



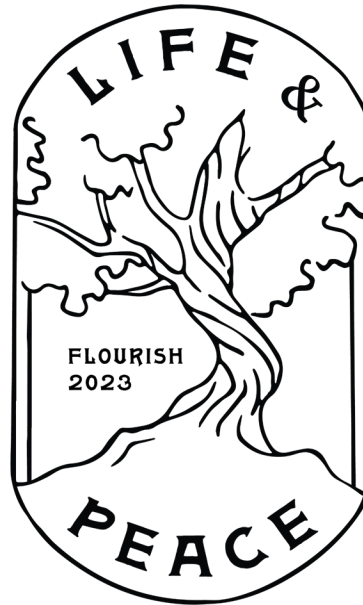
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Upcoming Evana Events: Flourish 2023 and ReGen 2023

Evana Network places a high value on in-person events that are both high challenge and high relationship focus. Whether you have been around since the start or have yet to be a part of a gathering, our biannual Flourish retreat and our biannual ReGen national gathering provide experience with our “DNA” of ministry.

Flourish: Life and Peace: On February 16-20, 2023, Flourish: Life and Peace will take place at Christian Retreat Center in Bradenton, FL. We’ll dwell with Apostle Paul as he reminds us that “the mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace (Rom. 6:8).”

For pastors to thrive in their ministry, the Lord must renew their minds every day. Alongside their families and congregations, leaders are called to a way of life that cultivates “life and peace” in the Spirit. This annual retreat is for pastors, church planters, ministry leaders



and their spouses, and is structured to provide worship, rest and equipping. If you, or someone you know, is a pastor who desires an encouraging time with the Lord and others, be sure to set aside this Thursday through Monday event. More details will follow, and registration will open September 2022.

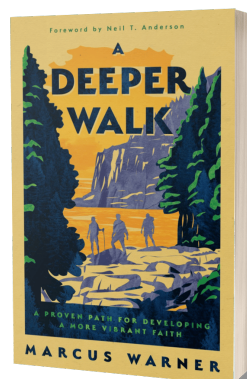
ReGen: Transformed: On June 26-30, 2023, Evana returns to Taylor University (Upland, IN) for our fifth

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A Deeper Walk with the Lord

If you have been following for a while, you may have run into my past recommendation of Jim Wilder’s “The Other Half of Church” This book is among my top ten resources for learning how to have a more “full brain” engagement with discipleship. Along these lines, I recommend Deeper Walk International, an organization that began with a focus on spiritual warfare integrated counseling in 1988, but since 2007 has moved into the discipleship, brain science, and emotional healing conversations.

Deeper Walk’s president Dr. Marcus Warner (D.Min, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) has worked closely with Dr. Jim Wilder and others over the years, authoring a number of books, and just released, “A Deeper Walk: A Proven Path for Developing a More Vibrant Faith” with Moody Press. This now serves as Deeper Walk’s flagship resource for both individuals and organizations as they seek to live out their Heart Focused Discipleship model.



“A Deeper Walk” outlines core initiatives around discipleship as an active relationship with Jesus using the acronym FISH: Freedom, Identity, living in the Spirit, and Heart-focused community. It suggests that every ever-growing, ever-maturing disciple of Jesus needs to invest

their entire lifetime in each of these areas to develop maturity (not just spiritual, but emotional and relational maturity as well). Dr. Warner makes the case for deep and meaningful attachment with God being “embodied through trust, joy, and love.” His ministry teaches that instead of experiencing Jesus through a fear bond or shame bond, we must seek out and live in a joy-bond, a relationship rooted in experiencing gladness to be together when we look on each other’s faces or are present with each other, even if the circumstances of our lives may be difficult at that moment. Through this joy-bond, our study, discipline, service, etc. is transformed because identity is neurologically shaped primarily through relationships.

Rather than inform the logical mind with objective truth claims about reality (making Christianity just a belief system among world religions), Deeper Walk believes God’s people are transformed as they seek Him while living in relationship together and looking to Jesus as risen and present Lord who loves and leads His people actively in prayer, study, and community counsel.

