



FLOURISH 2021

With over 50 pastors, spouses and leaders, the scaled down version of our annual Flourish retreat was a time of powerful worship and encouraging feedback.

Bill Frisbie of LeaderSourceSGA shared how to stay focused on the Father and create space for rest and renewal - just as Jesus did. We remembered how Jesus' ministry was marked by time alone in prayer, even though He and the Father were one. Calling us towards a life of joy, Pastor Andios Santoso of GKMIIndonesia spoke of living simply with a big heart.

To close our gathering, Executive Director Matt Hamsher called Christ-followers to stand in the gap, to recognize that we don't live with the same parameters of our polarized world. Drawing from Joshua 5:13-15 (below), Matt recalled how Joshua learned firsthand the Commander of the Lord's Army doesn't take any side but the Lord's.

Worship was led by Michelle Oyer and team members from Maple City Chapel (Goshen, IN) except on Friday AM when Marketo Michel and Marcus Clingaman offered a more intimate set. See the reverse side for a reflection from outgoing Communications Coordinator Michelle Oyer. The prayer team, led by Larissa Willard, ministered in every service with prayers of encouragement and blessing. Thanks to all who made it possible!

Private YouTube links of services may be found on Workplace in Pastor's forum, or requested from info@evananetwork.org.

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

"Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come."

Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?"

-Joshua 5:13-14 NIV

STAFF TRANSITIONS



Jen Tapp
Executive Assistant

I will be forever grateful and blessed for the ten years Jen Tapp and I have worked together. Her grace, wisdom, faith, and hope have been constant sources of support and guidance. Each of these

attributes carry with them countless memories.

How amazing to have an assistant whom you trust deeply and whose counsel is like Solomon's wisdom couched in Barnabas' encouragements or who you can pause a meeting to pray and Seek the Lord together or who intercedes for you every day? Jen has helped us see the beautiful and rare fruit of what Eugene Petersen referred to as, 'a long obedience in the right direction!' In uncertainty, she has learned to remain in joy, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances. Jen is one you'd enjoy a Friday night out with and one you'd want next you in the valley of the shadow of death. Her wisdom, revelations, and encouragement have had life-altering impacts on many people.

She loves to garden and has been able to grow an inspiring garden in South Florida, which is no easy feat. That garden has fed many and even healed some. It has always seemed to be a fitting Metaphor of how the Lord has gifted her and worked through her to bless people.

Thank you, Jen, we love you and are forever grateful for your support and friendship. - Wes Furlong

Michelle Oyer
Communication
Coordinator

In October of 2015, Michelle Oyer said "Yes" to helping out with Evana Network's Launch Weekend. Little did she know, she'd be the Evana "veteran," having served in many capacities for six years.



While she has worked in behind the scenes roles, they have actually been a part of our public face. As a programming director for several Flourishing gatherings and RE•GEN gatherings, she was committed to seeing

A FLOURISHING LOOK-BACK

Every Pastor's retreat has been refreshing for me. Flourish 2021 was similar to the other three where I have helped, but in many ways it felt more relaxing and filling than the previous ones. I had come hoping to bless others, but I also expected just as much of a blessing through the pastors and leaders and their hearts of worship.

This time around, I brought with me a group of close friends and fellow worshippers. It was a pleasure to introduce them to the Evana pastors and the culture of authentic passionate worship that has been cultivated through these events.

Our whole team has a passion for worship, and it is a fresh drink of water for us to lead people who come ready to worship our Lord. On Saturday evening, as we led a small group in worship for the last time, God's presence was very tangible. It was a beautiful moment as we stepped back and played - spontaneous worship went up to heaven from all over the room. On behalf of the entire team, I can say this time together was fulfilling to our souls. With tears, we received the prayers of blessing prayed over us. Thank you for letting us be a part of these holy moments and what a blessing it has been!

- Michelle Oyer

Evana Network is extremely grateful for the financial support we have received from congregations and individual donors over the past year in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have also heard powerful stories of ongoing support within local congregations.

Thank You

Looking ahead to 2021, if you would like to be part of our work in supporting pastors and resourcing congregations from a distinctly evangelical Anabaptist faith perspective, please consider giving to Evana through the Donate button on EvanaNetwork.org or mail .

- Matt Hamsher, Executive Director

(cont. from front page) all the pieces come together. And as our communications coordinator, she's assisted with the newsletter, web copy and social media.

Michelle, your passion for the wider church and commitment to excellence has made it a joy to have you on our team. And we will miss your insight, willingness to ask hard questions, and sensitivity to the Spirit moving. We bless you, Michelle, and your husband Jordan, and your family in your new endeavors and look forward to seeing how God will use you next. - The Evana Team

RE*GEN 2021

"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the wine would burst the wineskins, and the wine and the skins would both be lost. New wine calls for new wineskins."

Our national Re*Gen 2021 biennial gathering will take place July 1-5, 2021 at Taylor University (Upland, IN). Worship with *Sing Love* and teachings by a variety of speakers will be held every morning and evening. Midday events include delegate sessions, seminars, learning labs, recreational activities, and more.

We are especially excited to introduce our speaker, Hannah Gronowski, the Founder and CEO of *Generation Distinct*, and a preacher, speaker and author. She is passionate about abolishing cultural complacency, unleashing lasting justice, and joining the wild adventure Jesus invites us all to live.

This event includes all ages. Middle school and high school groups should have a youth:adult ratio of at least 10:1. Children's programming will be provided during the delegate/small group session and the afternoon seminar.

Lodging is dorm style with sheets, blanket and pillow provided and shared bathrooms. Those with disabilities and families with more than two children will be given priority for the few apartments we have available. Upland, IN has several hotels nearby if you decide to stay off campus.

For more on Hannah, visit hannahgronowski.com

To register, visit EvanaNetwork.org

