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Listen Love Pray

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LLP's First Intensive Prayer Ministry (IPM)—Full of Boundless Healing



Events at the IPM

Listen Love Pray sponsored its first Intensive Prayer Ministry from March 29-30, 2019. Carol Pennington, part of the board of Directors at Christian Healing Ministries and Listen Love Pray Foundation, designed and produced much of the workshop. This two-day event was crafted to give the 11 participants extended prayer time to allow deep healing. Using a powerful combination of three personalized 1-hour prayer appointments, a generational healing service, the mother/father blessing, and teachings on blocks to healing, 12 LLP-trained prayer ministers facilitated deep healing to those who signed up. Please read just some of the testimonies...

"Amazing experience."

"I liked that there was time to journal after the prayer sessions. This is where I was able to really solidify what had just happened during the prayer time."

"The entire event was well organized and run. I continue to be amazed by God's healing love, although I should expect nothing less from our Heavenly Father."

"This event has proven to be a turning point for me in my marriage and ministry and has helped me to be free to consider future steps in ministry with a clarity and confidence I didn't have."

"I was healed on a number of levels and will be forever thankful to the prayer ministers for giving their time to this venture and my personal healing."

"I felt that the soaking music (Julie True) was really helpful for me personally. I found that I would actually have thoughts come to mind and then she would literally sing what I was thinking. Very cool!"

"In the past, when I pictured Jesus in my head, I have always seen the pictures and artwork I have grown up with - Jesus is always sad, and I have felt the heaviness of His burden. Likely this was a reflection of my own feelings of burden and heaviness that I have carried. Through my weekend of Intensive Prayer Ministry, I came to really know God's joy over me. I know his love, and have experienced it in so many awesome ways, but this was the first time I experienced His joy and

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A Message from the Executive Director

At Listen Love Pray, we are filled with awe and wonder at the goodness of God. From January to April, we held 96 healing prayer appointments. Each of our prayer ministers have a calling to pray and they share in the joy as a recipient steps into the light and love of Christ. I hope you can feel it too when reading the testimonies in this edition! There is truly nothing that compares to experiencing Jesus.

Life can be hard. When people turn to Jesus, no matter what the problem is, He always stands ready to bring healing, comfort, wisdom, and restoration. 28% of the prayer appointments were for people in recovery from addiction. The other 72% were with folks seeking healing

from issues such as: divorce, grief, anxiety, childhood trauma, physical illness, depression, abuse, or work problems.

Listen Love Pray also conducted 49 classes of bible studies and Christian book discussions. 14% of the education sessions were held in a recovery setting while 86% were at New Beginning Nazarene Church and open to anyone in the community. 12 evening healing services and 8 days of special events completed our first quarter ministry.

Winter has passed and Spring has indeed sprung! I find myself saying, how did that happen so fast? You might feel the same way, so I suggest a pause, just for a

moment, to take a look back at the first part of 2019. Look for the blessings, be filled with awe and wonder at the ways that Jesus has been present in your personal life. Be grateful for your next breath, for eyes that see, and ears that hear. Jesus loves you. He is near. You are important to Him.

With grateful hearts, we praise God for his amazing grace and look forward with anticipation for the new ways that Jesus will display His love to our world. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Lucinda Nelson, Executive Director, LLP

LLP Testimony

When I first got back into church, my mother suggested a prayer appointment. I was terrified to let anyone lay hands on me, especially my mother. I felt like my insides were covered in this sticky black oily substance and I didn't want it to get on her. Or anyone else I love. I had to protect them even if it meant letting this black oil slowly destroy me from the inside out. She suggested a healing prayer minister I had known since birth and eventually I agreed. During the prayer appointment, the prayer minister (PM) told me to picture Jesus in front of me in my happy place. I went to that place in my mind and there He was sitting cross legged waiting for me. I sat down across from Him and He smiled. The PM told me to take the sin that was weighing me down and visualize it as something. I looked down at my chest, where all that black oil was and I saw a spiky sea urchin.



