



## LORD, LET US PRAY!

Prayer revival leads to salvations, healings, and marriage restorations

Can we start a men's prayer meeting on Friday mornings at 5:45 a.m.?" This was the question two men from Solid Rock Community Church in West Unity, Ohio, asked their pastor one Monday morning. Randy Evers had just delivered his first sermon in a series about revivals the previous day. "My research revealed that every revival in history has had one thing in common," Randy says. "People were always interceding long before the revival broke out."

This idea captured his congregation's attention, and that early Friday morning in July, a very small group of men gathered for one purpose and one purpose only: to pray. "All my experience told me we shouldn't expect a crowd," says Randy. He was

wrong. Within weeks, the group had doubled, and they had to move the meeting time even earlier so they could spend more time in prayer. To date, more than 30 men have joined the cause, and the women have started a prayer group, too.

The results are nothing short of miraculous. "At least 10 people have come to Christ as a direct result of these prayers," says Randy. "God has also answered prayers for physical healing and marriage restoration. People are falling on their knees in confession of sin. It's a genuine outpouring from God," says Randy. And while he has no idea where these prayers will lead, Randy is more than willing to leave the outcome to God. "I'm just happy to be part of this," he says.

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## BREAKING FREE

Pure Desire University offers restoration and healing for those struggling with addiction

**W**ant to ensure your ministry is viable, relevant, and effective in today's culture? Then make plans today to attend one of two FEC-sponsored Pure Desire University conferences. Hosted at Northwoods Community Church on February 17–18 and at Archbold Evangelical Church on March 10–11, this unique, comprehensive forum gives church leaders and lay people alike the resources they need to offer restoration and healing to people with who struggle with sexual addiction. "This conference is unbelievably engaging," says Jesse Kahler, lead pastor, Archbold Evangelical



Church. "Every person I have spoken with knows the damaging effects of addiction first hand." The good news is that your church can make a difference. "Our goal is to raise up leaders who can walk alongside people who have been held hostage by sexual addiction. This conference gives them the tools to do that." **To learn more, contact Jesse at [jesse@archboldevan.org](mailto:jesse@archboldevan.org) or Northwoods Community Church at [www.northwoods.church](http://www.northwoods.church).**

## Westward, Ho!

*Tom Bennardo greets FEC churches from his new home in San Clemente, California*

**T**om Bennardo is embarking on a new journey, one he calls "a young man's game." He's leaving a successful ministry at Life Community Church in Hilliard, Ohio, in pursuit of new leads for FEC church plants in the west. As FEC's new director of pastoral development & western U.S. church multiplication, Tom will be building up FEC's presence west of the Rocky Mountains and equipping those pastors in their theological development. It's a challenge he and his wife, Marcia, have embraced wholeheartedly. "We sensed God was asking us to stretch yet again for the next generation of kingdom work," says Tom. "If there's a second act in my ministry, perhaps this is the time." In order to succeed in this new venture, Tom needs your help. If you've heard of people who might be sensing God stirring them to establish a reproducing church, please let him know. **You can reach Tom at [t.bennardo@fecministries.org](mailto:t.bennardo@fecministries.org).**



### NEWS FROM THE FRONT

## An Easy On-Ramp

*How LifeGate, Denver, is making service opportunities accessible to volunteers*

**"V**olunteers don't serve our vision. Our vision is to serve our volunteers." These statements, loosely paraphrased, sum up the philosophy toward volunteers at LifeGate Church in Denver, Colorado. It's an important ideological shift, one that is helping LifeGate create an active and viable workforce for the kingdom of God. "We work hard to create an easy 'on-ramp' for people who want to serve," says pastor Nirup Alphonse. Rather than establishing new outreach opportunities, LifeGate partners with existing ministries in the community, maximizing those organizations' volunteer capacities and plugging LifeGate members into service in a systematic way. Empowering those who choose to serve is another way LifeGate engages volunteers, many of them millennials, helping them take ownership of ministry opportunities. "When someone is serving," says Nirup, "we go above and beyond to celebrate and honor them." **To learn more about this vibrant ministry in Denver, visit [lifegatedenver.com](http://lifegatedenver.com).**

