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# Listen Love Pray

Monthly newsletter

## LLP Stands Together with Frederick to Conquer the Crisis



LLP table at "Frederick Stands Together, Conquering the Crisis"

Every week, 1 precious soul dies from an opioid overdose in Frederick County. One man picked up one of our pamphlets and told us he had lost 2 sons in 4 years. He encouraged us, saying, "I believe in the power of prayer. Keep doing what you are doing – it's important stuff."

On March 28th, Listen Love Pray spoke about the healing love of Jesus for 4 straight hours to people who came by our table at the opioid addiction and awareness summit called "Frederick Stands together, Conquering the Crisis." With a welcome by Sheriff Chuck Jenkins and personal stories from Duane Clemmons, former NFL player, and Sean Nicholson of the Phoenix Foundation, the atmosphere radiated with hope. David Brooks, from Brooks Behavioral Health also spoke along with 54 vendors, displaying how they are participating in the recovery effort.

Lucinda was asked to speak about hope, healing and the Listen Love Pray Foundation to Local Radio News Station 930 WFMD. She got to tell a bit of her family story and how LLP is helping to transform those struggling with addiction.

Hear her interview with this URL (her interview is the last third of this clip): <https://omny.fm/shows/mid-maryland-live/ opioid-awareness-summit-3-29>

## A Message from the Executive Director

The healing love of Jesus is advancing as Listen Love Pray walks into new territory! Several "firsts" happened in March: our first retreat at Hallowood, our first Intensive Prayer Ministry weekend, and our first "Frederick stands together – conquering the opioid crisis". Another "first" is a new Spring program for 46 men in recovery from addiction at The Ranch in Frederick.

This amazing and expanding team loves bringing the healing presence of Jesus to our community. We have created a unique infrastructure to equip, supervise, and provide continuing education to those who are passionate helping people step into His healing love. On February 22-23, we launched a newly revised healing prayer 1 workshop. Twenty-two people attended while 1,300 people watched the

teachings on Facebook! If you haven't yet seen them, go to our page under Listen Love Pray Foundation ([www.facebook.com/listenloveprayfoundation/?ref=bookmarks](http://www.facebook.com/listenloveprayfoundation/?ref=bookmarks)). Later in the year, levels 2, 3, and 4 will commence to encourage and educate folks on the practice of praying for healing in the name of Jesus. Once a month, continuing ed sessions provide training in praying for healing in specific areas while quarterly practicums give advice and encouragement.

Thursday night is now our education night, with topical classes offered to the whole community. A women's CR study continues working through the 12 steps. A book study of *Healing* by Francis McNutt dispensed nuggets of wisdom. *Does your tongue need healing?* by Derek Prince welcomed 16 participants! And we started

a 9-week study of *Codependant No More* by Melody Beattie.

Private healing prayer and deliverance appointments continue at a rapid clip to meet the needs of hurting and discouraged folks. In 2 days, during the March 29-30 IPM, our dedicated prayer ministers held 30 private appointments; each session lasting 1 hour long!

Jesus is alive and working to restore our broken world! Thank you God for giving us the grace and strength to follow Your will and bring Your light and love into our world. And thank you to everyone who supports Listen Love Pray through your prayers, your service and your financial gifts. It is a thrill to be part of such a vibrant Christian community.

*Lucinda Nelson, Executive Director, LLP*

## LLP Testimonies

The first Listen Love Pray retreat at Hallowood was just amazing as only God can do. It was like a small "Ignite", but even more filling. The Holy Spirit was ever-present and filling each one there. It was awesome to be a part of it. I can hardly wait until next year! I will be bringing folks then! — Nancy

My experience from the retreat was that I found personal healing on a deeper level. My sweet Jesus revealed some profound things to me about myself and my calling. I made some connections with some amazing sisters in Christ. I have never felt so loved and accepted it was as if I had known everyone my whole life even though I had only briefly met some of the ladies. It was a profoundly beautiful experience. — Kristie

