

#### January 2024

# ListenLovePray

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# Creating Momentum

**M** omentum is powerful. Momentum brings impact. The greater the momentum, the greater the impact.

Wouldn't it be an awesome New Year's goal to seek a momentum fueled by Holy Spirit power that would make a significant impact for Jesus? What do you think your daily impact could look like with a God-driven momentum?

During this first month of 2024, you are invited to an LLP study on Christine Casten's book *Momentum: The Journey Begins*. This modern-day parable and devotional begins with: *The Lord is our true North. Our personal compasses point toward Him. He helps us navigate our life journey. As you tap into the Father heart of the King, may your journey with Him expand beyond your wildest dreams. May you catch His momentum in your sails as your journey begins.* 

Instead of striving toward one of the typical new year's resolutions, join this study to make a lasting difference in your life and in our world. Momentum starts January 9th at the 7:00 pm Zoom healing prayer service. See complete class schedule below. Please email <a href="mailto:lucinda@listenlovepray.org">lucinda@listenlovepray.org</a> to register and get your book.

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. —2 Corinthians 3:18



Journey Begins

A Modern-Day Parable and Devotional



#### Momentum: the Journey Begins

by Christine Casten (a 2024 'Something More' conference speaker)

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm

8 sessions (1 in-person and 7 by Zoom) will be offered, starting on Tuesday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> and ending on Thursday Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Tuesdays are shorter teachings, combined with healing prayer services.

### LLP's 2023 Momentum

God's grace and Jesus's love called:

62 volunteers to serve 4,080 hours and respond to 2,400 prayer requests.

Generous donations given by individuals who believe in LLP's mission supported:

52 healing services with 891 in combined attendance

354 YouTube videos that had a combined 6,531 views.

72 women's programs with 240 heart-to-heart connections, and

52 men's recovery programs with 800 personal encounters



Christine Casten

#### Understanding

I do not feel like the same person I was when I came to Andrea's house in February. I was so bitter towards Listen Love Pray because I did not think you could understand my feelings about the God I grew up with. Now I know it was because I didn't understand my own feelings. I mistake all religious people to be like my father, and this is something I have been working very hard on since I got here. I realize not everyone is like my father, and I have just been able to be honest with the LLP ladies about my feelings. I deeply appreciate and am grateful because it has helped my spiritual journey. I am grateful to have a Higher Power that is of my understanding and not what everyone one else tells me it must be. My recovery has changed drastically since I began relying on him, and I would not be where I am today without him. Some days are terrible because I miss my sister so deeply and it is unbearable. So, I just pray for God's will and not mine in a very simple prayer and my day changes.

— Dee

#### Forgiveness



I started drinking and smoking marijuana at the age of 13. It quickly became

very destructive and for 40 years I battled addiction. When LLP offered healing prayer sessions, I signed up! God had been bringing the theme of forgiveness to my heart for several days. For the first time in my life, I had the desire to forgive my mother, father and other people who had hurt me. The LLP prayer team listened to my story, and then we sat quietly with special music playing. I felt tingly all over, like the presence of Jesus was wrapping around me. I felt emotional. Out loud, I forgave specific people that came to my mind. The prayer team read scripture and anointed me to be set apart as a "forgiving person". I felt freed and filled up with his healing love. When the session was over, I was so much lighter and happier. I had more hope, I felt more joyful, and so grateful to God for how He is working to make me whole.

— Carin

## Thank you, Delaplaine Foundation!



We are excited to share that this valuable, local foundation is supporting LLP's 2024 "Something More" conference. The Delaplaine Foundation, Inc. recently funded our grant to bring this healing conference to our area!

The Delaplaine foundation is "committed to strengthening communities and families through the support of non-profit organizations whose missions are closely aligned with our own, related to the cultural arts, educational advancement, health, human services, historical preservation, and spiritual enlightenment."

THANK YOU, Delaplaine Foundation!!

## LLP Helps Women in Recovery

Love, kindness, laughter, acceptance, time, faith. Healing doesn't have to be complicated. Feel a tug in your heart? Contact <code>judylistenlovepray@gmail.com</code> and join our recovery team. Training and mentoring available for all willing hearts.







LLP's recent Christmas visit to Solid Ground Recovery.



