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# Listen Love Pray

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## Healing Prayer Workshop Edifies Prayer Ministers

**D**uring the weekend of May 10-11, LLP held a level 2 Healing Prayer workshop. The awesome teaching team, some of whom are pictured here, taught with authentic hearts and gave moving personal testimonies. The goal of all the teachings was to continue to educate prayer ministers on the amazing and impactful ways Jesus really does heal today.

On Friday evening, Sierra Ricketts and Tandi Tucker Toni taught on inner healing (see next page for excerpts). Inner healing, or the healing of the traumas, memories and emotional baggage we all carry, played key roles in the spiritual development of both speakers.

These talks were followed by an invitation for prayer where people were allowed to experience this inner healing for themselves. Truly a transformational evening as only God can do through listening, loving and prayer!

On Saturday, Roxie Watson discussed physical healing, Bruce Michael talked about spiritual healing, and finally Ted Winfield about deliverance (more to come in July's newsletter on those topics). The whole event was wrapped in prayer and worship. Special thanks to our worship team Dana McNemar, Jane Carroll, and Jill Brice.



*Some of the speakers from the LLP Healing Prayer Level 2 Workshop posed before their teachings (from left, Ted and Judy Winfield, Ken Nelson, Roxie Watson, and Bruce Michael)*



*Worship Team praising at the LLP Healing Prayer Workshop*



*Judy and Ken run a Q&A session*

## A Message from the Executive Director

Norman Cousins once said, "The tragedy of life is not in the fact of death but in what dies within us as we live." That rings true to me. Life is hard. Sometimes it feels like our joy and hope have died as inner hurts pile up through unmet expectations, hurt feelings, disappointments, and traumatic events. A single comment can ignite overblown reactions as long-buried pain spontaneously combusts. Real damage can result and a little more of us "dies" as we live.

LLP addressed this problem and offered the solution at our Healing Prayer level 2 workshop on May 10th. LLP healing

prayer ministers Sierra Ricketts and Tandi Tucker Toni spoke eloquently about inner healing. Excerpts from their wonderful messages are printed in this edition.

The 2-day workshop included lessons on physical and spiritual healing, deliverance, hearing God's voice and the basics of a healing prayer appointment. Everyone was inspired by the stories of hope and healing that LLP has witnessed as we pray in the name of Jesus!

The healing love of Jesus is "great good news", as Francis MacNutt likes to say, and all of us at LLP can't help but tell everyone we know about it. I was telling

my 3-month-old grandson about Jesus. I described how He came with His big, big light and how His big, big love healed people. And that people followed Him because they felt better being in that light and living near His love. I told him that Jesus loved him and if he ever felt sad or alone and needed help in finding Jesus and His big, big light, I knew lots of people that could show him the way. That's what we do at Listen Love Pray. We help people step into the light and love of Jesus and then watch in amazement, just like in New Testament days, as signs and wonders abound.

*Lucinda Nelson, Executive Director, LLP*

## LLP Testimony

Exactly one year ago, I had an ectopic pregnancy that required emergency surgery. It was really devastating for me. After my surgery, I left the hospital in a daze. I didn't know what to think, what to say, how to feel. After a few days I got into a deep, dark depression. I couldn't even leave my house. It was crippling. I would cry every 2 seconds. I contacted LLP for a healing prayer appointment. I couldn't really put my finger on exactly why I was so sad; there was more to it than the loss. The Lord revealed that I was wondering during the surgery whether the baby had experienced any trauma, whether she had felt any pain. I got an image of Jesus holding the baby and I just knew in my spirit that the baby had been with him before the surgery had even taken place. It was healing to know that my baby was with Jesus and that she experienced no pain. This was something so tragic that I took to God, laid it out and He gave me something so incredible in return. – Anonymous

We are often wounded by people really close to us, like our parents. Even if our parents were really great, loving Christian people who tried really hard. My parents loved me. They were good people. They gave me my faith which is a priceless gift and I love them very much. My mother was a very wounded and damaged person. Her father was an alcoholic and abusive. My mom, as a result, also abused us as kids, verbally, physically, emotionally. It was hard, it was traumatic. As I lived my life, part of that hurt carried on. I carried it all through my life. I carried anger and unforgiveness into my own parenting, tragically. Thankfully God can heal us; He can set us free. That is truth. That is a fact.

