

STAGNER FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

"Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" Psalm 103:1-2

Dear Friends and Fellow Labourers,

David's call to thanksgiving is not circumstantial—it is devotional. Psalm 103 opens not with request, fear, or frustration, but with an act of commanded remembrance. The soul is summoned to rehearse the goodness of God with precision, not sentiment. The blessings listed throughout the psalm are not general mercies but covenant benefits: forgiveness, healing, redemption, lovingkindness, and renewal.

Thanksgiving, then, is not an emotional response but a deliberate act of obedience grounded in truth. In an age that forgets quickly and complains easily, David demands that God's people remember rightly. This month, as we labour in the work of the Lord, we do so under the full weight of that command: forget not all His benefits.

Ministry Update

November has been marked by steady, tangible evidence of the Lord's goodness. Both church campuses—Cynon Valley and Cardiff—continue to see new and returning visitors. More importantly, we are witnessing depth: believers strengthened, families stabilised, and a growing seriousness among our people toward the Scriptures and prayer. The daily battles of the ministry remain—pressures from within, resistance from without—but the Lord continues to build His church in both stability and resilience.

Our school ministries have been especially encouraging. The Bible class has progressed well, with strong engagement from students and receptive cooperation from leadership. Our relationship with the school and local government continues to expand, and we are praying for these doors to solidify into long-term gospel opportunities. The youth clubs, gym ministry, and ongoing civic engagement now work together as a unified outreach structure—multiple fronts, one message, one

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purpose. The month has given us repeated open doors to preach Christ clearly: in classrooms, assemblies, gym floors, and community settings. The Word continues to run.

The gym ministry has seen consistent growth, with new individuals attending each month. Gospel conversations are happening openly in the centre of the gym floor, unfiltered and unhindered. The same is true across the Valleys and Cardiff as outreach efforts remain active, consistent, and city-saturating. The seed is being sown widely and faithfully.

In November, the Lord allowed me to preach a special Thanksgiving Saturday service for Pastor Stuart Harvey and New Hope Baptist Church in Exeter. On the following day, I preached the morning service at New Hope and the evening service at their newly planted work in Topsham. It was a joy to stand with men who are faithfully labouring and to witness firsthand the fruit of their dedication.

We also held our first ever church Thanksgiving meal on a Wednesday evening—initiated by our assistant to the Pastor, Kelton. Our people responded with enthusiasm and gratitude, demonstrating a sincere desire to honour the Lord for His blessings. It was a strong reminder that thanksgiving is not an American holiday but a Christian duty.

Denise continues faithfully in the ladies' ministry—discipling, counselling, and strengthening women inside and outside the church walls. Her labour remains influential and foundational to the health of our families.

Please see page two for prayer requests.

Till the Shout, with gratitude and resolve,



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Dear Friends,

We remain profoundly grateful for your steadfast prayers and support as our focus shifts from purchasing to reducing the debt on our new church building.

The Lord has graciously allowed me to publish two books: Renewed – 66 Day Challenge to Total Transformation(Romans 12:1–2) and Be Where Your Feet Are. Both are available at www.bjstagner.com/books.

All proceeds are being directed toward the building debt. To date, £200 from book sales has already been applied to the loan. We are deeply thankful for your sacrificial support and continued prayers. Should the Lord lead you to give toward the reduction of this debt, we would be sincerely appreciative.

Current Financial Picture:

- Total funds received (including loan): \$193,389.37
- Loan balance: \$89,150
- Contribution from our local congregation: £7,195 (\approx \$9,500)

Every gift—large or small—moves us nearer to clearing this debt. Donations may be sent through our sending church; please note “UK Church Building” in the memo line.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer and giving. Your partnership is invaluable, and together we continue advancing the gospel in South Wales.

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

- Strength to finish the year well in attendance, spiritual growth, and church stability
- **Swift retirement of the church building debt**
- **The 10% growth at both campuses to hold firm and increase**
- God’s continued blessing and care for our parents
- Ongoing provision and strength for our family in ministry
- More labourers to join us in the work
- Growth of multiple outreach ministries—physical and digital
- Several unspoken requests for salvation
- New visitors to continue returning and joining the churches