Two of the precious children at Andrea's House enjoying a treat when LLP brought dinner and a recovery lesson to the house. (Alayna, left, and Taylor, toddler)

## LLP Celebrates with Men in Recovery

#### Congratulations, recent CLRP Graduates!

Thank you, Jesus, for this graduation milestone for Johnny and Chris at FRM's Changed Life Recovery Program (CLRP).





Left to right: Johnny, Carlton Hill (CLRP director), Jake Sexton (CLRP case manager), and Chris.

#### God's RICH new program for Frederick

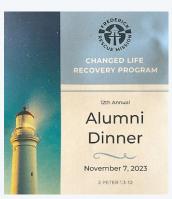
Every month, LLP helps men stay connected to Christ and to each other as they walk out their long-term recovery.



Tony Peterson (far right) encouraging men during LLP's RICH program at Frederick Church of Christ

#### LLP celebrates with FRM at The Changed Life Recovery Program Alumni Dinner

LLP's Ted Winfield (below) was the keynote speaker at the Frederick Rescue Mission's (FRM) CLRP Alumni Dinner.









# Welcome Joe Armacost to the Men's Recovery Team

Welcome to Joe Armacost, our newest men's recovery volunteer. Joe is a lifelong Christian and brings a special kind of caring attentiveness and heart-felt prayer to all the men in our recovery programs. He is truly a blessing to LLP and we praise God for his willingness to serve.

## Commemorative Donations

#### **Edi McHenry**

In honor of Nancy Wheatley
In memory of Josh Wheatley

#### **Carolyn Bonifant**

In memory of
Scott Nelson and
Lauren Nazworth



## ListenLovePray Events

#### January

Jan 1/15 Ladies Recovery - Kelsey's House 1st & 3rd Mondays • 5:30 pm on Zoom

Jan 2/16 In-person Healing Prayer Service 1<sup>st</sup> (also on YouTube live) & 3<sup>rd</sup> (also on Zoom) Tuesdays • 7:00 pm at NBNC

Jan 3/17 Ladies Recovery – Andrea's House 1st & 3rd Wednesdays • 5:30 pm

Jan 3/17 Ladies Recovery Step Work with **Emotional Healing** 1st & 3rd Wednesdays • 7:00 pm on Zoom

Jan 4/18 Celebrate Recovery at Beacon House 1st & 3rd Thursdays • 7:15 pm at FRM

Jan 6 Prayer Blitz-Beacon House Saturday • 9:00 am at FRM

Jan 9/23 Zoom Healing Prayer Service 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays • 7:00 pm on Zoom

Jan 9-Feb 1 Momentum: the Journey Begins Tuesdays & Thursdays • 7:00-8:30pm

> Jan 10 Recovery Ministry – Beacon House 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday • 10:30 am at FRM

Jan 10 Volunteer Training Wednesday • 7 pm at NBNC

Jan 17 Women's Bible Study Wednesdays • 9:30 am at NBNC

Jan 17 Women's CR Step Study Wednesdays • 10:50 am at NBNC

Jan 24 RICH - Recovery in Christ's Healing Wednesday • 6:00 pm at FCOC

Jan 28 Men's Recovery Ministry - Beacon House 4th and 5th Sundays • 6:00 pm at FRM

#### **February**

Feb 6 In-person Healing Prayer Service (and on YouTube Live) Tuesday • 7:00 pm at NBNC

#### Women's CR Step Study

When: Wednesdays, 10:50 am - 12:15 pm

January 17th to April 3rd

Where: New Beginning Nazarene Church, Mt. Airy, MD

Experience Lasting Change in a Christ-centered, confidential small group

A Step Study is a personal journey for all who want to unpack their hurts, habits, and hang-ups in a confidential, Christ-centered small group and see real and lasting changes in their lives. During this 11-week session, you will work through the



lessons in the material packet, share your thoughts, and pray for each other. The group will meet once per week and has a powerful impact - helping participants find true healing and freedom.

Please contact Lucinda at <u>lucinda@listenlovepray.org</u> to register. Space limited. Materials available with registration (\$20)

Save the Date:

## SOMETHINGMOR

A Christian Healing Conference

**June 2024** 

**Shepherd University** 

Wed 19th - Sat 22nd Shepherdstown, WV

Step into the Overflowing Love of Jesus and experience peace, healing, hope, and renewed strength. Registration is now open.

Register



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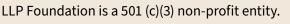
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LLP works in recovery centers, churches, and the community. Jesus still heals and delivers people today!