



cultivating sacred spaces to breathe life into Christian leaders

VISION | Every church a sacred community where real people with real needs, challenges, and dreams receive real help through the close friendship of God and each other.

We long to see the Church carry out the ministry of Jesus described in Isaiah 61:

*God has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.*

~ Isaiah 61:1b-3 (NIV)

WHY NOW? | We are in a pivotal historical season. For years there has been an alarming number of weary or frustrated church leaders attempting to lead congregations in a culture of rapid change. The recent pandemic has only served to highlight and accelerate this crisis. While the far-reaching systemic changes taking place today can appear to cripple the mission of God's Church and life in general, this is actually a holy time through which God's Church will not merely survive, but thrive. We see Breathe Life Ministries as one of many outposts God has already prepared for this time of massive change as a sacred place to provide care and support to those God has called to lead.

WHO WE ARE | Steve and Jamie Wiechman co-founded Breathe Life Ministries in 2017. Steve has served in churches for over 20 years, 15 of those as a pastor. Jamie left a teaching profession to homeschool their four children for 10 years. She recently earned her advanced certificate in counseling from Concordia University in Irvine, CA. However, what qualifies them for this work cannot be captured by degrees and certifications alone. While living a life of radical faith, they've walked through dark valleys and scaled unbelievable mountains and seen the Lord prove himself loving and faithful and full of good gifts. Their training is ongoing.

OUR MISSION | Cultivating sacred space where the unfiltered life of a Christian leader meets the power and grace of the living God, overflowing with Heaven's gifts to the church and world.

Since November 2017, Steve and Jamie have worked with over 35 different individuals/couples, 10 churches, and in 8 conference settings. This ministry has been done in their home, at local businesses, through a partnership with a local Bed & Breakfast, and at churches.





OUR PURPOSE | We believe it is time to walk toward the purchase of a beautiful and spacious property to house Breathe Life Ministries as a retreat hub that breathes life into Christian leaders who breathe life into the communities they lead and serve.

This retreat hub would provide:

1. **REST** – A wide open, unhurried, fun, and financially accessible retreat for individuals, couples, and families who are in leadership in God’s Church
2. **HEALING** – Soul care for individuals, couples, and ministry teams in a private, rural and unpressured setting
3. **EQUIPPING** – Supplying leaders and teams with practical tools for life and ministry in an environment of exploration and discovery
4. **MINISTRY HUB** – A handful of intentional partner ministries offering and receiving ministry on site and taking ministry into the world
5. **FAITH COMMUNITY** – An intimate and comfortable place for leaders to meet authentically and vulnerably in grace and truth

JOIN OUR EXCITEMENT | We recently toured a property near Brenham, TX that captured our hearts and inspired our imaginations. It is a beautiful piece of land on approximately 85 acres with a main house, a guest house, a pool house, pool, a couple of hot-tubs, pastures, woods, multiple ponds, and a barn. This type of property would allow us to begin hosting individuals and small groups as well as give us room to expand over time into new facets of ministry. \$3.7 Million will make this God-dream a reality - \$3 Million to secure the land and buildings, and \$700K to operate and make some improvements over a two-year period.

BREATHING LIFE INTO “IMPOSSIBLE” SITUATIONS | The prophet Ezekiel was given a vision of joining God in reviving the entire nation of Israel. The interchange between God and Ezekiel captures so vividly what Jesus has put on our heart for the Church today. Will you pray with us and join us in building Breathe Life Ministries? Let’s call on God’s Spirit to come breathe life into the Church and her leaders in this pivotal time in history.

Then the LORD said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.’” ~ Ezekiel 37:9-14 (NIV)

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