

Raising The Standard

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From David's Desk



A blessed and shalom-filled New Year to you! I believe this year will see a billowing forth of banners across the globe. Be ready to play your part in that! In this edition we have stories from Ipswich, Australia and Chicago, USA.

I'm also very excited that the book **Wielding Banners for Worship and Warfare** will finally go live online, with the printed version coming up close behind. The warfare has been intense to get it to this point, but the victory of seeing it out and available will be sweet! Let me encourage you to persevere this year and pursue what the Lord has called you to! Let's get together to encourage each other - banners and victory have been inextricably linked for millennia! Onward and upward!

Banners Revolutionize an Aussie Church

We first met David Stanfield several years ago when he agreed to do a Banner Workshop for us in response to our call for help after a visiting guest speaker was not able to attend a Prophetic Conference we were having.



We had been using two flying banners on very heavy poles in the church. This was before banners had ever been

heard of in church so we were interested to hear what David had to say about the use of banners in a church setting. We were extremely cautious though as some of our experiences with other banner ministries had been less than edifying.

When David arrived to do the workshop our first reaction was "O Lord what have we got ourselves into" as David did not look or dress like the usual minister. His first reaction to us was "O Lord what have You got me into" as we were not the typical Spirit-filled church.

Pastor Julie T. Ipswich, Australia

[\(Click here to read the rest of story and what God is continuing to do several years after this first experience\)](#)

Release in Chicago

Recently we introduced banners at the HUB (His United Body) conference in Chicago.

This was the first time many of the people there had seen them and they were in awe. As they entered the conference and the banners were waved over them the presence of the Lord would envelope them. One gentleman got caught



in the "Anointing Oil" banner and was literally wrapped in the anointing as he tumbled to the floor.

We saw the Lord heal and restore an entire family who had been involved in banner worship several years ago. They had been wounded and the Lord used the banners at this conference to heal and restore their hearts and their desire to worship Him with banners again.

At another point in the conference the men began to lead with the banners and the women mirrored what the men were doing. The Lord used this to show us how he woos our hearts to follow Him. At the end of worship, at the Lord's direction I removed the banners from the poles and placed them over the people. Some were laying down, some were kneeling, some were standing with their arms raised and others were sitting quietly. As I covered one lady with the Lion of Judah banner her eyes filled with tears and she said, "This is the fulfillment of a prophesy the Lord gave me a year ago."

Maria. W - Chicago U.S.A.

[\(Click here to read the rest of this powerful testimony\)](#)

Short and Sweet

Thank you so much. I have been using the "Holiness" banner I purchased at the conference in Orlando as a prayer shawl. That was the vision I got for it and it is absolutely amazing the anointing that comes with it.

Lynn S. U.S.A

New Column Starting

Each month we are going to select an OOOMB banner and give you some of the history behind the banner with the prayer that you will be able to use each banner even more effectively and creatively!!!! Some of the information will be from David's book *Wielding Banners for Worship and Warfare* – some will be in the next book!!!!



New Growth

Name of the Lord :
El Chaiyai – The God of My Life

Banner Design Description

This banner is designed to represent the glory and goodness of God bursting into a situation to bring new growth. "So neither is he who plants nor he who waters anything, but only God, makes things grow". (1 Corinthians 3:7)

Use it to celebrate God growing His Church (Colossians 2:19) and giving the increase (2 Corinthians 9:10). The green and gold is also a picture of God's work in nature where the sun's energy allows plants to thrive and grow (Matthew 6:28; 13:32, Mark 4:8)



Use it as a banner, canopy or a wrap for a person who is looking for a breakthrough or who needs to be refreshed. This is a great one for outdoors!

Intercede for someone who is growing up into Christ (Ephesians 4:15) or in grace and knowledge of Jesus (2 Peter 3:18), and give thanks that their faith and love keep growing (2 Thessalonians 1:3).

New Growth's colours are also Australia's national colours, so this is an appropriate one to use when interceding for Australia (or your little patch of it). You might even get away with worshipping at the footy! [\(Click here to read more about this banner\)](#)

Tell Us Your Story!!

Do you have a story of how God has used banners in your life?

We are looking for stories from people who are part of the end time army with banners who would like others to know what God is doing all over the world. They could be hanging banners or waving banners - you could use them in dance or for prophetic ministry.

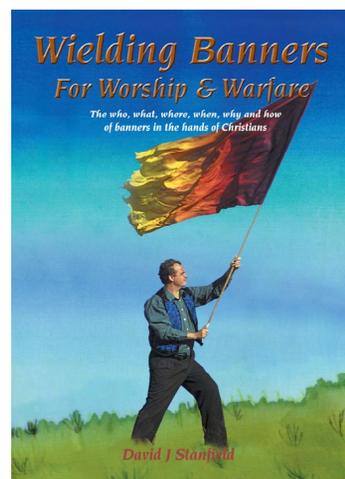
We are not looking for just banners from OOOMB. A banner is a powerful statement in the Spirit no matter where it comes from. God is raising up banner ministries all over the world and we are eager to let everyone know how powerful these tools are against the kingdom of darkness and how they encourage those who use them and receive ministry with them.



Send your story along with any photos to lynda@worshipbanners.org and please include your name and a contact phone number.

Newsflash!!!!

David's book *Wielding Banners for Worship and Warfare – the Who, What, When, Where, Why and How of Banners in the Hands of Christians* is currently being uploaded onto the internet as an eBook.



Many of you have been patiently waiting for the release of this great ministry tool. We will have details in our next newsletter of how you can purchase a copy.

We know that the wait will be worth it and that banner users all over the world will now have access to much more information about how God is using these mighty weapons of war!!

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