## NEWSLETTER LISTEN LOVE PRAY

#### A message from the executive director



On January 4<sup>th</sup> our 28 year old son, Scott E. Nelson, went to live with Jesus in heaven. His physical body died from an overdose. His spirit lives on eternally. In some ways we had been alerted to this possibility, considering his 14 year battle with drug addiction. Still, it has been a shock and our lives are forever changed by his absence.

Kindness upon kindness has been extended to our family in the weeks since his death. Every single gesture has contributed to the healing of our hearts and has made me realize that nothing is too small, nothing is too insignificant, when we reach out to a fellow human being in need. As we continue to live out our lives on earth, we have no doubt that Scott is doing the same, just in a different realm - with Jesus.

I am so thankful to be part of an organization that brings the hope of Jesus to our community. Together, we stand as witnesses to the Truth that Jesus still heals and delivers people today! His light and love triumph over darkness.



Our 2019 calendar is full of ministry and special events including our 1st healing retreat and our 1st intensive prayer weekend. In January we launched a comprehensive training program with an updated level 1 for new prayer ministers and monthly continuing education classes for all of our amazing volunteers. We also continue to listen, love, and pray with folks in recovery who struggle to stay clean and sober.

If you are reading these words, we consider you a part of our team. Thank you for your encouragement and support. May you experience anew the blessings of God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Lucinda Nelson, Executive Director, Listen Love Pray



## "Soaked in God's Grace" - Retreat

Healing Prayer Evening Services 7 pm

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday
Calvary UMC
Mt Airy, MD

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

New Beginning Nazarene Church (recovery focus)

Mt Airy, MD

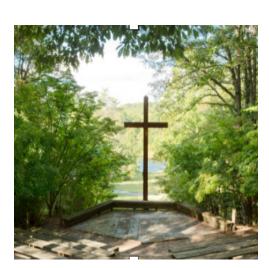
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

New Beginning Nazarene Church Mt Airy, MD Listen Love Pray Foundation is excited to be planning our first retreat at Hallowood Retreat Center on March 15 - 17. This will be a special time to step away from everday life and plug into God's amazing grace.

Two different worship teams are on the schedule to help usher in the presence of our gracious God.

We are looking forward to a talk from Pastor Kirk McNemar of Difference Makers Church. There will be a mini silent retreat, prayer time, circle groups and some surprises!

Space is limited so register soon with lucinda@listenlovepray.org



1 Peter 1:13

"So prepare your minds for action,

be completely sober (in spirit - steadfast, selfdisciplined, spiritually and morally alert),

fix your hope completely on the grace of God that is coming to you

when
Jesus Christ
is revealed."

Amplified version

## The Dumpster

#### Baggage

Old Mindsets & Beliefs about ourselves and about God that are not helpful for where we are going on our journey

#### Luggage

Provisions for the Future
God has packed our
spiritual luggage full of the
promises of who we are
in Jesus

Presentation at Beacon House



When Jesus sent out the 12 and the 72 he told them not to take baggage (a purse or bag, extra clothes, sandals, a staff, or money). Those things would only weigh them down and allow them to be dependent on that baggage instead of trusting that God would provide the provisions.

What baggage are you holding onto that you are ready to throw into the dumpster (guilt, shame, fear, anger, self-pity)? What old ways of thinking about yourself and about God are no longer helpful on your journey (unworthy of God's love and forgiveness)?

What has God planted on your heart?

Do you have favorite scriptures?

Have you fully unpacked them?

What hopes and dreams has God packed in your luggage?

(inner peace, joy, courage, strength, love)

### Upcoming Events

#### Feb 22-23

# Healing prayer 1 Healing workshop and personal prayer experience

#### Feb 25

## Book Club The Healing Light NBNC 7 pm

#### Feb 27

## Practicum How to listen and ask questions NBNC 7pm

#### March 4

## Book Club Life of the beloved Carolyn's 7pm

#### March 15 -17

## Retreat Soaked in God's Grace

#### March 28

# Sheriff's Symposium Spotlighting responses to opioid epidemic

"The results of (healing) prayer have been extraordinary – so much so that what once would have astonished me, I now take almost for granted.

The extraordinary has become ordinary."

Francis McNutt
Healing

### Healing Prayer 1

A healing workshop and personal prayer experience

**February 22 – 23** 

Friday 7-9 pm and Saturday 9-12 noon

All are welcome to this introductory course

- Scriptural foundation
- 4 types of healing
- How to listen, love, and pray
- Soaking and prayer ministry

Register online at listenlovepray.org

## Thursday Nights

<u>Does your tongue need healing?</u> by Derek Prince 2 week class on Feb 28 and March 7

Codependent No More by Melody Beattie 10 week workbook study starting April 4



Stress Relief workshop team November 10, 2018

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