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ListenLovePray

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Breakthrough

God made a breakthrough.
His name is **Jesus**.

We celebrate God's miraculous breakthrough every year. We call it Christmas. God made a way for all of us.



A Message from the Executive Director

Breakthrough. When was the last time you experienced it, or are you currently stuck in a negative, destructive pattern? Have you hoped and prayed for something or someone to break through?

Breakthrough can be viewed as the shattering of a formidable barrier. On the other hand, someone might see breakthrough in the form of a single ray of light pushing through a cloud-filled life.

Jesus has always been the most powerful source of breakthrough, whether our need is related to faith, health, emotions, or relationships.

During 2021, our 40-person team volunteered 120 hours every week, to serve folks in need of breakthrough. In this edition, read the stories, look at the pictures, and allow the Good News to inspire renewed hope in you and your family.

The message of Isaiah 9:2 still holds true today:

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

Past, present, and future, it is the transforming love of Jesus that brings light and healing and hope and strength to our deepest need. This Christmas season, may we all seek to re-discover His Marvelous Light and become people who share the Healing Love of Jesus with all who will listen.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men.

Lucinda Nelson, Executive Director, LLP

Testimony

The Breakthrough of Holy Connection, Freely Given

Before the prayer appointment, I was angry, and not at peace, couldn't sleep. Two things happened during the two sessions:

1. The Lord gave me the words to plainly state the hurtful and neglectful way I was treated as a child by my mother; AND the grace to completely forgive her and free myself from that bondage of bitterness.

2. I experienced, as though actually there, the glory and the majesty of the Father as I knelt before His throne. At the same time, I experienced the individual regard He has for me. I experienced the EXTENT of the mercy, so undeserved, but freely given to me, AND the joy I bring Him (That last seems impossible to be true when I think about it, but experientially, there's no denying the truth of it and the confidence it instills).

This reminds me of Isaiah 57:15

For this is what the high and majestic One says, the One Who fills the eternal realm with glory, Whose name is holy: "I dwell in high places but also with the bruised and lowly in spirit, those who are humble and quick to repent..."

May I always be quick to repent.

—Anonymous

Expecting God's Breakthroughs, Again and Again

During the first session of the IPM (Intensive Prayer Ministry), Lucinda's talk was about blocks to healing. As she was teaching about these blocks, Holy Spirit revealed to me that I was struggling with one of them. I told my prayer team and they prayed for me over zoom. I felt lighter but still felt like there was more healing needed. The next day we were in-person at Marvin Chapel. My prayer team was led by Holy Spirit to pray more about my issue. They led me through a very detailed prayer and I was delivered from what had been oppressing me.

God worked through LLP to provide me with His peace and freedom. Sometimes when we experience some healing, we don't ask for more. We think that it is selfish to ask for more when God has been so good to us. I have learned that God is much bigger than that. There is always something more for God's children. We just need to surrender and ask.

—Roxie

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A multitude of heavenly hosts, break the dark night with light and song. They call to the marginalized, the ignored, the simple, the shepherds. The angels say, come and see the breakthrough God has done.

A large star shines brightly in the night sky. It guides noble travelers toward true wisdom, a wondrous new way for the world, God's way.

A lighted path through the darkness, a way through the hopelessness, an expectation in dismissiveness, the optimism in divisiveness, God has come for all His people. Jesus is here for the ignored and the celebrated, the simple and the noble, the poor and the rich. Praise God for His breakthrough.

A wondrous infant given by God on Earth for all His people. Jesus came to grow, to learn, to follow Holy Spirit, to teach, to lead and to free all His people. Through Jesus, we can experience His breakthrough. We can find light in darkness, hope in despair and freedom in this world. And Jesus does it again and again in our lives.

This month we celebrate Jesus's birth as God's breakthrough on earth. LLP continues to provide the space for God's people to experience their personal breakthroughs in the healing love of Jesus.

Know God has made a way for you. His love breaks the darkness, the loneliness, the doubt and the fear. Celebrate Jesus' entry into humanity this CHRISTmas.

—Kelley Banfield

Praise God for the many gifts He gives us. LLP celebrates the birth of three of God's children this season.



Bryson (top left)

Rainbow of Love Recovery mom, Sharday's new baby, 7 lbs 3 oz. He joins big brother Landon

Milan Marie (top right)

Rainbow of Love Recovery mom, Michelle's new baby, 8 lbs 4 oz. She joins big sister Kamala.



Mathias (bottom)

Carolyn's great nephew. His mom, Carrie, struggles with addiction.

Jesus breaks through with LLP



LLP intensive prayer ministry group photo

With LLP's service in November, Jesus had a big week of breakthroughs for those whom we serve.

Monday:

During the Recovery Ladies zoom meeting, LLP witnessed the light of Jesus breaking through as He touched hearts and brought healing and comfort through scripture and prayer to women who are in recovery in their homes.

