

SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY! HALLELUJAH!

Hear this story once again! And Rejoice!

Spellbound, about thirty of us pastors were seated on the floor around her, like children. She was an educator of children, graphically illustrating for us the story of Jesus' resurrection. She placed small replicas of trees, the cross and the garden tomb on the floor in front of us.

With serious tone in her voice she told of the crucifixion of Jesus as she held a small plastic figurine against the small cross. Then she told of how he was taken down from the cross by friends and lovingly placed in the tomb. She rolled a small rock over the opening as she shared how the tomb was sealed.

Excitement grew in her voice as she reminded her students, us pastors, that Jesus had told his disciples that he would be crucified, but on the third day he would rise from the dead.

After a very short period of waiting, she, with effort, rolled the stone from the tomb and told of the angel doing it on the day Jesus came out of the tomb.

Then she carefully reached into the small opening, took hold of the small plastic figurine and brought it out and stood it up, saying "Christ is risen!"

We in the audience spontaneously responded, "He is risen, indeed!" We were captured by the story.

Immediately following that beautiful, pictorial illustration of the resurrection of Jesus, one of the colleagues in the group asked, "But wouldn't that give the children the false impression that Jesus had a bodily resurrection?"

Most of the rest of us looked at him with a "duh" expression on our faces. "Brother, where have you been? He **IS** risen, just as he said. This is not an imaginary story about a spirit coming forth from the dead. He lived, he died, he arose, he is alive!"

Sadly, there are those, even among so called church leaders, pastors, bishops and seminary professors who deny the bodily resurrection of Jesus. That heretical teaching flies in the face of 2,000 years of or-

thodox teaching that Jesus did, in fact, rise from the dead, in bodily form, just as he said.

There is a great Resurrection Day Hymn that declares, "Christ the Lord is Risen today! Hallelujah!" That is the clarion call of the Christian Faith. Jesus is alive! He lived as a man 2,000 years ago here on earth. He taught, he healed, he lived life to the fullest, he forgave sins, he enjoyed children, he challenged the religious establishment, he ate with sinners, he walked on water, he turned water into wine, he raised the dead, he set the demoniacs free, he fed 5,000 people with a couple of loaves of bread and a few fish, he turned his world upside-down—and the establishment crucified and buried him.

It's one thing to go around doing good - and even miraculous things, but don't touch the entrenched establishment, or "progressive" theologies, unless you want something bad to happen to you.

However, it came as no surprise to him that this would happen. He knew very well what he was up against. So much so that he warned his disciples on several occasions that he would be killed. Like all good friends do, they protested and said it would never happen. He had too much going for him; he was the very Christ [Messiah] for whom everyone was looking. They couldn't understand what he said.

Nevertheless, Jesus could see the whole picture—why he had come in the first place, [to redeem sinful humanity], what would be the reaction of those in power [opposition and doing away with the thorn in their flesh], and what would be the ultimate outcome [his resurrection]. He knew!

The Resurrection of Jesus is God's Exclamation Point! Over 500 people saw him, ate with him, listened to him and loved on him for forty days after the resurrection until his Ascension back into heaven.

But, wouldn't that give the children—and us adults, the impression that Jesus had been bodily raised from the dead? **Lord, I would certainly hope so!** lle

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GIVE **BIG** DATE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Seattle Foundation's sixth annual **Give-BIG** will take place on **Tuesday, May 3, 2016**.

This annual event gives opportunity for non-profits to receive special financial support through the Seattle Foundation for their work. Wind of the Spirit Ministries is one of the non-profits on the Seattle Foundation's network.

This 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 in which to live.

The Foundation states: "We will "stretch" all donations up to \$5,000 per donor, per organization." This means that Wind of the Spirit Ministries will participate in receiving additional funds, depending upon the amount of each donation to the Ministry and the "stretch" money that is available to the Foundation.

Donations to Wind of the Spirit Ministries may be made in two ways, both by credit card:

1. **On May 3**, midnight to midnight, go to our website, **wosm-nw.org**, click on May 3, 2016 **GiveBIG**, OR

2. Go directly to **Seattlefoundation.org**, search for and click on **Wind of the Spirit Ministries** link and make your donation.

This is a great opportunity to see our donations stretched and in some cases doubled during this **GiveBIG** day.

