

THE STAGNER FAMILY



“For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Dear Fellow Labourers in Christ,

Patience. The one word easily used and offered in the context of encouragement and counselling which is also the most difficult to put into practice. The stark reality of the mission field being a war zone becomes evident to those who hit the ground running, remain active in working to interject themselves into the lives of others and strive daily to make a difference in soul's eternity through the Gospel. I was in discussion with my Pastor, Kevin Broyhill, many years ago concerning this very topic. As the conversation carried on, we were on the topic of the spiritual battleground in the world, which sparked a thought of the mission field or church planting. I made a comment likening church planting missions being on the frontline of the battlefield. Pastor Broyhill, replied, "Brother, the local church is on the frontline, you my friend are behind enemy lines." This statement would be a perpetual reminder of why we are where we are and what we are doing. It has served as a driving force on this battle front for years on end, whilst simultaneously enabling the patience to be exercised in the times of quiet and stillness. In those days when it seems like nothing is happening, I come back to the very conversation and remember history has proven times of quietness preceded the greatest battles and consequently victories. We believe this to be true in the daily war for the souls of men, women and children.

Calvary Baptist Church of Cardiff

Calvary continues to see blessed services and new faces here and there. We had a couple of low Sundays, but with summer upon us it is to be expected. Our monthly fellowship has been a wonderful blessing, with many attending as a result of invites from others as well as ourselves. In the upcoming months, in addition to our Friday morning Q&A Bible studies, I will begin a "Foundations" series in the midweek which will cover the fundamentals of Christianity. Something which is greatly

needed as many have still carried over ideologies taught by the State 'church' institution, which are neither Biblical or even moral.

Saron Chapel Independent Baptist Church

The Lord has certainly blessed us with good services as well as opened up more doors within the community. We are grateful for this and continue to pray for these initiatives to render fruit of the Gospel. In the meantime, we are steadfastly labouring, especially with primary school in preparation for new opportunities in the autumn term.

Prayer Requests

- Souls to be saved in both locations, as well as growth;
- The Lord's peace with a decision concerning the building next door to the church in Aberaman;
- Outreach and growth in Cardiff;
- Development and plans over the summer for 2023 in both the churches.

Lastly, our oldest son will finish his term in the US Army as a member of the 82nd Airborne's 3rd Battalion in July and our youngest son has applied to enlist in the British Army, part of Her Majesty's Armed Services and is currently awaiting his interview and test date. Our middle son is working hard and moving along in life and as for our daughter, she continues to serve in the church as our missions coordinator and will begin taking college courses in July. We greatly appreciate your prayers for our children, we must remember, as the war wages on, behind enemy lines children are not exempt.

It is an honour and privilege to serve on your behalf in the United Kingdom, we thank you dearly for your faithfulness in prayer and support. Love to all.

Till the Shout,

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