God will go deep. Sometimes it's hard to go to those places that are old and you think, hey, that's in the past. But it is so healing if we will be willing to go where God asks us to go. Today, I have been healed of that spirit of anger. It is gone. I get angry just like anyone else, but I don't get into a rage because that is gone. He has set me free from that, and so many other things – Tandi Tucker Toni



### *Sierra Ricketts started out the teaching on inner healing:*



The essence of healing prayer is to dig deep and get to the root of the problem so we can have long lasting healing. Typically, when we have been deeply wounded and emotionally

scarred, we tend to build walls to protect ourselves. You may find yourself having trouble letting other people in, or you have buried the painful moments. Sometimes the trauma or emotionally charged memory/experience can feel overwhelming, like it is too much to handle. There could be an unwanted behavior or a cycle that keeps presenting itself.

Psalm 34:18 says, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Inner healing can be a process like peeling an onion. Jesus heals a facet of our pain, and maybe there's still a little or a lot of work left to do. And that's OKAY!! God is gentle, God is patient, and He knows that going into those dark, painful places can be scary and overwhelming. Many times, the healing doesn't happen all at one prayer appointment. He knows us better than we know ourselves. We can stand on the promise of God that Jesus is right with us in our dark places and our mess. He is faithful to heal and restore.

Inner healing is hard! It can be a painful process, but boy is it worth it! And the good news is, you don't have to do it alone. First of all, you have Jesus by your side. Also, there are healing prayer ministers to walk alongside you every step of the way. I love what Judith MacNutt from Christian Healing Ministries says. She says that walking in the dark can be scary, but it is a little less frightening when you have someone holding your hand, going with you.

Will we let Him? The key to experiencing inner healing is to be willing and open to whatever God wants to do to heal us. So many times, I have walked into a prayer appointment and I might not express it verbally, but I have this agenda in my head about what I need healed and how I want Him to heal it. I have learned that I know nothing. God always does something that blows me away and I think, Wow, you really do know best! That's the key - trusting God and being open to His ways.

### *Tandi Tucker Toni compares us to apples in her teaching:*



God made us perfect like a perfect apple. Pesticides and poisons seep in from the outside world. Worms and bugs eat away at our core. Other people bruise and batter us. Some-

times we might look good on the outside but on the inside, we lose our flavor and we are bruised and damaged.

Jesus sees through to our very core. He can heal and transform and restore us and make us new. If we are willing, ready, open, and surrendered.

My greatest lesson with inner healing is just to let go and allow God to do what only He can do. God uses everything for good, even the scars on his hands, and He will use our scars and bruises for good. Even in our worst circumstances, God can use that for something good.

When we pray for healing, we need to introduce folks to what the true character of God is and who Jesus is.

Sometimes we can walk back with someone into those memories of terrible times and help that person find healing. There is no set way of praying with someone for healing. All we can do is just listen to where God leads us. And every single time He does! It's just miraculous. There isn't a formula because He is so creative and just majestic. And what He does is so much better than what you could have expected. Now, we go into a prayer appointment anticipating and expecting something amazing and He still blows our socks off. Every time we think it can't be better than last time, and it is!!

Sometimes we will see in a person a spirit of fear from some kind of trauma they experienced as a child or a spirit of abandonment, neglect, shame, unworthiness. We listen to the person with one ear and use the other ear to listen to God and Holy Spirit speaking to us. The more we pray, the more He will give us spiritual ears. Often times in a prayer appt when it's something that's deeply painful, the beginning part of that appointment is really about building trust and showing someone that they can trust us, trust their privacy and that God is trustworthy.

## No One Has Ever Said These Things To Me

One time I was on a team that prayed for a gentleman who had so much bitterness, anger and resentment from close personal relationships and a lot of unforgiveness. When we were praying with him, He was set free. He was amazed. He said, "No one has ever said these things to me. I have never felt this way in my life." That's Jesus! In the scripture, when people encountered Jesus, they said, "No one has ever spoken like this, we've never heard someone speaking like this". This is what happens when we encounter Jesus, and in Healing Prayer appointments, you will encounter Jesus. You will hear and feel and experience things; a love that's unlike anything else we can experience. Truly Heavenly.

*Tandi Tucker Toni, Speaker, LLP*

## New Summer Course! Healing Prayer Level 1

Several people have indicated an interest in learning more about Listen Love Pray and how to get involved in praying for healing. In response, we are excited to announce a new summer version of our Healing Prayer level 1 workshop. This will involve 3 Thursday night classes and 2 personal ministry experiences at our scheduled Healing Prayer Services.

