

THE RESURRECTION IS JUST THE BEGINNING!

“We’ve only just Begun,” was a very popular love song by The Carpenters from what is now a bygone era. Nevertheless, the message was one of promise and hope in a loving relationship between a man and a woman. They were just beginning their marriage, knowing that there was so much more yet to come.

Those could well be the words of Jesus throughout his life and ministry, “We’ve only just begun!” It could have been his words to the disciples after they witnessed him walking on water, or changing water into wine, or calming the raging waters of Lake Galilee, or raising the widow’s son from the dead, or calling Lazarus out of the grave, or revealing his glory on the Mount of Transfiguration, or freeing the Gadara demoniac, or feeding the five thousand with a five barley loaves and two small fish, or stooping to wash the feet of the disciples while they sat at table, or walking into the locked room where they sat in fear following his crucifixion—“We’ve only just Begun! You haven’t seen anything yet!”

What more could there possibly be after all of these signs and wonders—including the Resurrection itself?

The Apostle Paul wrote in his First Letter to the Church in Corinth, “*For what I received* [and from whom did he receive it? The Risen Christ!] *I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and [there’s more] that he appeared to Peter and then to the Twelve.*”

We’ve Just Begun! “*After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all of the apostles and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.*” I Cor.15:3-8

And it just keeps on going and going. God just keeps on revealing his glory. One manifestation leads to another and to still another and to yet another.

The Resurrection was followed by forty days, during which Jesus revealed himself to those who believed in him.

The Gospel-writer, Luke, states, “*After his suffering he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the Kingdom of God.*” Luke 1:3

He always talked about the Kingdom of God—from start to finish, from the beginning of his earthly ministry right up to the time of his Ascension, forty days after the Resurrection.

It is my conviction that during those forty days he gave them a short course on all that he had taught them during the three years he walked with them and taught them about the Kingdom. He was reminding them of what they were to preach and teach for, when he had given them the Great Commission, he had told them to “*go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.*” Matthew 28:19,20

And, it is my belief that Jesus reminded them that for those times when they may not remember what he told them, then “*The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you.*” John 14:26

Remember when we were on the Mount and I told you about being the Salt and Light for the world? Remember how I reminded you that I did not come to do away with the law, but to fulfill it? Remember how I gave you some instructions on the right way to approach my Father in prayer and how to avoid praying for show or to impress with our words? Remember?

Remember how I reminded you to not worry about anything, including what you will eat or drink or wear? I told you to seek the Father’s kingdom first and all of these things will be yours as well for he knows your needs before you ask. Remember?

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MINISTRY CALENDAR

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OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES
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April 7-9—Preach, Regional John Wesley Fellowship Conference on The Holy Spirit, Bradley Epworth UMC, Peoria, IL
10—Preach at Epworth UMC, Peoria, IL

May 1— Preach at Living Water Church, Bremerton, WA., Pastor John Peterson

10-20—GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Portland, OR

June 24-26—PNW Annual Conference, Puyallup, WA

July 17—Preach St. John UMC, Manila, Pastor David Sablan

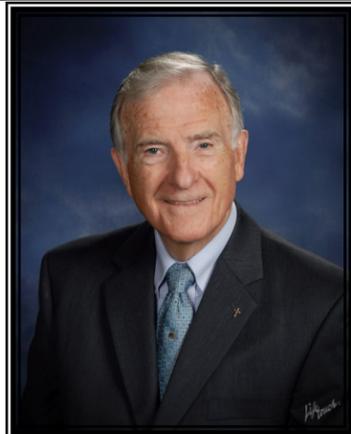
19-21—Bishop’s Convocation and Worker’s Conference, Baguio, Philippines, with Bishop Rudy Juan

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

August 5-7—Prayer Seminar, Kailua, HI UMC, Pastor Tim Ellington

17-20—Journey Within Seminar, Silverdale, WA UMC

“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



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

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GIVE BIG DATE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Seattle Foundation's sixth annual **GiveBIG** 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 The Seattle Foundation Website, <https://givebig.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.

