

Pray Rowan started with a burden that God placed on Tonya Skelly's heart for Rowan county in May of 2017 to have a city-wide prayer gathering. She was seeing that violence, racism, and drugs in her community was increasing. She knew Jesus is the answer-He is always the answer. Tonya felt like if believers would come together to pray in unity, God would hear our cries. In telling others, they too were burden for our community. Tonya and her husband Greg held breakfast in June. They invited all 7 mayors of Rowan county, key leadership in the Christian community, and a diversity of pastors. Tom Phillips from Billy Graham was the keynote speaker. Tom spoke on revival. "Even a pinprick of light dispels darkness."

The following month in July of 2017, Pray Rowan was formed with a committee of about 25 people. After 2 months of hard work, on October 7th of 2017 Pray Rowan had their first prayer gathering on the courthouse steps with about 500 people in attendance. God was showing us that this was not to be a one-time event but that we were to stay committed to gather monthly the first Saturday in different municipalities around the county. We are now in our second year. There are many in Rowan county who have never missed a Pray Rowan gathering. We have watched God move in many mighty ways. He has heard our prayers. The Lord has answered prayers in more ways than we could have asked or imagined. He has created relationships with people who look nothing alike. Rowan county keeps coming together month after month to praise our Lord, to petition Him, and to thank Him for what He is doing and for what He is about to do!

In November 2018, after having people from 4 different counties interested in starting a monthly prayer gathering as well, we have formed Pray Ecclesia. May God grow this ministry BIGGER than we could have ever asked or imagined. May every county in our state and beyond hold monthly community prayer gatherings.

We pray that these 2 committees stay Kingdom focused, not turning to the left or the right, only in humble submission to His calling.