



July 2021

# Listen Love Pray

Newsletter vol. 5, issue 7



## Jesus' Glory Reflected on Earth



Take some time to think over the last week of your life. If a photographer followed you for 7 days, what images would be captured? Where are the places you spend your time? How often would your face show a smile or frown? Would the lingering effects of your presence edify those whom you encounter?

In New Testament times, people followed Jesus everywhere, and from the written accounts, a picture of His life and character emerged. Looking at just a few scripture highlights, one can sense the anointed holiness, the tender love, and the servant heart of our Lord.



- Jesus washing the feet of the disciples and feeding 5,000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish.
- Jesus sacrificing himself for us; dying on a cross to take away the sins of the world.

If Jesus lived on earth into his golden years, I could imagine him doing exactly what Dennis Yocum (age 75) is doing in the above picture. Dennis is the Vice President of LLP's Board of Directors. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, he served communion at the healing service, spent time talking with folks, and finished the night by sitting cross-legged on the ground to chat with LLP prayer minister, Jenny Bonifant.

Our hope at Listen Love Pray Foundation is that we serve others by following the example of the Messiah. No human being comes close to the perfection of Jesus, but some folks sure seem to demonstrate many of His qualities.

**“Follow me,”** says Jesus to all who place their hope in Him. Christians hear the call to live their lives as Jesus did, not just by saying, “I am intimate with God,” but by walking in the footsteps of Jesus (*1 John 2:6 NLT*). *Ephesians 5:1-2* tells us to be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love. Is it an impossible dream for most of us to become like Jesus?



- Jesus being conceived by the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus coming to earth as a baby in the humblest of birth settings.
- Jesus getting baptized as the heavens open as God says, this is my beloved son.
- Jesus loving, teaching, and sending his disciples.
- Jesus eating with society's outcasts.
- Jesus healing the lame, the blind, the lepers.

Christlikeness develops as we let go of our own ways and lean into God's way. Christians pattern their lives after the life of Jesus (*1 Corinthians 11:1*). We also learn from the faithful witnesses that surround us.

I hope this edition helps to display the Amazing Grace of God as He works through LLP volunteers whose lives and ministry share Jesus' love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control (*Galatians 5:22*).

Thanks be to God.

**Lucinda Nelson**  
Executive Director, LLP

# The First In-person Healing Prayer Service Fills Hearts of the Thirsty

## Testimony

I was unclear if it was excitement or fear that I felt walking into the arena at Paradise Stables. For certain, I had anxiety rising as they led in the giant, magnificent and beautiful horses and stood them in front of us.

I had no idea what to expect and could never have imagined what the experience would do for me. A simple grooming led me to bonding and trust. The instructors coached me through the experience and as some of my fears dissolved, my heart melted like frozen butter in the microwave. Tears rolled down my face as I was able to fully connect with the horse who I had been most afraid of. I was able to see her and connect almost as a child with her mother.

I will use the new insights to help in my journey of healing from an anxiety disorder. I'm so grateful for this experience.

—Leah



LLP resumed in-person healing services on Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup> at Paradise Stables in Mount Airy, MD. People brought their lawn chairs, blankets, friends, and family. After musical worship and singing, Ken, president of LLP, gave a short message and communion was served by Reverend Dennis, VP of LLP's Board of Directors.

The service finished with a time of soaking prayer where God ministered to His weary children with peace, love, fresh air, and a beautiful valley view. All participants were blessed to be in each other's presence to worship God and experience His presence.

*Lord, we have a new depth of gratitude for the gift of physical presence. Presence with each other and with You. God, we pray your Kingdom come on earth.*



## Dear Child

There's something about Grace that reaches deep within and changes the heart. It has nothing to do with logic or complex thinking; it's purely a divine encounter. When you are the recipient of grace, when an unearned blessing or undeserved forgiveness happens, the Spirit of God is at work.

We are God's dear children, created in His image. Our God contains unlimited compassion and overflowing grace. He's always reaching out with His love and kind intentions. God so loved the world that He sent Jesus. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

Cory Asbury's song *Dear God* begins with a person in discouragement who feels worthless and ready to give up. Halfway

through the song, there is a first person shift and God reassures his child with grace and healing love. Perhaps these words may be a balm to your soul today:

*Dear Child,*

*I hope you know how much I love you and I'm proud of you. And please believe, the thoughts I have for you will never change or fade away. And when you felt like giving up, I never did. 'Cause I'm not scared of imperfections or the questions in your head. Just know that you have always been enough*

*'Cause you tried and you tried and I saw you wrestle with, every how, every why, I was right there listening. So just fall into the mystery and I'll meet you here in the melody. Oh, child would you try again?*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PIP-Myow8csA>

# One Amazing Week of God's Grace

## LLP's June Recovery Work



**Monday night** — Stacey, a resident of Up and Out sober living in Frederick, shared a breakthrough. She talked about the seed of goodness inside her that had turned to anger and hate because of addiction. Although clean and sober for 18 months and participating in weekly LLP Bible studies (as well as other recovery work) she said she finally “let go” as people prayed for her at church, and it was in that letting go that she was flooded with Holy Spirit and *found the healing refreshment her body and soul were longing for (Proverbs 8:3 TPT)*. Stacey described a bondage to fear being broken and then, plain and simple freedom.

**Tuesday afternoon** — An LLP volunteer offered to donate a car to someone in need. Stacey was the recipient and wrote, “I am still

in shock and filled with so much emotion...I'm so very grateful.”

