



POWER LUNCH

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Bringing Worship to the Workplace

Called To Serve

By Power Lunch Volunteers

Rev. Matthew L. Watley we congratulate you on Seven Years of Power Lunch (PL). It is a pleasure for all us that come each week to lend our gifts and talents to this ministry. It is without a doubt, through your example of your relationship with Christ that has given us the dedication and commitment to serve weekly. We are grateful.

PL volunteers are from various backgrounds and various church affiliations. They are an integral component that makes PL seamlessly effortless. Volunteers roles include: The praise team, musicians, intercessory prayer team, Interpreters for the deaf ministry, Sales desk staff, Finance team, Ushers, Audio Visual team, Newsletter staff, web-master team, equipment set-up and breakdown team, security staff, a host of pickup/delivery staff and our lunch preparer. We are honored to serve in this kingdom building of God.

PL is so diverse. We work to assist other PL volunteers in other locations. We are here to set the example you have

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The Power of Relevance

To everything there is a time, a purpose and a season. . . Ecclesiastes 3:1

By Shonda Nicole Gladden

Months before the first service on September 10, 2001 the Lord birthed a vision in Rev. Matthew L. Watley to develop a ministry that would provide encouragement, equip believers and engage workers on their lunch break called Power Lunch. Rev. Watley called a dinner meeting with a core group of his friends and colleagues, of which I was privileged to be apart, to present the vision. That night began weeks of praying, fasting and planning for a worship experience unlike any other. To say that any of us realized the way God would use this vision to impart hope in the midst of great trauma would be a grave overstatement. Only God could know what would ensue the following weeks and months as our country found itself responding to the pain of the 9/11 terrorist attacks just one week after our first service.

The weeks that followed provided a platform for the Holy Spirit to impact lives in such an unconventional manner that others attempted to duplicate the efforts by introducing similar named services to the workplace. Yet none of these other attempts seemed to catch the flame of the Spirit and impact lives like Power Lunch.

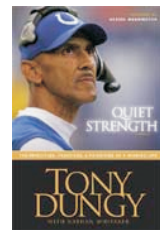
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Founder
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instilled within us and that is to serve with EXCELLENCE. We take our responsibility very seriously. Serving is a responsibility that we are all called to do. We pray for the volunteer base to continue to grow as more attendees of PL are connected to this ministry. This Kingdom building process has affected our communities and spread to five other cities. We will be here to continue the growth of this ministry, for the best is yet to come.

We see and accept a call that is bigger than ourselves.

1 Peter 4:10 states, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms". That is what all of us as volunteers strive to do.

Thank you Rev. Watley for having this vision "PL". You have provided us with much opportunity for building a personal relationship with God. We look forward to our continued growth in the Lord as PL expands and moves to another level.

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Week by week, Rev. Watley's sermons were practical and relevant and the evidence of God's work being wrought began to reveal itself in the changed lives of all connected to the ministry. From the core volunteers to the faithful attendees, God began to show amazing favor to all who caught the vision and sought out God's face during their lunch hour. Personally I endured many a hardship and many a heartache, but weekly found inspiration to endure life's proverbial ups and downs through the Power Lunch ministry.

Seven years have passed since that very first Power Lunch service. The DC service has changed locations a few times before finding its home in the Union Station Phoenix Theaters. Quite a few of the names and faces associated with the weekly leadership and setup have changed as people connected to the ministry have been promoted in other areas of their lives. The landscape of our country, politically, socially, and economically has changed and continues to change even as we read this article. The Power Lunch ministry itself has grown and had its territories enlarged to sites across the country. Amidst all of these astounding changes, one thing has remained consistent- the relevance of the Power Lunch ministry. It is this relevance, this ability to articulate Kingdom principles that reaches us in such a way that we are armed with the tools to activate our faith to glorify God and to accomplish the Lord's purposes. For this cause I salute and am grateful to Rev. Matthew L. Watley and the Power Lunch ministry for seven years of operating in season, completely relevant to the needs of God's people and the purposes of God.

Power Lunch News

September Monthly Focus

**Power Lunch 7th Anniversary
Wednesday, September 17**

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It's Seeding Season!
Become a Partner Today
The fruit that Power Lunch yields demonstrates that this ministry is good soil. Don't miss your chance to be a part of the harvest.

Sign-up forms are available at the product table and online at www.powerlunch.org.

Become a PL Volunteer!

If you are interested in becoming a PL Volunteer please sign-up at the welcome desk. Your gifts and talents are needed.

Write for the Newsletter!

Are you gifted in the area of writing? Why not submit to The Power Lunch Newsletter. We are accepting articles & Testimonies to include in upcoming editions. The articles & Testimonies must be Bible based and must focus on applying Biblical principles in the workplace. Submit all articles to: newsletter@powerlunchonline.com
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