

The *Energizer*

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Outcry Tour Recap!



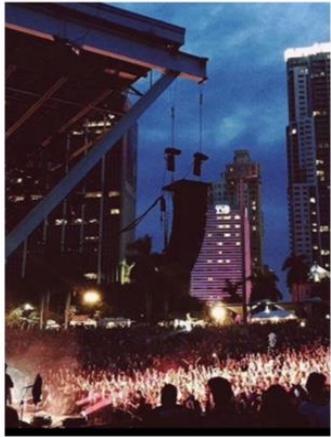
A good friend of ours often uses the word "WOW!" in conversation. He uses it because he gets excited about seeing God working among us, but mostly he uses it as an acronym for "Waking Our Wonders!" #WOW! That hashtag totally fits what we experienced when we were invited to tour along with the Outcry worship team. It was a grueling, intense schedule (12 cities in 15 days), but in addition to hosting the winning guests of our Energize Your Pastor radio contests, we were able to lead the pastors' prayer time each night. These pastor gatherings were a combination of praying a special blessing and anointing over their lives and ministries, but also in helping them as we set up small groups of peer to peer prayer time. What we saw were pastors and leaders hungry for the prayer support of others. In fact, I could probably better describe it as craving the prayer support of others.

God keeps driving home this message of praying for our pastors and leaders. We consider it absolutely essential. E.M. Bounds once

said, "Air is no more necessary to the lungs than prayer is to the preacher. The preacher must pray, and the preacher **MUST BE PRAYED FOR.**" Peter Wagoner has written, "The most underutilized source of spiritual power in our churches today is intercession for our Christian leaders." We have seen this to be true over, and over, and over.

Is there a thriving prayer ministry in your church? Are you committed to consistent, continual prayer for your pastor? Is it possible that God is calling you to it? Please contact us if we can help you or your church build a ministry of prayer and intercession for your spiritual leaders.

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We have a financial need.

We have mentioned this before but still have the need. So if you feel a nudge from the Lord to help us with this, please let us know! We'd like to pay off our PFYP tour bus as soon as possible. We've already seen God using this vehicle in ways we've never expected and He keeps giving us new opportunities to be on the road sharing His message. Several donations towards the bus have come in but we want to have it completely paid off!

Please click [HERE](#) to read more about the PFYP tours and our specific financial need!

Winston Salem P2P Breakfast

Thanks to the pastors who joined us for the Pastor to Pastor Prayer Breakfast this week! If you need a reason to come to the next one, consider these words from one of the attendees:

"I was reminded how much we all need prayer and how we all deal with the same type of concerns and how sometimes we just have to allow ourselves to have fun."

If you're a pastor and covet the prayers of your peers and have a desire for community unity, please touch base with us for a P2P breakfast in your area.

Encouraging Pastors:

You may have noticed that we've been featuring a guest writer here for the last few months.

This month, we welcome Robert Steele to the Energize Ministries team! Robert is our resident Pastor to Pastors and Certified Leadership Coach. He is currently completing his Doctorate of Ministry in Leadership Coaching through Golden Gate Theological Seminary.

Here's what Robert has to say about how you can help your pastor:

"I have been pastoring for more than 30 years and recently sensed a stirring to join Andy Bowersox and others who make up Energize Ministries. I have always had a heart for Pastors and clearly see how my passion lines up so beautifully with the purpose of Energize. I believe spiritually healthy Pastors is a requirement to lead spiritually healthy churches.

I know all too well the stress from fighting spiritual battles. Every blood-bought, Bible-believing pastor committed to teaching and preaching the Word of God will be engaged in that warfare. We must be about the business of standing alongside, supporting, and strengthening the work being done on the Lord's behalf.

Here are a few simple steps for how you can get into the game.

First of all, **commit to pray daily for your Pastor and staff**. Prayer is the most underutilized weapon we have been given by God to defeat the enemy.

Second, **share with others the need to love and assist your Pastor**. He is not perfect but he is being perfected. God is at work in his life. How can you be an encouragement to your Pastor and staff?

Third, **be an advocate**. Serve where you can and use your spiritual gifts. Carry your part of the load. Speak words of affirmation. See that your Pastor is getting everything he needs to be filled with the Holy Spirit and

to lead from a position of strength...well rested and refreshed strength. After all, the entire church will benefit from it.

Will you help? Here is the place! Now is the time!"

Let us know how we can serve you! God bless!

Wm Robert Steele

Pastor to Pastors/Leadership Coach

Thanks Robert! If you are a pastor and are interested in speaking with Robert, or interested in leadership coaching, please contact him at robert@energizeministries.com.

Call to Action

We are presented with opportunities to serve daily. But God has given each of us specific talents, and none of them are insignificant in the Body of Christ.

This month, focus on using your talents to help your Pastor.

Pastors sometimes feel pressure to have their hands in every ministry of the church. When the plate gets too full, it's easy to lose focus.



"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:10

Whether you use your musical talents to serve in worship, your teaching talents to lead and disciple others, or your financial skills to help budget, find an outlet for your God-given talents. Don't wait for your pastor to ask you to get involved, look for opportunities. Use the talents God gave you to serve others, and take some pressure off of your pastor!

Triad area Pastors and Wives! The AWAKENING EVENT is coming!

Please join us and Dr. Gary Chapman for a **FREE** appreciation luncheon at the Dash Stadium (BB&T Ballpark) on September 3rd at 11:30!

FREE Lunch
FREE Parking
FREE Gift of Appreciation

Please RSVP to hayley@energizeministries.com by Monday, August 31st!

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