

# PREPARING FOR AMAZEMENT MINISTRIES



## NEWSLETTER

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## TRENDING TOPICS

### ■ SEMINARS

Leaders are learners for life. Ministry leaders complete professional development and theological training to continue leading well. Another important but often overlooked area is self-awareness and personal development. *Learn more about what brings you joy* in our Working Genius Primer. *Understand your congregation better* with our seminar on Generations. *Seek health* with our Healthy Habits seminars. Check out these and others for 2024!

### ■ WORKING GENIUS

We spend a large portion of our lives working, not just in our careers, but in our volunteer work and running our homes. When people are able to better understand the types of work that bring more energy and fulfillment and avoid work that leads to frustration and failure, they can be more self-aware, more productive and more successful. We have partnered with revdrorange to offer seminars on Working Genius. See more [here](#).

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THE ORGANIZATIONAL HEALTH PEOPLE



### ■ WEBSITE

Have you checked out our website lately? With new information, exciting partnerships, and upcoming content to be released, our website has been refreshed! Head to [amazed15.org](https://amazed15.org) to see the changes!



## INTERNATIONAL PASTOR JULIUS

Hi, my name is Othieno Julius from Uganda (East Africa). I'm a follower of Jesus Christ and I love representing Him everywhere I go.

I'm married to Phoebe with two children. Lightman is four and Awesome is one & a half. We live in Jinja, and work at Preparing for Amazement Ministries as family mentors since January 16th of 2023.

Besides my job, I volunteer in churches to better their worship experiences, teach musicians, train worship teams and preach as well. I love traveling and experiencing new places. I love swimming and driving!

My desire for pursuing this study program is to be thoroughly equipped, attain authority, self-develop and establish the call of God on my life to make disciples. I know that with this qualification, I will be able to stand in places and represent Christ that I wouldn't if I did not have it.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT MARCUS CARLSON

Marcus is a dynamic professional with diverse leadership roles:

**Speaker & Consultant:** As a motivational speaker and consultant, he inspires and guides diverse audiences.

**Certified Working Genius Facilitator:** Marcus works with individuals and teams for greater joy and effectiveness in their work.

**Author:** As an accomplished author, he has published three books, including *Habits of Healthy Churches: 7 Practices to Transform your Church Culture*, *Rethinking Confirmation*, and *The False Gospel of Guilt and Shame*.

**Educator:** With a passion for education, he serves as a professor, teaching education, theology, ministry, and more at both undergraduate and graduate levels. He currently instructs master's and doctoral students.

**Non-Profit Leader:** Marcus leads Preparing for Amazement Ministries, a non-profit organization dedicated to the health, revitalization and effectiveness of churches and their leaders.

**Pastor:** As a respected pastor, he guides congregations with his spiritual leadership and wisdom.

**Spiritual Director:** He provides spiritual direction for individuals with various backgrounds and needs.

For our final staff spotlight, we learn more about Marcus, our Executive Director. Marcus is married to his high school sweetheart Jessica and they have two children, a son, Micah who is in his first year of college and a daughter, Abby who is a junior in high school. Marcus has a buffet of things he does in addition to leading Preparing for Amazement Ministries. Rev. Dr. Marcus J. Carlson is a multi-faceted professional, dedicated to the fields of education, personal development, and ministry. With a diverse range of roles and extensive experience, he has made a significant impact in various capacities over his 24-year career.

Marcus is a passionate, authentic, and relational leader. His work as non-profit leader, social scientist, speaker, pastor, professor, spiritual director, writer, and consultant has brought transformation to the communities he has served around the world. In his spare time (lol) Marcus likes to sit on his pool deck, play with his border collies, spend time on the water and cook on his blackstone. Marcus also loves to enjoy the three B's: Bacon, Bourbon and the Bible.

### SPONSOR

Ministry is difficult, taxing, and rewarding. Sponsorship opportunities allow ministry leaders and pastors to receive training, peer support, coaching, and further their education. Healthy leaders can bring health to a church. We ask you to prayerfully consider sponsoring one of the many initiatives available.

### PARTNER WITH US

We provide support, education and resources for pastors and ministry leaders to experience transformative health for maximum Kingdom impact. We also help churches experience greater organizational health through education, training, consulting and other support. Join us in this mission of health and Kingdom impact!