

SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH...

God had made plans for the birth of Jesus long before it happened here on earth. The stories of Jesus birth that are recorded in Matthew and Luke relate only to the time that the angel Gabriel, the Messenger of God, came to Mary and Joseph to tell them about God's plan.

They were told by Gabriel that Mary would give birth to a son and they were to name him Jesus for he would be saving people from their sins. That message in itself lets us know that God already had a well thought out plan in mind. It was not a sudden brilliant thought, though brilliant it was and brilliant it is.

God's plan was to enter human life in human form through the human birth process in order to accomplish his plan of salvation for humanity.

In his letter to the churches in Galatia, the apostle Paul informed them that **"when the time had fully come, God sent forth his son, born of a woman, born under the law to redeem those under the law."** Galatians 4:4

"When the time had fully come," indicates that God had been planning for a long time—in our understanding of time, to bring about the birth of Jesus. God was apparently waiting for the right time and when it happened he sent Gabriel as his messenger to let people know what was going to be happening.

In the Letter to the Hebrews [2:14-18] God's plan is revealed even more, **"for since the children have flesh and blood, so he too would share in their humanity."** "He was made like us in every way—even to the point of sharing in our temptations, so that he could help us face whatever life may throw at us.

God knew ahead of time what would be needed to bring about the salvation of humanity from its bondage to sin. A major part of his great plan was to include the birth of Jesus to live and walk among us and to experience life as we experience it.

Another, and even greater glimpse into his plan, is captured in Paul's letter to the church in Philippi. When the Holy Spirit led Paul to break out in a decla-

ration of praise: **"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus, Who being in very nature of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human image. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself"** [Philippians 2:5-8]

Jesus humbled himself, left his home in glory and took on the image of human flesh. Yes, the flesh form of a beautiful baby boy, but, compared to the glory he left, it was still flesh—fallen, human flesh. Oh, the love and grace of God shown to humanity in that act that originated in the throne room of heaven.

God had done a lot of planning before he told Gabriel and the heavenly hosts of angels that the time had come for Gabriel to tell earth what was going to happen and for the angels to get to practicing on the message in song they were to bring to the shepherds on the night that Jesus was to be born in the form of human flesh. Gabriel left on his mission to Mary:

"Greetings, you are highly favored! The Lord is with you. Do not be afraid Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son and you will give him the name Jesus."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, **"since I am a virgin?"**

The angel answered, **"The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you, so the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."** [Luke 1:25-35]

And it happened just like God had been planning! And when the time came, the angels sang their song, **"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."** [Luke 2:14]

God knows what is and what is going to be happening! The Birth of Jesus reminds us that...

**"No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no mind has conceived**

**what God has prepared for those who love him,
But God has revealed it to us by his Spirit."** 1le

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LETTER FROM THE ELLINGTONS

Dear Friends,

We have been extremely blessed by your partnership in our ministry over the past 19 years in India. You have been used as an instrument of God's grace towards many. Because of your faithful prayers and contributions we are here in India and we have been shaped by God for this place. Thank you.

It is with joy that we have some good news to share. God is opening new doors for us. All these years Wind of the Spirit Ministries has played a very vital role in our ministry. They have been counselors to us a spiritual covering as well as a clearing house for our finances. The director, Larry Eddings, who is our spiritual father, has asked us to become interns for WOSM with the desire that we might be active partners in their ministry both in America and throughout the world.

This is in line with God's calling in our lives and with our desires for ministry. We are called by God to the nations and long to see the power of the Holy Spirit transforming people and churches to the Glory of God. We are not leaving our work in India nor are we resettling in America. We will continue to live by faith and we will appreciate your continued prayer and financial support. We are making ourselves available to be mentored by Larry and WOSM leaders so that we can know the inner working of this ministry and serve Jesus through this ministry for years to come. We have seen the Holy Spirit touch and transform our church in India. We desire to see this same thing happen as often as possible in as many places as possible that our lives may be fruitful. By faith we believe that we have something to offer the larger body of Christ and look forward to learning and growing in our new capacities.

The first leg of this journey will start February 5th-10th where we will be leading three services in England. **Then, on the dates of February 16-20 we will be helping to teach at a Healing Academy in Silverdale, WA., in the States.** The Healing Academy is an intensive course where subjects such as listening to God, physical healing, inner healing, deliverance, spiritual warfare and the power of the Holy Spirit and his gifts are taught in an informal and yet structured setting. We would like as many of you to attend as possible because we believe this course can transform your life as well as equip you to minister effectively whether a believer or pastor. This will be the first time for us to help teach this course and it promises to be a very exciting time. Come prepared to be transformed!

We will also be available for ministry during this time in February 10th - March 22nd for weekend meetings, revival meetings at your local church and for special ministry events along with Larry Eddings and others from the Wind of the Spirit Team. We pray that these resources and ministry events would be used for the strengthening of your church and the encouragement of the Body of Christ. *Jeremy and Joy Ellington*

If your church or fellowship group desires to make arrangements for a ministry event with them and the WOSM team during this time, please be in touch with the *Wind of the Spirit Ministries'* office at P.O. Box 175 Silverdale, WA 98383 or phone, at 360-692-9813, ext.14. The staff will be happy to help make the arrangements with you. You and your church will be richly blessed and further equipped for continuing, effective ministry.

MID-YEAR WOSM BOARD AND COUNCIL

The Mid-Year meeting of the Board and council will be held on Saturday, January 16, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All Board of Directors and Support Council Members are encouraged to be present. Important decisions need to be made regarding our future ministry events and relationships.

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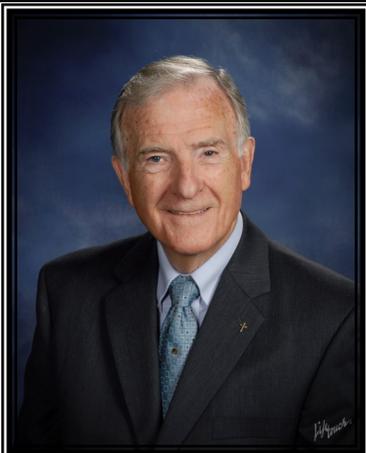
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“He gave some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip God’s people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up ...attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11



MINISTRY CALENDAR

PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THIS EVENT

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES
Eddings Email address: woseddings@msn.com

January 21-24—National Association of United Methodist Evangelists, Goodlettsville, TN

February 16-20—Healing Academy at The United Methodist Church, Silverdale, WA

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

July 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.