



The Energizer

January 2015 Newsletter

Happy New Year from Energize Ministries!



An Evening of Hope with Laura Story

We started the year with a wonderful night of heartfelt worship led by Laura Story at Community Bible Church in High Point, NC. During the concert, CBC interim pastor Rick Foster openly shared his testimony and experience with pastoral burnout. He emphasized how important it is for all of us to support and encourage our pastors. Many thanks to all who attended, as well as Laura and Pastor Rick for sharing personal stories of God's work in their lives.

Pastoral Burnout

Now more than ever, pastors across the nation are finding it difficult to remain, let alone thrive, in ministry. The overwhelming majority of our pastors wrestle with discouragement, isolation, and depression issues. As a result, the number of pastors leaving the ministry each month is on the rise. Please consider how you could do something tangible right now to show your gratitude or share some encouragement and a smile! If you need help,

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America's pastors need our support, and America needs our pastors!



Recent Pastor Comment:

please contact us at anytime, or connect with us through social media!



As a church, we need to take another look at how we serve the pastors God has blessed us with. As individuals, WE ALL need to be involved in serving our pastors.

A Call to Action

Beginning this month, we will post a Call to Action category-simple opportunities to make an impact in your pastor's life.

January ideas:

- Take your pastor to coffee and just LISTEN!
- Set up a date night for your pastor and his or her spouse and provide childcare!
- Pray With/For Your Pastor before a service!
- Make a special effort to connect with your pastor's wife. Ask her what they need as a couple and take it to prayer.

Start TODAY. Start NOW. If you participate and share your experiences with us, we'll pick a winner each month and will send each one a gift card to Panera Bread for their pastor. (In our experience, every pastor loves Panera :) Let's do this!

Praying for Pastors

Pastors and their families ALWAYS need your prayer! Here is a sample prayer to get you started:

"Father, thank You for giving Pastor Jonathan as my pastor. I pray You will give him a clear vision for our church. I pray that he will not depend on his ideas or desires, but will look to You for direction and vision. As Your vision for our church becomes clear to him, give him the boldness and courage to lead our church to accomplish that vision.

In Jesus' Name,

"There's nowhere else I can go, nobody really wants to hear about me...Thanks for listening today."

Be the one- Ask your pastor(s) how they're really doing. Listen with intent, let them talk. Consider your response and support.

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Thank You!

Amen"

Praying for Energize Ministries

1. Pray for our witness and counsel as we partner with area pastors who are boldly speaking the truth of the Bible.
2. Pray for God's provision in bringing together the details of our 2015 Pray For Your Pastor bus tour. (Our focus will be in the northeast this summer. If you'd like us to visit your area, please let us know.)
3. Pray ahead for us that each pastor we reach is able to find a place of peace, trust, and strength to grow through our relationships.

