



SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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BETTER A NEW LIFE THAN A NEW YEAR

It is the custom in virtually every society of humans to celebrate the beginning of the New Year. The celebrations usually include loud and noisy gatherings accompanied by fireworks, loud bands, riotous partying, drinking and hangovers the next day.

In the United States, the New Year is usually welcomed and the Old Year bid adieu with the singing of Auld Lang Syne, the meaning of which is from the Irish, "old long since" or "long ago."

There is much ado about making a list of New Year's Resolutions that we absolutely intend to keep in the days, weeks and months ahead. We sometimes go to great lengths in making the list and then making a resolve to keep the resolutions. Usually, however, by the end of the week—or perhaps by the end of January 1, the list has been lost. Oh well, perhaps next year we'll resolve to do better.

There is a better way to celebrate newness in our lives than loudly welcoming in the New Year with loud parties and soon to be broken resolutions. The better way is that of getting a new life.

Jesus said, "I have come that they might have life and have it to the full." [John 10:10] That new life is found in him who is the giver of life. The Apostle John wrote in another place, "In him was the life and that life was the light of men." [John 1:4] And, "The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him." [John 1:9, 10]

The Apostle Paul declares in his Second Letter to the church in Corinth [5:16] "So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God...."

Not only a new life, but a new creation altogether!

That new life in Christ is easily identifiable for it is in stark contrast to the life of one who lives in the world and is of the world. That person has adopted and reflects the ways of the world.

It is the Holy Spirit of God that brings us to new life. The fruit of that Spirit begins to remold and reshape the human life into the image of Jesus that God had for it in the first place. That Spirit Born life becomes evident as it bears the fruit of that Holy Spirit, which is "love [that is manifested in] joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." [Galatians 5:22]

These character traits of the new life of a Christian soon become very evident. They stand in stark contrast to the sinful nature and lifestyles of the world: "sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery, idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and the like." [Galatians 5:19-21]

A person may walk into a brand New Year while holding on to their old, unchanged life and it will make no difference how many resolutions are made, that old life remains the old life. And, the New Year remains pretty much like the old one was.

However, when a person resolves to allow God's Holy Spirit to give birth to a new life in Christ, everything is new. He or she is new! Their outlook on life is new! Their hope for the future is new! Their relationships take on new meaning! They develop a new circle of friends and discover a new joy in their life. As Paul reminded us: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come."

We give praise to God for a New Year in which we may experience life, hopefully in new ways. We have greater reason for giving praise to God if we walk into the New Year with a New Life in Christ that we can celebrate throughout the year.

My one resolution this year: Allow Jesus to help me live life to the full.

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WOSM STAFF LUNCH

L to R: Larry & Audrey Eddings, Peg Brown, Donna Kikrpatrick, Colleen Mey, Jim Mey, Jean Seelow, Bill Seelow, Suzie Eyer.

On December 17, the office staff of Wind of the Spirit Ministries, and their spouses, gathered at the local Olive Garden for our Annual Christmas Luncheon and exchange of gifts.

It was also a time to recognize the excellent work of Peg Brown. Peg is retiring from the position of Office Administrator. She has worked in the office for the past four years. She is a gifted woman of God, with computer skills, doing editorial work for our various letters and publications, organizing for the

ministry events and generally a great team person. We give thanks to God for her commitment and excellent service she has provided for the ministry.

Thank you Peg for being who you are and for all that you do. We wish you well in your retirement and pray that God bless both you and Milton as you live out your retirements together.

The luncheon was also a time to welcome our new incoming staff person who will be working in the office. She is Suzie Eyer. Suzie has been an active part of Wind of the Spirit Ministries for several years, serving at our various ministry events that are conducted in Silverdale. She has assisted in the kitchen and in other capacities as well. We welcome her to the staff and look forward to a long period of service together with her.

Suzie joins Jean Seelow, our financial secretary and Colleen Mey, our treasurer, both of whom have served the Lord and this ministry for the past fifteen years.

We are blessed with this great team of prayer people who minister to many who come through the office, to others in phone conversations and to still others through notes and letters.

We have endeavored through the thirty plus years of this ministry to be obedient to God's call on our lives to *"Equip the saints for works of ministry,"* Ephesians 4:12 God has blessed those endeavors and we continue to proclaim aloud, as does our counterpart team in the Philippines:

"WE LOVE THIS MINISTRY"

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES

A Year End Look at What We are About.

The Board of Directors and Support Council of Wind of the Spirit Ministries gather together twice each year to celebrate the many ways in which God has used this ministry to reach lives for Jesus and equip the saints for works of ministry.

We also seek the guidance of God's Holy Spirit as we plan ahead and look into the future. We work on the fiscal year, July 1-June 31, and so our mid-year meeting is in January and our Annual Meeting in June, at which we elect officers, welcome new members and set the budget for the new year.

Wind of the Spirit Ministries is a 501 [c3] non profit, faith based ministry. All financial contributions to the ministry are tax deductible.

Many years ago the Board of Directors were led by the Holy Spirit to set aside a tithe [10%] of all contributions to the General Fund, to be used for mission outreach. As a result, the Lord has guided us to fund college and seminary education for young men and women in the Philippines, provide support help for the pastoral leadership of Wind of the Spirit Ministries in the Philippines, Rev. and Mrs. David Sablan, and also for our missionaries in India, Jeremy and Joy Ellington.

Teams are available throughout the year for healing seminars, prayer training events and seminars on the Person of The Holy Spirit.

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www.wosm-nw.org

MINISTRY CALENDAR

“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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OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES

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JANUARY 25	MID-YEAR WOSM BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 30- FEBRUARY 1	National Association of United Methodist Evangelists, Goodlettsville, TN
MARCH 20-22	The Gathering, Aldersgate Renewal Minis- tries Board and Council, Goodlettsville, TN
JUNE 28	ANNUAL WOSM BOARD MEETING
JULY 17-20	Aldersgate Conference on the Holy Spirit, Spring field, IL
AUGUST 12-16	HEALING ACADEMY, SILVERDALE, WA



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