Tuesday:

28 people attended the in-person healing service at Marvin Chapel, with friends bringing friends. What a joy to watch a loved one meet Jesus and to see the beautiful ways He brings His breakthroughs to all who are seeking.



Judy giving instructions

Wednesday:

Rainbow of Love Recovery ministry with LLP. There is such a willingness in these moms to share their pain and accept prayer for the strength and breakthrough healing of Jesus.

Thursday:

LLP brought Jesus' breakthrough love in our weekly Celebrate Recovery program at Beacon House with men recovering from addiction.

Friday and Saturday:

LLP finished Jesus' big week of breakthroughs by hosting the Intensive Prayer Ministry (IPM). Twelve people signed up to either give or receive private healing prayer sessions specifically for their individual breakthrough with Jesus!

Friday night's Zoom session had both teaching and individual prayer sessions. Saturday morning had worship, prayer sessions, and testimony time. Breakthroughs happened as Jesus brought His healing love, peace, and vision.



*Ken and Marian (top),
Ken and Dolores (bottom)*

God's breakthroughs are everywhere and often wonderfully unexpected



Lynn (left) and Lucinda

Lynn Nehemiah was stuck in traffic before the Friday night IPM. Since she was serving as an LLP prayer minister, and had to make her appointment on time, she pulled off the highway in an unfamiliar area and tried to find a place to park.

Lynn, thankfully, saw a lighted parking lot, pulled in, and started the Zoom call. At some point during her call, she looked up and saw the name of the place she had parked – Holy Redeemer School.

God was there to break her out of traffic and give her a safe harbor to do what He called her to do that night. If plans don't come together as we expect, God makes a way.



Holy Redeemer School

ListenLovePray Events

December

- Dec 1** **Rainbow of Love Recovery Bible Study**
Wednesday • 5:30 pm
- Dec 2/9/16/23/30** **Celebrate Recovery at Beacon House**
Thursdays • 7:15 pm
- Dec 4** **Mini Intensive Prayer Ministry at FRM–Beacon House**
Saturday • 9:00 am
- Dec 6/13/20/27** **Ladies Recovery Bible Study**
Mondays • 7:00 pm
- Dec 7** **Healing Prayer Service (in person)**
1st Tuesday • 7:00 pm at Marvin Chapel UMC
- Dec 8** **FRM–Beacon House**
Every 2nd Wednesday • 10:30 am
- Dec 14/21/28** **Healing Prayer Service (on Zoom)**
2nd – 4th Tuesdays • 7:00 pm
- Dec 15** **Rainbow of Love Recovery Meal Delivery and Bible Study**
Wednesday • 5:30 pm
- Dec 26** **FRM–Beacon House Healing Program**
Every 4th & 5th Sunday • 6:00 pm

January 2022

- Jan 4** **Healing Prayer Service (in person)**
1st Tuesday • 7:00 pm at Marvin Chapel UMC
- Jan 11/18/25** **Healing Prayer Service (on Zoom)**
2nd – 4th Tuesdays • 7:00 pm
- Jan 20–Feb 10** **Foundations of Healing class**
Thursdays • 7:00 pm
- Mar 4/5/6** **LLP Retreat**
Held at Hallowood Retreat Center
Guest speaker: Art Thomas

Be a part of God's breakthrough!

Join our December Campaign!

Each week during the Advent season, LLP plans to **Share the Healing Love of Jesus.**

Week 1: Share an encouraging LLP YouTube video with someone who needs a word of hope (see below)

Week 2: Share a healing act of love and kindness with a friend or neighbor

Week 3: Share a Love Offering allowing someone to experience the love of Jesus through LLP

Week 4: Share your time and volunteer with LLP; email lucinda@listenlovepray.org

Week 5: Share your stories with LLP of how you shared the LOVE of JESUS this Christmas

Advent Breakthrough (YouTube Ministry)

For week 1 (Nov 28–Dec 4), share one of our 194 different YouTube videos. (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9Ev-NdJsXRY9YTE9890talg>)

2022 LLP Retreat

Mark your calendars for the 2022 LLP Retreat from March 4 (Friday) to March 6 (Sunday)!

The Retreat will be held at Hallowood Retreat Center, and **Art Thomas** (<https://www.artthomas.org>) will be our guest speaker. Art is a missionary-evangelist who travels the world to train and equip believers for Spirit-filled ministry. He has preached in over 20 countries and is the president of Wildfire Ministries International.

Stay tuned for more information and how to register. See our website at listenlovepray.org for updates.

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Lord, continue to bless the spirits, minds and hands of our loving donors. Keep LLP ever faithful to your call and your word. May each soul touched by LLP feel the healing love of Jesus. Amen.



LLP works in recovery centers, churches, and the community. Jesus still heals and delivers people today!