PRAYERS FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

All are strongly encouraged to pray daily for the upcoming meeting of The United Methodist General Conference, that will be meeting in Portland, Oregon, the dates of May 10-20. General Conference meets every four years and involves the worldwide United Methodist Church. Over 900 delegates will be gathering to set the Discipline [our Covenantal "Law Book"] and Social Principles [How we live out our faith as United Methodists] for the next four years [Quadrennial].

PRAY FOR GOD'S PERFECT WILL TO BE DONE!

maintaining high standards, was a great lesson. Seeing him balance family and ministry, individual needs and corporate concerns, are other great examples of areas in which we needed help.

We had communion together every day, a practice Joy and I are trying to incorporate into our lives. Most important was seeing his valiant heart. He is still transparent and a good communicator. He is also still tender hearted after all these years of ministry. How many leaders can we say that about?

We are hard to please, meaning, we really look to see if what is being taught matches up with the life style of the teacher and if it doesn't, I can say that we are quick to look to God, because disappointment is a luxury unaffordable on the mission field. We were blessed to see that all of the staff and leaders of WOSM believe in what they are doing and are committed to the vision and calling of WOSM. Everyone in the office looks 20 years younger than what their driver's license says. They could do many things, but they have chosen to invest in the Kingdom. In fact, we believe the secret to looking young is seeking first the Kingdom of God.

Not only did we teach about healing, but we also received healing for ourselves. The journey has left us weary and sometimes wounded. Joy saw 2 chiropractors seven times and a massage therapist for 6 hours. All work was done pro-bono or was paid for by someone else. She had gotten so used to living with back pain for so long that when the work was done, she felt like she could fly. For me, the Lord was working on my heart. I was reminded that we don't control ministry nor do we make it happen but we trust in the goodness of the Lord and in His desire to touch and heal others. Jesus touches and heals. That's who He is and what He does. Whole people are able to minister from their hearts and are able to recover more quickly from the demands of ministry. We will never be completely whole this side of Heaven, but we desire more of the healing and wholeness that Jesus has for us. He is good!

Our time given to WOSM may be limited, but our love for them is not. We both feel very strongly that we want to give to the church at large and we want to train up leaders in the local church to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are now back in India for the next 14 weeks and we ask for your prayers that we could implement what we have learned with WOSM. Please pray for our church, Praise Worship Center, and pray that our next chapter with Wind of the Spirit Ministries will be as good as the last.

WEB-PAGE
Wind of the Spirit Web Page address is
www.wosm-nw.org

When Jesus was taken up into heaven, the Gospel writer Mark, tells us that **"he sat down at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it."** [Mark 16:19-20]

They had only just begun, and, through their witness and ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Gospel of Jesus Christ continues to spread across the world, transforming lives and cultures.

And it will continue to do so until that day when our Lord God chooses to say, once again, "It is finished!"

TESTIMONY OF WOSM INTERNS

By Jeremy and Joy Ellington

The past 6 weeks we spent in a new capacity as interns for WOSM. We taught for the first time at their Healing Academy and we both strongly recommend you attend one if you have not. It is powerful and life changing. This time was special to us for 5 reasons. Because of 1] the mentoring we received; 2] the lifestyles we observed; 3] the healing we were receiving; 4] being adopted as family, and 5] the direction and philosophy of ministry that WOSM has. Though it was not always easy, in hind sight, we can say that for 6 weeks we experienced something like heaven on earth.

Mentoring in general, in my experience, is hard to come by but after 10 years in the mission field I can honestly say I had filed it in the "will receive in heaven" cabinet alongside another of my desires to "walk on water." Though I was very aware of the need to be mentored I had no expectation of receiving it this side of eternity. In fact, our need for mentoring has been growing.

Our successes as well as our growing church in India has been causing increasing demands on us that a mentor could help us to face. It was a dream come true having my Spiritual Father mentoring Joy and me. We are grateful to our church in India for giving us space to grow, for WOSM for investing in us and to Larry for taking time and energy at this point in his life to train and grow us in the Lord.

Our mentor was patient, kind and ministry minded. He was not easily discouraged and he helped to bring stability and balance into our lives. The way he empowers others while still