### Class Dates:

Thursday, July 11, 18 and 25 from 6:45–8:45 pm.

### Healing Service Ministry Dates:

Tuesday, July 9 and 16 from 7:00–8:00 pm.

This class is free with a suggested donation of \$20 to cover materials.

## Prepare To Be Amazed!

On Saturday morning of the HP2 workshop, I read a devotional about a mother sewing dresses for her many daughters. Even though the dresses were created from the same material and pattern, the mother added something unique for each girl. I thought of all the fun clothes my own mom lovingly created for me. And I thought of healing prayer.

Hebrews 13:8 states, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever". His love never fails. Prayer ministers are constantly amazed by the distinct and beautiful ways God showers that love upon people during a healing prayer appointment. Our awesome speakers, Sierra and Tandi, described several real-life stories about how folks experienced Jesus and were healed; always distinctly, always beautifully designed specifically for them, in that manner, at that time. And if the person came back for another appointment, they experienced yet another fresh dimension of God's love. Both talks are on the LLP facebook and youtube!

The Lord is limitless. He constantly offers something to each one of us that is distinct and beautiful. Always keep learning, keep worshipping, keep having Healing Prayer appointments, keep coming to the Healing Services, because He has something – every time – just for you. As Tandi exclaimed, "He will blow your socks off."

*Lucinda Nelson, Executive Director, LLP*

## Stomp Out Heroin Walk/Run Team #ScottsImpact

14 people came out to honor Scott's life and raise money for The Phoenix Foundation of Maryland's, Bridging the Gap Fund. This fund helps those struggling with addiction pay for treatment-related costs, such as sober living costs, vivitrol medication feeds, treatment feeds and flights to inpatient centers. The large group of us were interviewed and filmed by a nonprofit company creating a video for *The Ranch* about the addiction epidemic and recovery. In the interview, the reporter said our name slowly – Listen, Love, Pray – and commented that all 3 of those characteristics are vital to the long term recovery of all who struggle. Praise Jesus.



## Healing Prayer Services Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

First Tuesday  
Calvary UMC  
Mt. Airy, MD  
*No childcare available*

Second Tuesday  
(Recovery Focus)  
New Beginning NC  
Mt. Airy, MD  
*Childcare available upon request*

Third Tuesday  
New Beginning NC  
Mt. Airy, MD  
*Childcare available upon request*

# ListenLovePray Events

## June

- June 2** *The Ranch Ministry*
- June 4** **Healing Prayer Service**  
Calvary UMC • 7:00 pm
- June 7** **Deliverance Class**  
*w/ Lucinda and Ken*  
Church 3.0 • Fri. 7:00 pm
- June 11** **Healing Prayer Service (Recovery Focus)**  
New Beginning • 7:00 pm
- June 13** **Bootcamp for HP ministers**  
New Beginning • Thu. 7:00 pm
- June 18** **Healing Prayer Service**  
New Beginning • 7:00 pm
- June 30** **Beacon House Ministry**

## July

- July 2** **Healing Prayer Service**  
Calvary UMC • 7:00 pm
- July 9** **Healing Prayer Service (Recovery Focus)**  
New Beginning • 7:00 pm
- July 11** **Healing Prayer Level 1**  
New Beginning • Thu. 6:45–8:45 pm
- July 14** *The Ranch Ministry*
- July 16** **Healing Prayer Service**  
New Beginning • 7:00 pm
- July 18** **Healing Prayer Level 1**  
New Beginning • Thu. 6:45–8:45 pm
- July 25** **Healing Prayer Level 1**  
New Beginning • Thu. 6:45–8:45 pm
- July 28** **Beacon House Ministry**

## LLP Meeting Locations

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

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

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

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## Other Events

### June

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

### July

- July 18-20** **Dauntless**  
**Global Awakening Event**  
Mechanicsburg, PA  
[www.globalawakening.com](http://www.globalawakening.com)

## Key Updates

### *The Ranch*

The ministry launch was well received. 22 men attended and 17 stayed for prayer. We received \$537 in donations for blessing bags, allowing bags for just over half the residents. We are still accepting donations, and this will be a continuing ministry.



### *Co-dependent NO More*

The study was attended by 12 participants and concludes this month.

### *Beacon House*

LLP's prayer ministry at the Frederick Rescue Mission is going strong with 24 people attending.



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