Evana member Pastor Greg Neumayer is part of Deeper Walk’s leadership team. Here’s what he has to share about Warner’s new book.

“ ‘A Deeper Walk’ draws from Romans 5-8 and compels me as a minister to ask whether or not I am actively inviting my journey mates to consider:

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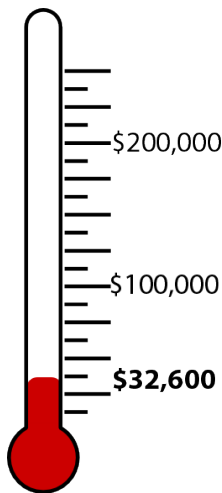


A NEW SEASON

“And I will make them and the places around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing.”
Ezekiel 34:26

Evana Network is entering into an exciting season. The past seven years have been a time of growth while offering support and resources to pastors and congregations. As we look ahead, we anticipate a season of growth and impact, coupled with increasing numbers of pastors and congregations joining us.

This season requires additional support beyond congregational contributions of member churches. With additional travel and conversations and in order to provide quality support people have come to expect, we are looking for generous donors to support Evana vision and



mission. We look forward to God moving in surprising and life-giving ways.

Contributions have already begun to arrive at our offices. As of August 15, we are on our way with \$32,600 given towards the capital campaign goal of \$200,000 by the end of December. These additional funds will help cover the gap between current staff and ministry expenses and anticipated contributions when new member churches join.

Financial gifts of any size are appreciated. Every gift to *A New Season* makes a difference, no matter how large or small. We are relying on a few to make some larger contributions, but we also need others to provide smaller donations for the campaign to reach its target.

# of Donors	Gift Amount	Total
3	\$20,000	\$60,000
10	\$10,000	\$100,000
25	\$1,000	\$25,000
30	\$500	\$15,000
Total		\$200,000

Donate via Donate button at www.evananetwork.org or by mailing your gift to Evana Network, PO Box 33, Millersburg, IN 46543. Please also continue to pray as we discern with others about future affiliation. Thank you for investing in our future and in God’s Kingdom work!

- Matt Hamsher, Executive Director



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Events (cont.)

ReGen National Conference! In a world ordered by selfish lust and pride, Christ-followers are called to be different. We are to live victoriously in Jesus, and to not be conformed to the world, but transformed by the renewal of our minds, that by testing we might discern the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect (Rom. 8:28).

We welcome pastors, church leaders, families and youth to our annual gathering. Whether you are a long-time member or exploring a relationship with our Network, ReGen is the premier event to experience what Evana Network is all about. Come join us Monday through Friday as we dig into how we are called and equipped to live out the Father’s love.

For those budgeting, Flourish 2023 early bird Evana member registration is \$499 a person, with individual public registrations at \$549. ReGen 2023 early bird Evana member registration will be \$399 a person, with individual public registrations at \$449. These prices include lodging, worship sessions, seminars, and meals.

Deeper Walk (cont.)

1. how they may enjoy intimacy with God by pursuing true and lasting freedom from current struggles or past wounds
2. if they are living in the confidence of their beloved and anointed identity as God’s child
3. what means to see the Holy Spirit as the promised downpayment of heaven who guides in every step of life,
4. and where they have the best opportunity to express their own unique gifts and ministry to a broken world

The Heart Focused Discipleship model is a simple and transferable form of spiritual conversation, useful in

pinpointing where and how to strategically invest time and energy towards a fruitful and faithful discipleship.”

As Deeper Walk expands and grows in God’s providence to reach others with the Good News of the one true living God, Greg offers his time to discuss Heart Focused Discipleship with any pastor, leader, board, or congregation. If your own soul, family, or congregation leaps at the hope of a more vibrant faith grown in joy, he’d be glad to connect. For more about Deeper Walk International check out www.deeperwalkinternational.org!

- Tyler Hartford, Director of Church Leadership