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ListenLovePray

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Listen Love Pray Loves You!

We know that many of you reading this newsletter are the hands and feet of our beautiful foundation, the volunteers that work hard through LLP for Jesus. To encourage you, and to show you how much you have done, we have some wonderful summaries!

According to Independent Sector, a group that “brings together the charitable community—a diverse set of nonprofits, foundations, and corporations—to advance the common good,” the value of a Maryland volunteer hour is \$28.65, and \$42.50 covers the overhead for 1 classroom for a day. Using these numbers, ***the estimate of LLP’s value to the community from July 2018 to June 2019 is \$194,000!*** With the volunteer hour value contribution being 91% of that total at \$177,000! Wow! Look how much value you add to the community! So Encouraging!

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From left: Maureen Armacost, Ted Winfield, Tandi Tucker Toni, Patti Messick, and Judy Winfield at an LLP event

A Message from the Executive Director

The American dream holds out the premise that every citizen can achieve success and prosperity through hard work. But one universal fact of life is that, at some point, we all encounter things that cannot be attained with a strong work ethic. “Until my son became ill, I was content to know that I was going to heaven, and for the rest, I depended on my own ability to meet any challenge” says Dr. Crandall IV in his riveting book, *Raising the Dead*. Like Dr. Crandall, a serious health problem in the family can become the turning point where we do finally, fervently seek God.

All through October and November, we will be contemplating the spiritual awakening of Dr Crandall. His writings remind us of our own feelings when he says,

“I don’t quite know how to do it yet or whether I have sufficient faith... but I’m searching ... for God’s power in healing”. Everyone who attends a Tuesday night healing service will receive a copy of the book! A 6-week study group on Thursday night will allow time to really dive in and discuss the material. Total reliance on God’s grace rubs against our cultural mantra, yet it is in His presence that power and peace descend and miracles happen.

Listen Love Pray Foundation is where folks can find hope and help in discovering that supernatural realm where the presence of Jesus restores body, soul, and spirit. In this edition, read an excerpt of a letter that one recipient wrote to his

mother after encountering Jesus during intensive prayer ministry, a 2-day event where participants completely focus on seeking the God of healing and restoration. Also included, is an update on our work with people in recovery and an opportunity to join us in prayer for these men who yearn to know Christ better and thereby rebuild their lives with His strength.

The American Dream inspires us to work for a successful life on earth. I submit that The Heavenly Dream points us deeper – to a Savior named Jesus who loves us, whom we can personally know, and who still heals and delivers people today.

Lucinda Nelson, Executive Director, LLP

LLP Testimony



Inner Healing

I was the recipient of an intensive prayer ministry appointment. It started at 4:00 pm on Friday and finished at 4:30 on Saturday. It consisted of three 1-hour prayer sessions with two prayer ministers praying with me (combined with several “lessons” about removing blocks to hearing from God). 10 people were recipients at this event and 12 LLP prayer ministers were serving.

In the first session the ministers read a “conception to birth” prayer. The name explains a lot. It narrates the growth process from fetus to birth, month by month.

The following is an excerpt from a letter I felt compelled to write my Mother afterwards,

“I had 2 visions during the prayer. The first was me banging on your insides in the third or fourth month. I could see your face smiling down at me. The second vision came when we reached the 9th month. I was peering out of your womb and saw Jesus looking in at me. He was smiling and had his head tilted sideways, his hands held out ready to catch me.

After taking me, Jesus lifted me up with another smile on his face as though he was showing me to God. I viewed this as a bystander. He then took me and laid me in your bosom. I looked up at your smiling face. I then turned to my right and saw dad smiling down at us. I then turned to my left and Jesus was smiling down at the three of us. I reached out for him and he gestured as though I was his gift to you and Dad.”

This vision is still vivid in my mind. The love the four of us had for each other was, and still is, overwhelming. The vision and the love still feels so real! I thank you and dad, and Jesus, for loving me from day one throughout my life. No matter what I did!

The next day, we prayed on a much less pleasant subject. I told my prayer team towards the end of the session, I thought the subject was a “buzzkill” after the joy experienced the night before. We immediately agreed we should try to revisit that vision. They turned on soaking music to facilitate the return and randomly chose a Julie True song. The lyrics were “take me back to my first love”. I realized how awesome the Holy Spirit is as he took me back to the vision of the four of us together. I began to laugh out loud as the tears streamed down my face.