She suggested that I take it in my hand and give it to Jesus. I was terrified. If I took this thing out of my chest it would hurt and I'd be laying that huge sin out in the open in front of Jesus. Deep down I knew He already knew about it but this was different. I didn't think I had the strength to pull that spiky urchin out of my chest. I would bleed and it might not stop. With quiet encouragement, and a small smile from Jesus, I finally pulled that urchin covered in black oil out. I placed it in Jesus' hand and without even looking at it He tossed it into the sea. Then He laid His hand over my heart and He sealed that wound. I couldn't stop the tears then anymore than I can now as I write this. One little step of faith on my part was all that was needed. I gave that sin over to Him and HE DIDN'T EVEN LOOK AT IT! Then when it hit me that I was that important to Him, that He loved me that much, Jesus kind of tilted his head to the side a smile of amusement on His face that kind of said "Do you get it now?" I was *free*. All that guilt and shame weighing me down was finally gone. Jesus loves me more than anything I could ever do. I knew then and there that if everyone before or after me had been sinless, if I was the only one that ever sinned, Jesus *still* would have endured all that pain, torture, and death just to save me. I was that precious to Him. Micah 7:19 says that God will throw our sins into the depths of the ocean. That's exactly what Jesus did for me that day. I am so grateful that Jesus lets me see Him. I know who He is and He knows me.

felt it deep in my heart. The IPM weekend was a true gift from God."

"The partnership aspect of the prayer ministers and I all seeking the Lord together was very meaningful. This gave the assurance that if it were God speaking, there would be confirmation between the three. I particularly appreciated the question, "Where do you see Jesus in this situation?" after a particularly painful situation came up in my mind."

"The whole workshop was anointed for deep healing, from the generational healing service where God gave me a word of knowledge about my grandmother, to the mother father blessing

where I felt a great release from the judgment of my childhood. In my prayer appointments, Jesus taught me that laughing is healing, and the Holy Spirit gave me a beautiful vision of flying with Jesus around the throne of God like hummingbirds. Thank you, Lord!"

If you are interested in your own intensive prayer ministry time, please let LLP know. Space is limited, so email us to make sure to include you in future workshops. (If you need intensive prayer soon, the CHM Ignite conference in June will focus on personal ministry, so make your arrangements to attend now).

The Ranch—a New Outreach for LLP

In May of 2017, Ken and Lucinda's son Scott entered *The Ranch*, a resident recovery center in south Frederick. Scott was 26 years old and worn out from the years spent in multiple treatment centers trying to recover from addiction. At *The Ranch*, Scott's physical and mental health returned. He took hold of a new hope for a good future. After 3.5 months, he graduated from their structured program and then returned as an employee to help refurbish a second building.

With all thanks and glory to God, this facility played a big part in helping Scott return to a fulfilling life. He resumed work as an electrician, saw his 2nd child born, and brought others trapped in addiction to Jesus. He was God's powerful witness for another 1 year and 8 months. As most of you know addiction is an ongoing battle and, on January 4, 2019, Scott relapsed, met Jesus face to face, and now lives in complete freedom in heaven.

The opioid crisis is unique in that instant death can occur with any relapse. Family members live with this reality every day of their life, as do their loved ones who struggle. Everyone vividly understands that each day is precious. Our prayer is for complete recovery through the love and power of Jesus Christ while we work to help these men through the tough process of healing.

This month, 2 years since Scott first entered the center, Listen Love Pray will begin a new outreach with a series of innovative workshops to assist with long-term



recovery. Please pray for LLP and all the residents. The goal is freedom from addiction by addressing the deep needs of each resident. How perfect that God brings the healing love of Jesus back to a place that offered so much healing to one of Listen Love Pray's

own. When Scott was a resident, the group fluctuated between 9 and 16 men. Today, *The Ranch* provides housing and treatment to 46 men! What fertile ground for the transforming Love of Jesus.

The LLP program for *The Ranch* includes many parts, but the first step, to start Friday, May 3rd, is rooting out any negative generational habits. To find the root causes of compulsive behavior, LLP will guide participants through an important healing activity; preparing and analyzing their genogram. A genogram is a way to visualize a person's family tree and identify any behavioral roots that have been passed down through the generations. Judith McNutt, president of Christian Healing Ministries, notes that 80% of our values and beliefs come from our family of origin. Looking at our parents, and their parents, and then their parents helps to trace negative behaviors. An action plan can be created to start the hard work of changing habits. With optional prayer at the end, Jesus can start His powerful and transformative healing right away in this first step of the LLP program! Thank you, Lord.

www.ranchmd.org

Help LLP Bless Residents of The Ranch



Listen Love Pray Blessing Bags

LLP knows from personal experience that most people enter recovery with merely the clothes on their back. To bless each resident, LLP hopes to bring blessing bags to all 46 men at *The Ranch*. These bags will contain: flipflops, sunscreen, deodorant, 3 in 1 body wash, toothbrush and toothpaste, wash cloths, sunglasses, an 80-page journal, and snack food.

