WIND OF THE SDIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

MARCH 2013

ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK—IT HAPPENED!

Coon we will be celebrating the Resurrection of and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is that high and holy day of the Christian year when we realize, once again, that we have a Risen Savior who has conquered death and vanquished hell.

The tomb in which they placed him following his crucifixion is empty! Death could not hold him for he is the Lord of Life. He alone, out of all the ones claimed historically as prophets, holy men or religious leaders—He alone, lives!

Scriptures are careful to remind us that "Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death." [Hebrews 2:14,15]

When Jesus arose from the dead, he went straight to his disciples, who had locked themselves in their room, out of fear that they too might receive the same fate as Jesus. When he walked in he said simply, "Peace be with you." Mary had already told them that she had seen Jesus at the tomb and that he was alive, but now they were seeing it for themselves face to face with the Risen Lord! [John 20:19-23]

What a reunion that must have been! He who was thought to be dead, isn't. "The disciples were overjoyed when they saw him." There's joy and then there's "over-joy!" In other words, they went wild with joy and celebration.

Jesus did not waste any time or mince any words in getting caught up in their excitement. According to John, Jesus let them know what they are to be about—and right away.

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." Jesus had let them know on several occasions that he had come down from heaven, not to do his will, but the will of his Father. Now he is doing the same by sending them out.

However, they would not go in their own power, as he did not come in his own power. They would go in the power of the Holy Spirit. "He breathed on them

At creation God "formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." [Genesis

Jesus repeats that same act on the disciples. breathed on them. The image is not just blowing air on them, but, as with God in the beginning, it is mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. He breathed into their nostrils the breath of life, God's Spirit, that brings them to new life and brings new life to them. In a real sense the Resurrection power that raised Jesus from the dead, is raising the disciples from a dead life of fear and hopelessness, to power-filled living.

Then, amazingly enough, the very first command or instruction that he gave them on Resurrection Day was on forgiveness. "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not *forgiven.*" [John 20:23]

How important is forgiveness? Forgiveness is the Good News that Jesus Christ came to bring to all humanity. By God's Grace, initiated by God and not by human worthiness, God, in Christ has opened the door to reconciliation through his gracious and grace-filled act of forgiveness.

That act was consummated on the cross when Jesus said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing." That was spoken not only for those who did the actual act of crucifixion, but also for you and me who, in our ignorance of God's perfect plan for our lives, do not, in fact, know what we are doing. Consequently, we have all sinned and fall far short of his glory.

Jesus' Life, Death and Resurrection are constant reminders to us of God's gracious forgiveness and his plan that we be reconciled with him. What a wonderful message that Jesus has given for us to share—as he did with those disciples on Resurrection Day. Forgive as we are forgiven!

It is also a reminder to us that God can back up what He says with what He does!

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

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ON-LINE GIVING NOW POSSIBLE

Wind of the Spirit Ministries' website guru, Joshua Goss, is changing the format of our website. When finished the site will prove to be more "user friendly," with new links for the various facets of the ministry. Thank you for your patience during the "reconstruction" period.

CLICK AND PLEDGE. It is now possible to receive monies through our website, wosmnw.org, using Click and Pledge under the 'Donations' tab. This same tab can also be used to buy books. Additionally, it can be used to register and pay fees for seminars that are conducted here in Silverdale. When seminars are conducted in other venues, registrants are encourage to contact the local sponsoring church or group to register and pay related fees. The venue address and registration information will always be included in the Spirit Breeze Newsletter

Click and Pledge is a dedicated website/money handling company. Wind of the Spirit Ministries was introduced to this program during last year's 'GiveBig' campaign through The Seattle Foundation.

THE SEATTLE FOUNDATION: The Seattle Foundation is a non-profit organization that receives money and promotes giving to non-profits in the Pacific Northwest. Wind of the Spirit Ministries currently participates with The Seattle Foundation one day each year for their 'GiveBIG' campaign. This year the 'GiveBIG' day is May 15, 2013.

'GiveBIG LINK:' There is also a link on our website for 'GiveBIG.' In the 24 hours of 'GiveBIG' there are several factors in place to stretch the dollars that are given during that time.

1.) A donor may pledge matching funds. 2.) A 'stretch fund' is comprised of monies donated to undesignated non-profits. This fund is divided at the end of the day between the non-profits that received money that day, according to the percentage of the total given that each non-profit received. 3.) There are drawings throughout the day that award the non-profit, whose name was drawn, a large sum of money. Last year this amount was several thousand dollars.

Look for more information in our Spirit Breeze Newsletters and also on our website, <u>wosmnw.org</u>.

