for the Church." Scripture states that "without a vision, people perish." Proverbs 29:18. It is also true that if people have a wrong vision, they perish.

God's Word clearly outlines the vision that God has for his Church, the Body of his Son, Jesus.

Come study and worship with us on this weekend and He blessed by the fellowship and the presence of God's Holy Spirit.

BLESSED BOARD AND COUNCIL MEETING

The Mid-Year meeting of the Wind of the Spirit Ministries Board and Council was held on Saturday, January 24. A very joyful and productive time was spent in the presence of the Lord, seeking God's guidance for the direction in which he would have the ministry continue in the years ahead.

The Future's Committee that has been functioning for well over a year, has been looking at various ways in which the ministry may be strengthened and its outreach multiplied. The committee revisited the original vision statement and recommended building on that with new and improved website information and teachings, DVD presentations of teachings for use in local churches and continuing support of our missions programs in the Philippines and India, under the leadership of Rev. David and Josie Sablan and Jeremy and Joy Ellington.

Our local mission outreach is through Georgia's House, a shelter for women and children. The shelter provides them with 90 days of shelter, food and clothing, but also helps them prepare for independent living through building their faith in Christ, job training, job interviews, home-making, child raising and all that goes with the ability to support one's self and family upon leaving the shelter. Three hundred and four women and children were served in 2014.

Plans are now to prepare DVD's for the "Anointed to Heal" book, allowing a broader use of its resource, facilitated by a person or persons for a weekly study in the



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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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FEBRUARY 7 Seattle Pacific University Homecoming Luncheon honoring Kristen Eddings Tetteh as 2015 Young Alumna of the Year.

MARCH 12-14 The Gathering meeting of Aldersgate Renewal Ministries Board and Council, Goodlettsville, TN Larry is on the Board

MARCH 20-22 Prayer Retreat Weekend and Preach at the Irondale United Methodist Church, Birmingham, AL, Pastor Taylor Gallman

PLEASE KEEP THESE MINISTRY EVENTS IN PRAYER

