

LET'S PRAY ABOUT IT MINISTRIES

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"A Ministry of Hope at the Crossroads"

We are incredibly thankful to have Let's Pray About It Ministries featured in Okeechobee Neighbors Magazine. What started with a simple prayer, a sign, and obedience to God has grown into opportunities to pray with people throughout our community, serve at local events, and share the hope of Jesus wherever God opens the door.

This ministry was never about building a name. It has always been about lifting up the name of Jesus Christ and being available when someone needs prayer.

To God be all the glory for everything He has done and everything still to come.

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Community prayer • Outreach • Sharing the hope of Jesus Christ

LET'S PRAY ABOUT IT: *A Ministry of Hope at the Crossroads*

By Mandy Atha

In recent months, many residents throughout Okeechobee have noticed a simple sign at busy intersections that reads, "Pull over. Let's Pray About It." Behind that powerful and gentle message is David Paul Walden Jr., the heart and hands behind a growing local outreach built entirely on faith, obedience, and compassion. What began as a quiet prayer for purpose has quickly become a visible ministry offering comfort, encouragement, and hope to those who need it most.

David says the name of the ministry came directly from God. During a season of prayer, as he asked for direction and a calling on his life, the words "Let's Pray About It" were placed on his heart. Soon after, as he began praying over people, he realized the words coming through those prayers were touching lives in deep and personal ways. That was the confirmation he needed to know this was more than an idea. It was a calling.

The ministry took a bold step forward when David felt led to stand at a specific intersection with a sign offering prayer. Before stepping out for the first time, he sat in the Walgreens parking lot for fifteen minutes, praying and asking God for courage. Then, in obedience, he picked up his sign and walked into what would become the beginning of something far bigger than he imagined. The very first person who pulled over received prayer as David laid a hand on their shoulder and prayed in a way he says he had never prayed before.

About a week after the ministry began, David felt led to host a revival in the park. Nearly 200 people attended, creating a powerful time of worship, prayer, and unity. Since then, he has participated in church events, community gatherings, and even the

local rodeo. Wherever God opens a door, David continues to walk through it.

Today, David continues to follow that same lead each time he goes out. He prays daily for guidance and makes sure every opportunity brings glory to God. Rather than approaching people, he allows them to come to him, trusting that God has already moved in their hearts. While he does not always ask for specific prayer requests, many people openly share their struggles, grief, fears, and hopes. Even when words are not spoken, David trusts that God already knows exactly what each person needs.

Through this ministry, David has witnessed a clear and repeated need throughout the community. A deep need for healing, peace, and reassurance. "There are so many people hurting," he shares. "Being out there publicly has brought comfort to a lot of them."

The response from the community has been overwhelming. From words of encouragement and prayers of support to people stopping



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simply to say thank you, David says he never expected such an outpouring of love. Some of the most powerful moments come when people later share how prayer brought peace to a difficult situation or helped them through a hard season. David stays focused not on recognition, but on the simple mission of serving others, loving well, and offering hope through prayer.

Though stepping out publicly in faith might feel intimidating, David says he has faced very few challenges. When people hesitate or pass by, he simply keeps them in his prayers and continues loving others as he is called to do.

The ministry has also deeply changed David personally. Each prayer, each conversation, and each act of obedience has strengthened his own faith and brought him closer to God.



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For those seeking prayer, David welcomes anyone to reach out through his Facebook page, "Let's Pray About It Ministry Okeechobee," where he posts where he will be and offers opportunities for connection and prayer.

To anyone who feels nervous or unsure about asking for prayer, David offers gentle reassurance. Private prayers are always welcome, and every request is respected with care. "Don't be shy. Don't be hesitant," he says. "Come talk to me, and we'll figure it out together."

With humility and gratitude, David remains thankful for every opportunity God provides and for the support of the Okeechobee community. What began as a whispered prayer has become a visible reminder that sometimes the simplest words, "Let's pray about it," can be the most powerful.

WHERE TO WORSHIP *Compiled by Mandy Atha*

Looking to Connect With a Faith Community? Find Sanctuary in These Local Houses of Worship

Alpha Ministries Freedom Ranch

11655 US Highway 441 SE
Worship Time: 11:00 AM

Calvary Chapel of Okeechobee

212 S. Parrot Ave
Worship Time: 10:00 AM

Christ Fellowship Church

701 S Parrot Ave
Worship Times: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM,
11:45 AM

Dunklin Memorial Church

3342 SW Hosanah Ln
Worship Time: 11:00 AM

First Baptist Church of Okeechobee

401 SW 4th St
Worship Times: 9:00 AM, 11:15 AM

First Methodist Church

200 NW 2nd St
Worship Time: 10:00 AM

Fountain of Life Church

1302 SW 32nd St
Worship Time: 10:30 AM

Freedom Baptist Church

1115 SW 3rd Ave
Worship Time: 10:30 AM

Haven of Rest Church

807 SW 2nd St
Worship Time: 11:00 AM

Highpoint Church

4550 US-441
Worship Time: 10:00 AM

More 2 Life Ministries

551 NE 39th Blvd
Worship Time: 10:00 AM

Northside Baptist Church

51 NW 98th St
Worship Time: 11:00 AM

Oakview Church

677 SW 32nd St
Worship Time: 10:30 AM

Oceans Unite Christian Centre

1902 S Parrot Ave
Worship Time: 10:00 AM

Okeechobee Christian Church

3055 SE 18th Terrace
Worship Time: 10:30 AM

Okeechobee Church of God

301 NE 4th Ave
Worship Time: 11:00 AM

ONE Fellowship

Inside Chapel, 400 N Parrott Ave
Worship Time: 10:00 AM

Peace Lutheran Church

750 NW 23rd Ln
Worship Time: 10:30 AM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

901 SW 6th St
Worship Times: 7:30 AM,
10:00 AM, 12:15 PM

Seventh Day Adventist Church

412 NW 6th St
Worship Time: 10:00 AM

The Gathering

1735 SW 24th Ave
Worship Time: 10:30 AM

Treasure Island Baptist Church

4209 US Highway 441 SE
Worship Time: 10:30 AM

**If your house of worship is missing, please email the name, address,
and worship time to mandyatha@bestversionmedia.com**