At the end of the *Does Your Tongue Need Healing* book club, we broke into small groups. We were asked to open to Holy Spirit's revelation about how we need to move forward with what we learned in class. I shared with my group that my tongue needed healing from complaining too much. I am working on filing the tax return for my father's estate. The tax preparer asked for lots of things: copies of the completed 6 financial accountings, finish the 7th accounting, provide proof of the purchase price of the home, and get it to the preparer ASAP... I complained about having to do all these things to my brother, husband and friends. Holy Spirit was right – I do complain too much. One person in my group asked, "why do you feel the need to complain?" Well, I want people to know what I had to do and to hear the words, "you did a good job". We went into a time of prayer. I confessed this to God and told Him I was sorry. I said I missed my Dad. I told the group that while returning from the tax preparer I asked my dad if I was doing a good job. Should I be asking my earthly father or my Heavenly Father?! Whom should I look to for approval? I was able to picture Jesus – He was drawing me to him for a hug. And then I heard my Dad singing to me. Just as he did when I was a little girl. "She's as sweet as a rose, a pot of gold. You're daddy's little girl to have and to hold. You're sugar and spice, yes, you're everything nice. Yes, you're daddy's little girl." I love you Dad. I felt peace-filled and full of love. My Dad was telling me it's going to be OK. Thank you Jesus. — A grateful daughter



Worship at Intensive Prayer Ministry



LLP retreat 2019 attendees

## Unpacking Our Experiences with God

Often times great effort is put into planning and preparing for something but not so much time unpacking what we learned and experienced. Whether you have returned from a retreat, an intensive prayer weekend, or simply from hearing a sermon on Sunday morning, it is important to spend time "unpacking" God's message to you.

Take time to reflect on the notes you took, the experiences you had, and what God was saying to you. We are in a partnership with our Lord and He always has more for us. Paying attention to the times when Holy Spirit gives us a ping is critical to our development and the release of His Kingdom in our lives and the world around us.

At the March LLP retreat, Pastor Kirk from Difference Makers Church was talking about the three types of God's grace we experience. I could identify with all three of them because I have experienced them at various times in my life. The three types Kirk described are, grace that catches us every time we fall, grace that carries us when we can't put one foot in

front of another, and finally grace that empowers us moving us in ways we never thought possible.

I have especially felt the "grace that carries me" in this time after Scott's death. But when Kirk talked about obedience being necessary to stay in the place of grace where God can empower and operate through us, Holy Spirit gave me a ping. I have not always been obedient when asked to do something outside my comfort zone. That reminder to pay attention to obedience is something I will continue to think about and unpack over the coming weeks, months, years. Maybe the Lord has put His finger on an area of your life like that. If so I encourage you to unpack it, take it out and look at it, think about it, and put it in a place where you can use it in the days ahead.

*All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. Colossians 1:6*

**Ken Nelson, President, LLP**

## "Bringing Hope to Maryland" – The Ranch

As Listen Love Pray continues to offer hope and healing to recovery centers in the area, we are excited to announce our partnership with The Ranch!

The Ranch is a 24/7 residential facility and long-term recovery program for men ([www.ranchmd.org](http://www.ranchmd.org)). The Ranch aims to affect positive change in the lives of individuals with addictions and their families through education, intensive therapy, and a loving, caring atmosphere. They offer 42 beds and sit on 204 Acres just

south of Frederick near Urbana.

Please pray with us as we develop a new program called Step One. Come Holy Spirit and let this program infiltrate the dark and desperate places of these men and restore their hope for a future free from addiction and chains and for a future bright with your promises. In your name Jesus we pray. Amen.

**Kristin Nelson, Recovery Ministries, LLP**

## Healing Prayer 2 Workshop

You are invited to learn, ask questions, and experience the healing love of Jesus.

**Friday night, May 10**  
**7:00 – 9:00 pm**

Teachings with time for Q and A:

- Inner healing
- How to pray for inner healing
- Ending the night with a Healing service

**Saturday morning, May 11**  
**8:30 – noon**

Teachings with time for Q and A:

- Physical Healing
- Spiritual Healing
- Teaching with practicum on Hearing God's voice
- Basics of a healing prayer appointment
- Deliverance prayer
- Ending our time with option for personal prayer ministry

\$25 suggested donation to Listen Love Pray Foundation will be gratefully appreciated.

Please register online at [listenlovepray.org](http://listenlovepray.org)



Carol Pennington (left) and Lucinda Nelson coordinate the Intensive Prayer Ministry

## Beacon House Frederick Rescue Mission

During Listen Love Pray's March visit to Beacon House, Carolyn Bonifant spoke to 24 men in recovery about what or who defines them.

One man described his life as "Struggles, struggles, struggles, struggles." Another wrote that other people defined him as "self-centered and angry" and he described himself as "guilty and remorseful." Carolyn passed out multiple scriptures on how we are "Accepted in Christ, Secure in Christ and Significant in Christ."

