



# SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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## IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH

Jesus said, *"The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy. I came that you might have life and have it to the full."* John 10:10

God's plan for the human race is that we might have life—not just an existence, but life. And not just life, but a full and abundant life. And not just a full and abundant life, but a life that has an eternal quality about it. The best of the best!

Why is it then that the human race is so bent on allowing that life to be stolen, killed and destroyed? Why then do we allow attitudes, habits and choices to come in like thieves to rob us of that abundance that God has in mind for us?

A relatively young and successful actor is found dead in his room with a drug-filled needle still sticking in his arm. He tried to find fulfillment by escaping into a world of self-induced euphoria only to end it all in death—not life. What a loss!

A middle aged man found himself searching for fulfillment by gratifying his sexual cravings with multiple partners at the expense of his marriage. He lived with the delusion that his addiction determined his choices. He had it backwards. His choices determined his addiction. He allowed himself to be robbed of a happy marriage and ended up with a broken life and a grieving ex-wife. What a tragedy!

God designed life in such a way that a man and woman could find joy and fulfillment in marriage, becoming one in spirit, soul and body. They could bring new life into the world and experience a quality of love unknown in any other relationship.

Yet, large segments of humanity, including some national governments, have now decided that that arrangement is insufficient for people to be able to experience abundant life. Marriage should, therefore, be redefined to include same gender unions.

Very little is said about the thief that comes in to steal, kill and destroy the persons who choose such a

lifestyle. Statistics are easily accessible from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA, that persons who choose to be engaged in the homosexual lifestyle can expect their lifespan to be shortened by up to twenty years. Twenty years! That's about one fourth of what could otherwise be a long, healthy and productive life. It devalues a person's life.

"Thieves" come in all sizes and shapes. They can come in enticing promises of euphoria, tantalizing addictions or lifestyle choices. Whatever size or shape they may take, they rob people of the kind of life that Jesus came to give.

Of course, the thief also goes to great lengths to defend its actions. Any criticism or perceived criticism of a person's choices—even the ones that lead to death, is seen as judgmental, mean spirited and narrow minded.

It is much like a patient calling his or her doctor judgmental, mean spirited and narrow minded, when they are told that smoking has destroyed their lungs and they now have lung cancer.

Thieves do not like truth that can save life, for the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy, not save life.

Jesus is his own best example of what a healthy and abundant life looks like. Any choice we may make that does not match his model, grieves the heart of God who designed and gave us life in the first place.

Jesus' life was a life of love, but the kind of love that was based on self-sacrifice, not self-indulgence; holiness, not lewdness; purity, not sensuality; dignity, not degradation; obedience to God's ways, not pandering to human weaknesses.

Any lifestyle or choice that does not reflect that of Jesus—especially among those of us who claim to follow him, is truly an insult to God and offensive to his Holy Spirit, who is the Designer and Giver of life—abundant and eternal.

God's counsel to the Israelites in the desert is wise and one we should follow: *"Choose Life!"* LLE

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## **PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN**

The Eddings were invited to be a part of a worship service at the Woodinville, WA. UMC, and to lead in a workshop for Parents of Adult Children

The evening focused on God's plan for families and the ways that God has been provided for families to overcome difficulties in order to experience positive relationships.

Many families experience circumstances that create tension between spouses, between spouses and their children as well as between siblings in the family.

Some struggle with faith issues; others with addictions. Still others struggle with divorce and adult children moving back home.

After a short teaching on God's plan for the family, the fifty persons in attendance were led through a time of forgiveness. Spouses forgave each other for real or perceived failures in being there for each other. They forgave themselves for harboring a sense of failure as parent or spouse. They spoke forgiveness for their children and committed them to the Lord.

The workshop ended with everyone placing "baggage" on the altar and taking a promise of God to encourage them in their life and home.

It was truly a time of healing and restoration.

## **MEDICAL MISSION TO VISAYAS**

The Filipino Medical Team is busy at work preparing for their mission to Visayas, Philippines scheduled the third week of March. The team has already shipped several boxes of medical supplies that will arrive just prior to the time when they begin the mission.

While in Visayas they will work in Bohol and in Cebu. Local pastors are helping in preparation for the work they will be doing while there. They will also distribute basic survival items—foodstuffs and clothing, in addition to medical treatments of persons in need.

Following their work in Visayas, they will return to Bulacan, in the Manila area, to conduct a medical mission for a mission church there. Pastor David Sablan, our dear brother in Christ, and pastor of the Puno UMC in Quezon City, will help in setting up this mission for the team.

We are still in the process of raising funds for the medical mission. Contributions may be made to the Silverdale UMC or Wind of the Spirit Ministries, designated, Medical Mission.

## **ANOINTED TO HEAL CLASS**

Rev. Davis and Kathleen Hylkema, long affiliated with Wind of the Spirit Ministries, have conducted a series of classes in their home church in Chehalis, WA, using the book "Anointed to Heal."

The book was originally written by Larry and Audrey Eddings as curriculum to be used in churches that have a desire to develop a healing ministry. It is published by Providence House Publishers.

Davis and Kathleen chose to do mid-week classes with very good attendance and excellent responses to their teaching. Both are gifted in teaching and facilitating group discussions.

When the first series of classes were completed, the students were invited by the Sr. Pastor to be available for healing services at all three morning services. The response from the congregations was outstanding, with many experiencing some level of healing.

At the peoples' request, they are now conducting the class once again with some participants repeating the class while adding new members.

Following are some of the remarks made in the evaluation of the first sessions.

- "I didn't know quite what to expect. I thoroughly enjoyed this class. Each Wednesday I went home very excited and pumped up. I want more!"
- "It is a good course to learn more about praying for others and for ourselves and learning about many areas of healing in our lives."
- "More. This exceeded my expectation."
- "What would you say to others who might be thinking about taking this course? "If you believe the Bible is true, take this course!"
- "I took this course because I felt God may be calling me to the ministry of Christian healing. This course met my expectations and I expect to continue what God has started in my life."
- "It was great, hands on, God inspired."
- "I found everything clearly taught and very interesting."
- "More time! Two hours!"

There is a hunger throughout the church for opportunities to learn how to be in ministry to the world around us. We give thanks to God for men and women like Davis and Kathleen who joyfully give of their time, gifts and energies to help equip the saints of God for works of service.

### **WEB-PAGE**

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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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MARCH 18-31	Medical Team to Bohol, Cebu and Bataan, Philippines
APRIL 11	Philippine Mission Program, Silverdale, WA UMC
APRIL 20	CELEBRATION OF JESUS’ RESURRECTION
APRIL 22-4	Minister’s Retreat, ARC, Goodlettsville, TN
MAY 1-16	Mission trip to the Philippines



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