– Anonymous

LLP Loves You (continued)

With our incredibly strong volunteer base, and 6 part-time staff members, LLP meets goals and functions effectively in the areas where God calls us. Last year’s metrics indicate that we are able, moving forward, and growing. These are exciting times! Let’s look at some of the specifics:

- 472 hours to provide 35 Healing Prayer Services
- 892 hours to allow for 223 Healing Prayer Appointments
- 60 hours for 10 Deliverance Appointments
- 740 hours to offer 11 Classes including:
 - Healing Prayer 1, 2, and 3
 - Co-Dependent No More
 - Stress Relief
 - Women’s Bible Study
 - Celebrate Recovery Women’s Step Study

- 872 hours to produce 14 Special Events and Workshops including:
 - LLP Annual Retreat
 - Intensive Prayer Ministry
 - Stress Relief Workshop
 - Book Clubs
 - Practicum
 - Crossed Bridges Outreach and Narcan Training
- 428 Hours of Recovery work for:
 - The Ranch Ministry
 - Frederick Rescue Mission

None of these appointments, services, classes or workshops would have been possible without you. So we want to say we LOVE you!

Thank you *Carolyn Bonifant* for a great job in researching and tabulating these metrics!

Frederick Rescue Mission

The Frederick Rescue Mission is a very special place of healing and restoration. LLP has the privilege of meeting with their residents every month. In July, Maureen gave a message of hope and the 26 men unexpectedly burst into applause. Roxie’s August message inspired over half of them to request a private healing prayer appointment. These are courageous men who have the very difficult struggle of trying to live free from addiction. In your

prayer times, please ask God to impart his strength to overcome each specific struggle: Cliff age 60 – alcoholism, Tony age 30 – painkillers and alcohol, Nick age 37 – heroin and alcohol, Ian age 44 – alcoholism, Tony age 57 – alcoholism, Jonathan age 42 – heroin, Steve age 31 – heroin, crack, meth, Michael age 41 – heroin, Brian age 56 – alcoholism, heroin, crack, Zac age 28 – meth, heroin. Thank you Jesus for hearing our prayers.



LLP prayer ministers praying at The Ranch and Beacon House

The Physics of Interference

The Lord has been talking to me about the physics of how His LOVE interferes with the evil of addiction. Did you know there is such a thing as constructive interference and destructive interference? It seems that in the recovery effort – the physics of interference applies.

Question: When is the best time to get someone into treatment?

Answer: The moment they say they are ready to go.

That is the time for **destructive** interference! The peak wave of using is attacked with the opposite wave of complete abstinence in a structured setting. This interference produces a flat line. The goal is met – the cycle of using is destroyed, **destructive** interference. Family and friends can now breathe. They are safe. They are not using. They are in rehab. Thank God.

Rehabs are great to stop the cycle, but life can't stay that way. The result of destructive interference is a flat line. That is a pretty good visual for many of the people I have met in recovery. Life isn't much fun in recovery. They either feel flat, or in a constant state of anxiety with no modulation.

The time for **constructive** interference starts after people are discharged from rehab and enter long-term recovery. **Constructive** interference occurs when a wave is added in phase and results in the amplification of the original wave. All disciples of Jesus have a major role to play in the physics of this phase. The God-given life that He breathes into every person is amplified by those walking with the Holy Spirit, following Jesus who brings the great wave of the truth – the life – the way. When these two positive waves come together, they amplify and result in a strong, abundant, God-centered, life-wave.

Interference. God-style!

Here is a story about my new friend, I'll call her Lori the interferer.

Lori Clark felt a call from God to open a women's recovery home. She became passionate about this. For months, as she prayed, she kept hearing the word, Frederick. That made sense because a big issue with people in recovery is transportation – and **Frederick** has a bus line. She kept looking for places in Frederick, looking for an opening that she was sure God would provide.

