



SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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LET THERE BE LIGHT! AND....

The time is fast approaching when the Christian Church once again celebrates the Birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ of God.

The celebration of this world-changing event can easily get buried beneath all the cultural trimmings that are displayed, promoted and lauded by the marketing enterprises that look to rake in a major part of their year's proceeds during this holy season.

We people have a tendency to buy into all the glitter and glitz displays that are supposedly designed to commemorate our Lord's birth. These range all the way from lighted trees to reindeer, to Santa, angels, penguins, dancing bears and lighted houses, as well as sailboats that cruise through the many waterway inlets in our area, reflecting beautiful colors in crystal-clear waters.

Understand, I don't necessarily have anything against all of these lighted displays of real or imaginary creatures, or even houses and boats. We string lights on our house and put up a big lighted JOY sign in our front yard. It has a way of turning an otherwise fairly dull and drab time of year [at least in our Pacific Northwest area] into a beautiful fairyland of color. It does add a little beauty to the neighborhood and community—albeit somewhat artificial.

At the same time I acknowledge that this has very little to do with the celebration of Jesus' Birth. My point is that all of this kind of display *pales into nothingness*, compared to the Birth of Jesus,

The Apostle John sees and writes about something far greater than anything that creative human genius and technological knowhow could imagine.

“The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world....The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have beheld his glory, the glory of the One and Only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
John 1:9,14

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In one short sentence, the Apostle John declares the Incarnation of God in Christ. The Word of God became flesh, in Jesus. The Word that spoke creation into being, became Incarnate [made visible] in Jesus. This is the Jesus who brings Light into a dark, dreary, sin-sick and separated from God, world.

At creation God said, ***“Let there be Light—and there was Light.”*** That Word became flesh in Jesus Christ. He is the Light of the world!

While the world decorates and prepares to celebrate its holiday season, for various reasons, Jesus' followers, like John, prepare to celebrate the Holy Person. Like him, we behold the Glory of the One who came to dwell with us for awhile in the flesh and now comes to live within us permanently through his Holy Spirit.

The world enjoys the artificial lights that brighten up the landscape for awhile and then are stored away in plastic boxes until it's time to prepare for the next holiday, ***“The true Light that gives Light to every person”*** remains year 'round and lives in our hearts.

This is the Light that enlightens our thinking, transforms our mindsets [strongholds], radically modifies and changes our behaviors and teaches us to focus on the things that matter eternally. This is the Light that helps us to see with the eyes of our hearts, the eyes of faith, and focus on that which is true and noble, right and pure, lovely and admirable.

The Joy of knowing the One whose Birth we celebrate, and the ability to see and experience his Glory—as did John, transforms, not only our landscapes, but our very lives. As the Apostle Paul reminded the Believers in Ephesus: ***“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for the fruit of light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth, and find out what pleases the Lord.”*** Ephesians 5:8-10

As we celebrate the Birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus the Christ, may we experience, once again, the Light and Life of his Presence in our hearts. LLE

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LISTEN UP III
By Audrey Eddings
“Is that You, God?”

“Whether you turn to the right or left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, “This is the way, walk in it.” Isaiah 30:21 NIV

Now that you realize that you have heard God speak to you, because:

God has wooed you and you have received Jesus in your heart! You rejoice in being in worship! Scripture reading is a source of revelation. Praying for people is an awesome privilege for you and, certainly God has convicted you of varieties of sin.

So now you endeavor to meet with Jesus in that private place to walk and talk and listen to him.

The next question is: “Is that really you, God, that I heard or did I just imagine it?”

Maybe I just made up the whole thing. It was just my idea. Or, heaven forbid, maybe it was Satan! How can I know for sure?”

There are three sources that can speak to our minds and spirits. [1] God, [2] Ourselves, [3] Satan. Each one has distinct characteristics.

God’s Voice: The voice of God is usually peaceful and calm. God does not yell or accuse. God may convict, but He is not harsh.

“The things God says are always pure. He tells us to love peace and to be gentle all the time. God tells us how to agree with others, how to be kind to them, and how to do good things for them. He shows us how to be fair and honest with everyone.” James 3:17

Satan’s Voice: The devil usually yells at you or tries to lead you into temptation. He is “the Accuser” and usually accuses you of something.

“The devil is your enemy. He goes around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” I Peter 5:8

Our Voice: Our voice is usually talking with us about what we want to have or what we want to happen. “I want.” “I wish.” “I don’t want.” It’s about me and what I think.

