

MOUTHPIECE

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Energy

Have you ever felt like you were down to your last ounce of energy? We certainly have! Recently, we were at a family get-together where 12 of the 17 of us went down with a nasty bug! To say that energy was low is an understatement! Even the children, who are usually full of excitement and motion, sat quietly in chairs and watched as the others went about their business.

Thankfully, we don't rely on ourselves or others for energy. God supplies what we need!

Each year, we encourage our friends and family members to choose a "word of the year" to provide motivation and focus. This year, Randy's word is taken from Ephesians 3:7 which says:

"Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power."

The words "effectual working" in this verse are actually translated from one word in the Greek--(ενέργεια) "energeia", which literally means "energy"! In 2025, we're praying for God to give us energy to finish the tasks to which He has called us!

How about you? Have you chosen a word for this year?



Stories of Grace

We have been praying for years with our son and daughter-in-law, Niah and Allisha, for the Lord to bless them with a child. Recently, in a miraculous answer to prayer, the Lord has set an amazing plan in motion for them to potentially adopt an infant! Please pray for them and this sweet baby as there are many details that need finalized.

(Follow along with us on this beautiful journey as it continues to unfold [HERE](#).)

February Events

4 | Concert
Ruskin, FL

5 & 7 | Special Music & Concert
Orange City, FL

8 - 9 | Fish Fry & Concert
Stuart, FL

23 | Sunday Services
Inverness, FL



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Life on the Road

Dave and Miranda's '06 truck has needed to be replaced for the last several months. They were at the max end of its towing capacity, and its latest development was going into "limp mode" whenever it felt like Dave was accelerating too quickly! Thankfully, the Lord provided a buyer who didn't mind giving it a little extra TLC.

Less than 24 hours later, on Christmas Eve, through an incredible series of God-sized events (read the full story [HERE](#)), the Lord provided a new-to-them Chevy Silverado 3500 less than 20 miles away! This truck checked off all the boxes for what they needed and then some! It has already been a huge blessing to their family and the ministry. Isn't God good?

Side Notes

- This month in between meetings we are putting all our *energy* into getting a new VBS program, Crosscut Creek, ready for production! Director, Teacher, Crafts, Snacks, Games, and Registration manuals are just about ready to hit the printing press! We'd appreciate your prayers as we finish up these projects and move on toward securing costumes, props, and other equipment we need in order to present the gospel through this program.
- We are so grateful for your friendship! Your support is a blessing. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer!



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