She began talking to everyone about the desire of her heart; to open a recovery house. One day, someone asked her if she wanted to take over an existing location in Mt Airy. No way. Mt Airy is a small town, without that vital transportation component. And God clearly was saying Frederick. But this opportunity kept

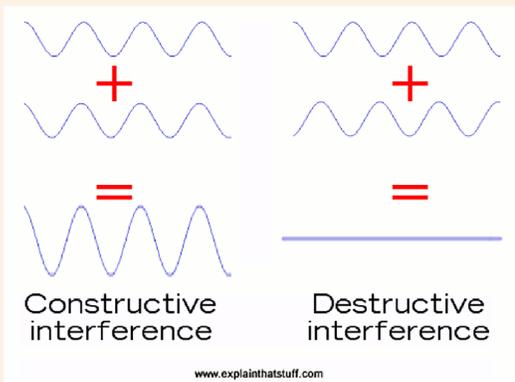
appearing, and finally she said, Ok, let me come and see the place. They gave her the address, Frederick Avenue in Mt Airy. Well, Lori just about fell over. Yes, she heard God correctly – but assumed something a little different.

Lori is part of a wonderful church, Bethesda UMC in Damascus, MD, who came alongside this one woman who had a passion and a clear calling. They gave her the address, Frederick Avenue in Mt Airy. Well, Lori just about fell over. Yes, she heard God correctly – but assumed something a little different.

Other people who need a type of interference might be sitting next to you in church on Sunday morning! These are the family members of those struggling with addiction. Loving someone in addiction is devastating as loved ones watch the horrible destruction of physical health, personality and bright future. Deep wounds are formed by constant fear, worry, despair. Friends and family also need both types of interference from the body of Christ in order to **STOP the wave of fear, and to AMPLIFY the wave of faith, hope, and love**. Everyone needs help over and over in this very long battle.

Let's all be interferers! Like Jesus. With Jesus. And with each other.

Lucinda Nelson



Fall Weekend Workshop Healing Prayer 3

On a beautiful Fall weekend, 19 people gathered to learn more about the healing love of Jesus. We are perpetual learners at LLP, always eager to glean knowledge and wisdom from our amazing God. Amy Duray taught on the essence of humility and total reliance on Holy Spirit. Ken Nelson spoke about words of knowledge. Tandi Tucker Toni gave 2 talks on how to pray for healing from abortion and miscarriage, as well as the reasons folks might need a conception to birth prayer. Lucinda Nelson focused on praying for healing of anger and then she and Ken teamed up for the topic of praying with faith and authority. Look for teaching excerpts, and testimonies in November's Newsletter.



Healing Prayer Services Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

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

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

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

ListenLovePray Events

October

- October 1** **Healing Prayer Service**
Calvary UMC • 7:00 pm
- October 3** **Continuing Education – How to Pray for Residents in Recovery Centers**
New Beginning • 7:00 pm
- October 8** **Healing Prayer Service**
New Beginning • 7:00 pm
- October 10** **BOOTCAMP for New and Experienced Prayer Ministers**
New Beginning • 7:00 pm
- October 13** **The Ranch Ministry**
6:00 pm
- October 14 & 28** **Self-Care Works: Codependency Support Group**
New Beginning • 7:00–8:00 pm
- October 15** **Healing Prayer Service**
New Beginning • 7:00 pm
- October 17** **Raising the Dead – Book Study Group**
Thursdays through Nov 21
New Beginning • 7:00–8:00 pm
- October 17** **Kingdom Life – Men's Book Study Group**
Thursdays through Nov 21
New Beginning • 7:00–8:00 pm
- October 27** **Beacon House Ministry**
6:00 pm
- October 30** **Practicum**
New Beginning • 7:00–8:15 pm

Healing Prayer 4 Workshop

Friday, Nov 1, 7–9 pm; Saturday, Nov 2, 8–12 pm

Topics:

- The effects of trauma
- How to pray for healing of trauma
- Praying for healing from fear
- Spiritual discernment- lies of the enemy
- Deliverance prayer during HP appt
- Healing in relationships
- Expanding your capacity

Kingdom Life! New!! Men's Fall Study Group

Thursdays at 7:00 pm, Oct 17 – Nov 21

Resources:

- CD: Turning Passivity into Prophecy
- Book: *Crafted Prayer* by Graham Cooke

Fall Book Study

Thursdays at 7:00 pm, Oct 17 – Nov 21

Resources:

- Book: *Raising the Dead* by Chauncey W. Crandall IV, MD

Self-Care Works: a Codependency Support Group

2nd and 4th Mondays 7:00–8:00 pm
On-going through November

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!