The LLP team then spread out and prayed for each man individually, asking the Lord to help them see themselves as He sees them.



Group discussion at Intensive Prayer Ministry

## Codependent No More Study

Melody Beattie's international best seller "Codependent No More" is put into action using this accessible and engaging workbook. Through guided journaling, exercises, and self-tests, readers integrate the time-tested concepts into their daily lives by: setting and enforcing healthy limits; developing a support system through healthy relationships with others and a higher power; experiencing genuine love and forgiveness; and letting go and detaching from others' harmful behaviors.

Whether fixated on a loved one with depression, an addiction, an eating disorder, or other self-destructive behaviors, or someone who makes unhealthy decisions, this book offers the practical means to plot a comprehensive, personalized path to hope, healing, and the freedom to be your own true self.

April 4—June 6 at New Beginning NC on Thursdays, 7:00–8:15 pm (9 weeks)

## The Prodigal Sons?

Luke 15:11-32

*"<sup>28</sup>The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.'"*

We know the story of the prodigal son, the son who left the father and wasted what was given to him. What about the son who stayed. Was this son also lost? Is it a parable of the prodigal sons?

The son who stayed was present with his father, did works for his father, obeyed his father's laws, but was his heart with his father's? While the father rejoiced at the return of his son in body and heart, the son who stayed, his brother, out of his heart, spoke. His heart was in comparison, judgemental, angry, bitter, jealous. He railed against his father.

We who remain with God are tempted to feel entitled. We who are good at religion forget to allow our heart to be changed to be like the father's heart. We forget His grace. The son who left changed his heart and then returned. How joyous the occasion if his brother's heart had also been transformed in those years so the father and the son who stayed could rejoice together at the homecoming of the lost son. (See also Romans 14)

## Healing Prayer Services

**Tuesdays 7:00 pm**

Childcare available upon request

First Tuesday  
Calvary UMC  
Mt. Airy MD

Second Tuesday  
(Recovery Focus)  
New Beginning NC  
Mt. Airy MD

Third Tuesday  
New Beginning NC  
Mt. Airy MD

# ListenLovePray Events

## April

**April 2 Healing Prayer Service**  
Calvary UMC

**April 4 - June 6 Codependent No More Study**  
New Beginning  
Thursdays, 7:00–8:15 pm (9 weeks)

**April 9 Healing Prayer Service (Recovery Focus)**  
New Beginning

**April 16 Healing Prayer Service**  
New Beginning

**April 20 Beacon House Ministry**  
Private Prayer Sessions, 8:00am

**April 28 Beacon House Ministry**  
Lesson and Prayer Night, 6:00pm

**April 29 Mt Airy American Legion—Addiction Forum**  
7:00–9:00pm Join us at our LLP display table

## May

**May 2 - June 6 Codependent No More Study**  
New Beginning  
Thursdays, 7:00–8:15 pm (9 weeks)

**May 7 Healing Prayer Service**  
Calvary UMC

**May 10 - 11 Healing Prayer 2 Workshop**  
New Beginning  
Fri 7:00–9:00 pm & Sat. 8:30–12:00 pm

**May 14 Healing Prayer Service (Recovery Focus)**  
New Beginning

**May 18 Stomp Out Heroin 5k Run/Walk**  
The Ranch, Frederick, MD

**May 21 Healing Prayer Service**  
New Beginning

### LLP Meeting Locations:

**New Beginning Church**  
12350 Jesse Smith Rd  
Mount Airy, MD 21771  
[newbeginningnazarenechurch.org](http://newbeginningnazarenechurch.org)

**Beacon House  
Frederick Rescue Mission**  
419 W. South Street  
Frederick, MD 21701  
[therescuemission.org](http://therescuemission.org)

**Calvary United Methodist Church**  
403 South Main Street  
Mount Airy, MD 21771  
[calvary-mtairy.org](http://calvary-mtairy.org)

## Other Events

### May

**May 22-24 Signs & Wonders,  
Church Growth  
Global Awakening Event**  
Mechanicsburg, PA  
[globalawakening.com](http://globalawakening.com)

### June

**June 20-22 Ignite  
Christian Healing Ministries  
Annual Conference**  
Burlington, VT  
[christianhealingmin.org](http://christianhealingmin.org)



LLP prayer ministers at the LLP retreat

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