

# THE STAGNER FAMILY



*"This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; 1 Timothy 1:18"*

Dear Fellow Labourers in Christ,

War. A word in which many, if not most people, do not like to discuss much-less understand the concept of this necessary evil. According to certain historians, there have been 10,624 battles in the history of mankind. These battles have been associated around land, families, money, religion, but mostly power...control. The reality of this life as a Christian we must all come to realise is the fact, this is war. We are in the midst of a battle which has raged for 6000 years, ever since the rebellion of Lucifer in the heavens, the subsequent transgression of Adam in the Garden, to the everyday life right here right now. The Apostle Paul understood this fact from the moment of his conversion and through his entire ministry. As he writes his first letter to his prodigy, Timothy, he charged the young man, this youthful pastor and preacher of the grace of the gospel of Christ, to 'war a good warfare'. This is the reality between light and darkness, between good and evil, this is the deciding point of eternity in Heaven or Hell. There is no middle ground, there are no re-dos and do-overs as when we were children playing games in the neighbourhood, it is war. We must take this approach, it was how Paul trained Timothy, it was the pattern in which the Apostle went into the regions beyond the gospel, disregarding his own safety and forsaking any self-interest. He finished his course, in doing so he fought a good fight.

Beloved friends, our field, the mission field of the United Kingdom, specifically southern Wales is a spiritual war zone where the darkness no longer hides in shadows, but walks amongst us all, stands in pulpits, teaches in the schools and even passes laws. The only way for the war to be won is to continue to stand upon the precepts given and granted by God Almighty within His preserved and purified precious word. We thank you for standing with us over the many years, God's grace has and is seen daily in every facet of the ministry.

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### *Calvary Baptist Church of Cardiff*

Praise the Lord we are out of August, which is the month of holiday for the overwhelming majority of the country. Even with absences, we have seen new people come into the church and feel at home and encouraged by the preaching and teaching of the word of God. We are greatly thankful for forward movement of Calvary Baptist Church of Cardiff and are quite excited for what lies ahead in the future.

### *Saron Chapel Independent Baptist Church*

We are continuing steadfastly in the village of Aberaman and have scheduled several special meetings for the upcoming fourth quarter. Our services over the summer have been uplifting and edifying of which we thank the Lord for His blessing. Denise will begin her ladies devotions in September and as mentioned before, our after school club within primary school will also reconvene. Please pray for the Lord to move in the lives of those in our village and draw them into the fold of our local church.

### *Prayer Requests*

- Manpower, to begin another work in the village within the adjacent valley as well as a young couple to work with our youth ministry;
- Outreach and growth in Cardiff and Aberaman;
- Development and plans for 2023 in both the churches.

We greatly appreciate your prayers, we must remember, as the war wages on.

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,

Brother B.J. Stagner and Family