**Tuesday night** — During the zoom healing service, participants included a couple of folks in long term recovery who shared the hope found only in Jesus. The worship song *Everything* by Lauren Daigle touched hearts and the truth that **God gives us everything we need** was repeated over and over as people testified to His good works in their lives.

**Wednesday morning** — The morning recovery team for Beacon House led an hour-long open discussion. Holy Spirit once again moved in hearts, as the men expressed their desire to learn how to pray better, how to relax and how to open their minds. They said that they were tired of hurting others, especially their family members. As the team moved around the room, praying individually for each man, there were tears, healing, peace, laughter, and hugs.

**Thursday midday** — 2 LLP prayer teams went to the Mount Airy Rainbow of Love recovery home and prayed for two residents. Both ladies stepped into the healing love of Jesus and left, wreathed in smiles with a new lightness in their spirits.

## Volunteer Spotlight



**Carol and Frank** have been prayer ministers at LLP since its inception. Carol is also on the Board of Directors and helps with bookkeeping. Both Carol and Frank participate in recovery ministry.

They live in Mt Airy and have 5 adult children and 11 grandchildren.



What Carol loves most about Listen Love Pray is the heartbeat of the ministry. “Everyone involved in LLP not only has a heart that seeks after God, but they all have huge hearts for those who are hurting and broken. The ministry seeks out opportunities to reach those who most need the healing love of Jesus – and then not only pours that love into them but walks with them on their journey to freedom. Ken and Lucinda set the example for what unconditional love looks like for everyone that they teach and for all who receive prayer. It is a blessing to serve our Lord and Savior in this amazing ministry.”



**Nancy** is part of the LLP recovery team and training to become a healing prayer minister. She lives in Ellicott City with her husband and was introduced to LLP in 2018. She says, “I love LLP and all the opportunities to learn and mature as a disciple of Christ through amazing leadership, volunteers, classes, and training. It brings me pure joy to be a servant for my Lord Jesus and share His love and healing power with others. I believe everyone deserves to be seen through the eyes of love!”



Outdoor pictures of LLP praying with women at the Mt Airy Rainbow of Love Recovery house



Roman (age 2) and Mom Codi at the Mt Airy ROL recovery home

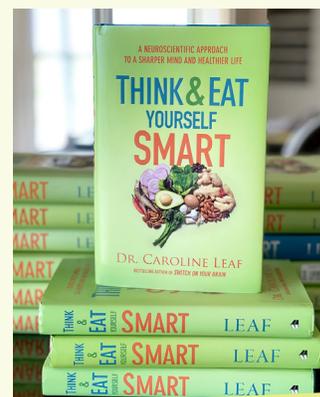
## New July Study: Think and Eat Yourself Smart

July 20, 22, 27, and 29 (2 Tuesdays and Thursdays) at 7:00 pm

A 4-session class will study Dr. Caroline Leaf's book *Think and Eat Yourself Smart*. (Dr. Leaf also authored *Switch on Your Brain*—a favorite LLP class)

**One reviewer writes:** Dr. Leaf is incredibly knowledgeable. Love her Biblical perspective in support of her information and counsel. Once you read what the bad foods are doing to your body, you will think twice before you partake.

All who register get a free book while supplies last!



# ListenLovePray Events

## July

- Jul 5/12/19/26 Ladies Recovery Bible Study**  
Mondays • 7:00 pm
- Jul 6 In-person Healing Prayer Service**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday (location TBA) • 7:00 pm
- Jul 13/20/27 Zoom Healing Prayer Service**  
Tuesdays • 7:00 pm
- Jul 7/14/21/28 Women's Bible Study**  
Wednesdays • 9:30 am
- Jul 7/28 Rainbow of Love Recovery Bible Study**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday • 5:30 pm
- Jul 14 FRM–Beacon House**  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday • 10:30 am
- Jul 25 FRM–Beacon House Healing Program**  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday • 6:00 pm

## August

- Aug 3 In-person Healing Prayer Service**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday (location TBA) • 7:00 pm
- Aug 7 Prayer Blitz**  
Saturday • 9:00 am
- Aug 8 LLP Board of Directors meeting**  
Sunday • 9:00 am

## September

- Sep 19 Volunteer Appreciation Event**  
Sunday • noon – 4:00 pm
- Sep 24 Healing Prayer Level 3**  
Friday • Time/location TBA

## Healing with Horses Resumes in September

Sign up for a unique healing experience with these majestic animals! The session is held at Paradise Stables, 6250 Detrick Road, Mt. Airy, MD.

Space is limited! Contact [lucinda@listenlovepray.org](mailto:lucinda@listenlovepray.org)



Jane at healing with horses

## Grow with God

Seek true love and healing in Jesus! Browse through 169 teaching videos and testimonies on LLP's YouTube channel. See how Jesus is moving and healing today! Stay current by tapping the "Subscribe" button.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9EvNdJsXRY9YTE9890talg/videos>

## Keep in Prayer

- Fathers
- Struggling churches
- People in transition with jobs, houses, schools
- All people in their time of grief

## ListenLovePray Foundation

8555 Dollyhyde Rd  
Union Bridge, MD 21791

Tel: 240-285-7406

E-mail: [Lucinda@listenlovepray.org](mailto:Lucinda@listenlovepray.org)

Website: [www.listenlovepray.org](http://www.listenlovepray.org)

LLP Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit entity.

Your generous donations of time, effort, and money empower the healing transformations that Jesus does here through LLP. To donate, visit our website. All donations are tax-exempt.

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!