Be sure to mark it on your calendar. **NOT** May 2 or May 4, **BUT ONLY MAY 3**, midnight to midnight.

Thank you for participating in this **GiveBIG** event and helping to make our ministry dollars **STRETCH** in order to accomplish more in the work of our Lord's Kingdom.

The ongoing work of Wind of the Spirit Ministries is supported through the financial gifts of persons who desire to be involved in helping to equip the people of God for works of ministry. This is done through workshops, seminars, classes and healing academies.

We give thanks to God for all of you who continue to uphold this ministry with your prayers, financial contributions and personal contacts with words of encouragement.

We endeavor to be faithful in our prayers for you, the practice of good stewardship in the use of your gifts and our desire to be mutually encouraging to you in God's Kingdom work.

A TESTAMONY OF OUR CO-WORKER INTERNS

We arrived in the States as new interns with Wind of the Spirit Ministries. We did not know exactly what to expect and we were in for a pleasant surprise. We arrived tired, after 5 days and 3 meetings in England and 19 days with 13 meetings in India with additional time spent in packing, cleaning, organizing and travelling 14 hours in the last 2 days before our flights.

From the moment that we arrived the WOSM team treated us as royalty. We were met at the airport by Donna Kirkpatrick who got us safely to our residence, but not before feeding us Chinese food. We were encouraged to rest and pray for the first several days, which was a God-send. It seemed that the team were all well prepared for the Healing Academy and organizational meetings were just really smooth and relaxed.

People knew their jobs and a single word was enough to get things done. We felt tempted to kidnap these people and take them back to India with us.

We were excited by our topics to teach as each of us had something close to our hearts. Joy was teaching on the Holy Spirit and Deliverance. As her husband I feel qualified to say we have literally seen dozens of deliverances in India and she is someone to follow along in a deliverance situation.

I was teaching on Words of Knowledge and Emotional Healing, both of which were key in my own personal life and healing. They helped get me to a place where I could minister to others. What we didn't know, but soon found out, was that each of the other teachers were also passionate about their subjects. This was head knowledge and heart knowledge presented in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We were surprised by the intimacy that developed between everyone—students, staff and teachers, over those five days. By the end of the healing service on Friday evening no one wanted to leave and if anyone had said to get your sleeping bags we would have camped out in the sanctuary overnight. Maybe this is a good idea for the next Healing Academy.

The Healing Academy is all about hands on learning and by day 4 the students are the ones doing the team prayers at the healing service. Over and over again students were taught to ask God, "How should I pray for this person?" and they are taught and inspired to listen and follow the Holy Spirit's leading.

The amazing thing is that God truly speaks in a way that those who are listening are able to hear and understand. As we looked on, watching these teams of three applying so

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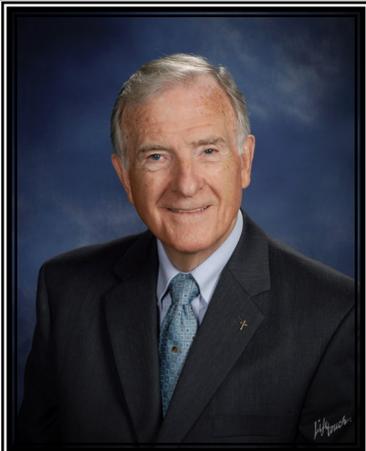


MINISTRY CALENDAR

PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THIS EVENT

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES
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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



March 10-13—The Gathering, Aldersgate Renewal Ministry Board and Council, Goodlettsville, TN

27—RESURRECTION DAY

April 7-9—John Wesley Fellowship Regional Conference on The Holy Spirit, Peoria, IL

17— Larry Preach, Living Waters Church, Bremerton, WA

May 10-20 General Conference of the UMC, Portland, OR

July 9—Annual Meeting of WOSM Board and Support Council

17—Larry Preach 100th Anniversary Celebration, St. John UMC, Philippines, with Pastor David Sablan

19-21—Bishop’s Convocation and Worker’s Conference, Baguio, Philippines, with Bishop Rudy Juan

July 21-24—Aldersgate Conference on the Holy Spirit, Lexington, KY.

August 17-20—JOURNEY WITHIN Seminar on Healing of Emotional Hurts, Silverdale, WA