We give thanks to God for the continuing prayer and financial support of our many friends.

HEALING ACADEMY IN SILVERDALE

One of the great joys experienced by the staff of Wind of the Spirit Ministries is that of being able to conduct a full 4 1/2 day Healing Academy at home in the Silverdale United Methodist Church.

Pastor Edd Denton and the congregation of Silverdale UMC have always provided help and support for the event. The church is used by multiple groups who carry on their various ministries throughout the month. However, when a Healing Academy is planned in the facilities, other groups are willing to make accommodations by rearranging their calendars or meeting areas in order for it to happen. We give special acknowledgement to the generosity of the Silverdale Church family.

This year's Healing Academy will cover the basic materials in the Healing Academy Manual, even though some new items may be included because of lives that have been touched in new ways during this past year.

We invite all alumni who are in the area to make effort to be a part of the Academy and to invite friends who you may be aware could benefit from the healing environment provided by those who conduct the event.

The Healing Academy also provides practical ministry tools that can be used by anyone who desires to share Jesus with their family, friends, co-workers, classmates or people on the street.

Brochures with Academy information are in the February and March copies of your Spirit Breeze Newsletter.

PRAYER WEEKEND AT OLYMPIA FIRST UNITED METHODIST

We consider it a distinct privilege to be invited once again to the First United Methodist Church in Olympia WA, for another weekend on Prayer.

We had the privilege of being in this part of God's family last Spring for a wonderful weekend of prayer. We look forward to being with that church family once again.

It is Mother's Day weekend—or, more appropriately called in United Methodist circles, Festival of the Christian Home. That is the theme for the weekend, The Christian Home and Prayer.

We wish to give special thanks to Pastor JoAnne Coleman-Campbell for her gracious invitation to return. The local prayer committee has been busily fulfilling its call to pray for the church and community. Pastor Coleman-Campbell is preparing for the weekend by preaching a series of sermons on prayer.

We are excited to see what God has in store!

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REMEMBERING

We arrived safely at home following a very exciting and rewarding two weeks in the Philippines. The trip was physically tiring, but spiritually exhilarating. even think about some of the people, places and moves of God's Spirit brought back a sense of excitement and gratitude for all of that in which God had allowed us to be involved.

Scripture reminds us that the Adversary is overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of the testimony. [Revelation 12:11] We remembered many of the testimonies wherein people gave praise to God for healing, for renewal of faith, for salvation, for reconciliation, for being called back to the church and for many other things for which God moved in and upon their lives.

When we look at the many pictures that were taken we remember the many and varied relationships we were privileged to renew and make anew with newfound brothers and sisters in Christ. We laugh at some of the spontaneous antics and language mix-ups that were made. It's so easy to say "pusa," [cat] rather than "puso," [heart] when trying to express love to God or to one another.

What a joy to remember the importance of family when it comes to understanding the special and unique relationships that exist in the family of God.

Likewise with our own personal family. We returned home to learn that same day of the death of a beloved nephew. Joe was married to my niece, Margie. I had the privilege of marrying them fifty three years ago.

We travelled to Hillsboro, OR to be with Margie and to attend Joe's memorial service at their local church. While there we had opportunity to remember many of the experiences we had shared together through the years. Those memories brought tears and laughteroften at the same time.

We were joined by other nieces from California and Oregon. Margie's children and grandchildren arrived to share their stories and remember with the rest of us the impact that Joe had had on each and all of our lives.

In the remembering, the harshness of death [though still real] lost its victory and sting, for the family's faith won out as we not only remembered Joe's faith, but also his victory over death.

Once again the truth of God's Word came to the sur-We are a people of faith in Jesus Christ, and whether celebrating in the Philippines or grieving in Oregon, we remember the victories of our God and know that He never leaves us or forsakes us. lle

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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 Eddings Email address: woseddings@msn.com

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1	Mini-Healing Academy, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
MARCH 3-4	Mini-Healing Academy, Asbury Theological Seminary, Dennam Campus, Orlando,. FL
APRIL 9-13	Full 4 1/2 Day Healing Academy, Silverdale UMC, Silverdale, WA
MAY 10-12	Seminar on Prayer, First United Methodist Church, Olympia, WA
SEPTEMBER 19-22	Kairos , Purdy Women's Prison, Audrey

We encourage those who need financial assistance in order to attend the Silverdale Healing Academy, to make application for partial scholarship monies that are available. We do not want anyone to miss the Academy simply because they cannot afford to attend. Funds are somewhat limited, so we encourage you to make your needs known as early as possible.