If you feel called to partner with us, a \$20 donation (www.listenlovepray.org/donate) is greatly appreciated and will purchase all the items in one blessing bag. We pray you will consider "sponsoring" one or more of these men.

Healing Prayer 2 Workshop in New TED-talk Format

Fri. May 10 / 7:00–9:00 pm &
Sat. May 11 / 8:30 am–12:00 pm
at New Beginning

Similar to the popular TED talks, this Healing Prayer 2 workshop will incorporate short lesson times, 20 minutes max.,

which, according to TED curator, Chris Anderson is, "Long enough to be serious and short enough to hold people's attention." Students will also get answers for real-life situations during several Q&A sessions.

The workshop starts on Friday evening with a teaching on Inner Healing followed by personal prayer from prayer teams. On Saturday morning, after worship, participants will learn about praying for physical healing and spiritual healing, then learn and practice hearing God's voice, and finish with a primer on deliverance prayer. Prayer teams are also available on Saturday after the teaching.

\$25 suggested donation. Register today at www.listenlovepray.org

Also, new this month, each Friday night session of an LLP-workshop weekend, will end with a healing service around 8 pm, open to anyone. Childcare is available upon request from 7-9pm. Please feel free to come receive prayer at that service even if you can't attend the workshop. All LLP prayer ministers are invited to help usher in the healing love of Jesus.



Craig at a LLP Healing Prayer Service



LLP participants met at New Beginning Church to study and discuss the book "Does Your Tounge Need Healing" written by Derek Prince.

Milestones

Each morning as I drive to work, I sit in slow moving, bumper to bumper traffic on route 15 in Virginia. This gives me an opportunity to read the signs designating historical events and also to observe the stone mile markers. These stone markers are called milestones and were used by early travelers to keep track of distance.

In modern times, milestones typically represent significant events or accomplishments. These milestones can help us realize how far we have come and sometimes how far we have to go. Often, we zip right past each milestone, focused on the next one ahead and forgetting that our life on this earth is as much about the journey as the destination.

It was 2 years ago, this month, that Listen Love Pray Foundation was recognized as a 501c3 non-profit corporation. At the formation of Listen Love Pray, we knew the Lord had put on our hearts His desire to spread the good news that Jesus still heals and delivers today, but we didn't know how we were going to do that. Now, two years into our mission, it has become clear that we have continued to be in time and favor with our Lord; He has blessed LLP over and over again.

Thank you everyone who has poured heart and soul into building up the Kingdom of God through Listen Love Pray. Our organization is strong and healthy for the journey that lies ahead. Let us celebrate this 2-year milestone with praise and thanksgiving!

Blessings!

Ken Nelson, President, LLP

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

May

- May 2 - June 6** **Codependent No More Study**
New Beginning
Thursdays, 7:00–8:15 pm (9 weeks)
- May 3** **The Ranch Ministry Begins**
The Ranch
- May 7** **Healing Prayer Service**
Calvary UMC • 7:00 pm
- May 10-11** **Healing Prayer 2 Workshop**
New Beginning
Fri. 7:00–9:00 pm & Sat. 8:30–12:00 pm
- May 14** **Healing Prayer Service (Recovery Focus)**
New Beginning • 7:00 pm
- May 18** **Stomp Out Heroin 5k Run/Walk**
The Ranch, Frederick, MD
- May 21** **Healing Prayer Service**
New Beginning • 7:00 pm
- May 26** **Beacon House Ministry**
Beacon House
- May 29** **Continuing Education and Practicum**
New Beginning • Wed. 7:00 pm

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. 6:30 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**
Beacon House

Other Events

May

- May 22-24** **Signs & Wonders, Church Growth Global Awakening Event**
Mechanicsburg, PA
www.globalawakening.com

June

- June 20-22** **Ignite Christian Healing Ministries Annual Conference**
Burlington, VT
www.christianhealingmin.org

LLP Meeting Locations

New Beginning Church
12350 Jesse Smith Rd
Mount Airy, MD 21771
www.newbeginningnazarenechurch.org

**Beacon House
Frederick Rescue Mission**
419 W. South Street
Frederick, MD 21701
www.therescuemission.org

Calvary United Methodist Church
403 South Main Street
Mount Airy, MD 21771
www.calvary-mtairy.org

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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!