“Don’t worry and say, ‘What will we eat? Or, ‘What will we drink?’ Or, ‘What will we wear?’ All the people who don’t know God keep trying to get these things. Your Father in heaven knows that you need them.” Matthew 7:31, 32

The more time that is spent talking to and listening for God, the easier it becomes to recognize God’s voice.

When you “hear” something in your time of listening prayer, take time to ask these questions:

- Does it agree with Scripture?
- Is it the nature of Jesus? Would he say or do that?
- Does it edify or build up the Body of Christ?
- Does it witness to my spirit?

When you believe that you have received a message that may be from Jesus, you can ask, “Is this the true Lord Jesus?” When in doubt, ask.

That was the rule and practice for Disciples of Jesus in the early church. **“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.**

“You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” I John 4:1-4

Listen Up! God is talking to you and his Holy Spirit will help you recognize his voice.

WIND OF THE SPIRIT BLOWS IN SINGAPORE
Rev. David Sablan

On December 13 and 14 the Wind of the Spirit Healing Team from the Philippines will conduct its third Healing and Wholeness Conference in Singapore at the Barker Road Methodist Church. The team will be led by Rev. David Sablan Jr. David and his wife, Josie, have been the Directors of Healing and Wholeness Ministry in the Philippines for 11 years in partnership with the Wind of the Spirit Ministry, Silverdale, WA, USA. The mantle of leadership was passed to them in 2003 by Revs. Larry & Audrey Eddings, Co-Directors of Wind of the Spirit Ministry.

The Singapore event is expected to be a significant one because members of all the Filipino Fellowships in Singapore will be attending. Topics to be discussed are: “The Healing Power of Forgiveness,” “Inner Healing the Way to Blessings” and “The Power of Spoken Words.”

Included in the Philippine team are, in addition to Pastor David: Josie Sablan, Evie Ruiz, Tess Abdon, Laarni de Belen and Jess and Del Carlos.

NOTE: *We in the States will be excited to hear about the work of the Lord when the team reports on its trip.*

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THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN INDIA

Jeremy and Joy Ellington

Before we begin, let us say “the consistent prayer and support that you give us is what keeps us working here and also what allows us to be a consistent witness to these very new believers. Please keep up the good work!

1. While we were in the States, the church bought a new [used] drum set with their own money. Now we have a drum set, 4 mikes, 2 keyboards, a mixer, speaker, 2 guitars and a harmonica set. Musicians wanted.
2. We have had 80 plus people these past few Sundays and almost every Sunday new people are attending.
3. A mother of 8 children [all of whom attend our church] complained that she couldn't pray so we asked her if we could pray for her. Immediately she started crying as the Lord ministered to her. She received Jesus as her Savior and then fell down as the Lord did a deep work in her. She is a tribal from a Hindu background.
4. Eight people tithed a few weeks back and the church received \$100 in total offering for that week which was very exciting. A few tithed 50cents because they made \$5 for the week. We are excited to see how God honors these faithful givers.
5. We taught at the Youth With a Mission [YWAM] Base for a week in Mysore and now these students are here doing a one month ministry outreach. It is real blessing and help. In addition, the school of worship is sending a team to help with our Christmas Program. They will also be sending a team to play us in soccer.
6. We have 2 teams of Believers going out house to house praying for the sick and inviting people to come to church. This was not instigated by us, but is a result of their hunger to serve God. Some times the team has up to 10 people and they visit 15 plus homes. People are going out to visit on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday each week.

May the Lord bless you all. Thank you for remembering us and praying for us. *Jeremy and Joy Ellington*

MID-YEAR MEETING, WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADVISORY COUNCIL

It is always an exciting time of giving praise to God and remembering how the Holy Spirit has worked when the Board and Council meet.

Our Mid-Year meeting will be held at the Silverdale United Methodist Church in Silverdale, WA, home office for Wind of the Spirit Ministries.

Saturday, January 24, 2015

9:00—Gathering

9:30—Devotions and Prayer for God's Direction

10:00—12:00—Praise Reports

12:00—Lunch

12:45—3:00—Business Meeting

3:30—Communion and Closing Praise to God



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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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DECEMBER

Larry continues with cardio-pulmonary rehabilitation three times each week through the month of December.

During this month Larry and Audrey will continue to work to:

1. Complete Children’s Sunday School curriculum materials on “God’s Supernatural Power for Kids.”
2. Complete “Equipping the Saints” booklet on “The Power of Prayer.”
3. Prepare for recording all of the teaching sessions of “The Healing Academy” and “Journey Within” for DVD presentation.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING US IN PRAYER

