

THE STAGNER FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me." Psalm 138:7

Dear Praying Friends,

As we reflect upon the month of July, the words of Psalm 138:7 have been a steady reminder of the Lord's preserving hand upon our family and the work here in Wales. David did not write as one removed from adversity. He wrote as one walking "in the midst of trouble," yet fully persuaded that God would revive, defend, and save him. The trouble was real, but the hand of God was greater.

That same mighty hand continues to lead, guide, direct, and protect us. The Lord has not promised that His servants will walk without resistance, weariness, or uncertainty; He has promised that we will not walk alone. When strength is diminished, He revives. When the way is unclear, He directs. When opposition arises, He preserves. When the work appears greater than our ability, His right hand remains sufficient.

July brought the close of the school term, continued growth through FAITH RXD, encouraging development among our young adults, and several special opportunities to preach and teach. Through each ministry, the Lord again proved faithful. We praise Him for every open door, every gospel conversation, every believer strengthened, and every soul brought under the sound of His Word.

As we move into August and approach the close of summer, the remainder of the year is already filled with ministry opportunities. We are grateful for the full schedule before us, but we also recognise our complete dependence upon the Lord. Activity alone cannot accomplish spiritual work. We need His wisdom, strength, protection, provision, and power in every endeavour.

Primary School and Bible Assembly Ministry

The school ministry and weekly Bible assemblies concluded well as the school term came to an end in the middle of July. We are deeply thankful for the extraordinary opportunity the Lord has given us to enter the school each Wednesday and present biblical truth to more than 220 pupils.

Throughout the term, we have been able to conduct a full Bible assembly along with individual class sessions for Years 1-6 and shorter sessions for nursery and reception. Week after week, these children have heard about the Lord Jesus Christ, the truth of Scripture, the importance of wise choices, and the need for a life grounded in what is right.

We do not take this open door for granted. In a culture where biblical truth is increasingly pushed aside, the Lord has allowed us to speak plainly and lovingly to hundreds of young hearts. Some of these children also attend our youth ministry, The Point, giving us further opportunity to build relationships with them and their families.

The school will reconvene in September, and the Wednesday Bible assemblies are scheduled to begin again with the new term. Please pray that the door will remain open, that the Lord will prepare the hearts of the children, and that the seed of His Word will take root and bring forth lasting fruit.

Gym Ministry - FAITH RXD

FAITH RXD continues to grow and remains well attended. The Lord has blessed this ministry in a mighty way, with visitors attending regularly to hear the Word of God, take part in a challenging workout, and enjoy sweet fellowship within a distinctly Christian environment. The combination of preaching, physical training, and fellowship continues to provide a natural bridge into the lives of people who may not initially attend a traditional church service. Conversations that begin around fitness, discipline, or personal struggle often open into deeper matters of faith, purpose, eternity, and the gospel.

We are especially encouraged that many who first attended as visitors are now returning consistently. Trust is being built, relationships are deepening, and people are repeatedly placing themselves under the sound of biblical preaching. Please pray that the Lord will continue to use FAITH RXD to reach souls, strengthen believers, and connect people with the local church.

Young Adult Ministry

Bailey and Hannah continue to do a good job leading the young adult group. They have remained focused upon its growth and development, seeking to create an environment where young adults can build healthy friendships, grow in their knowledge of Scripture, and be encouraged to live faithfully for Christ.

During July, the group enjoyed an outing to an amusement park. It was a simple but valuable opportunity for fellowship away from the normal weekly schedule. Times like these help strengthen relationships and provide room for meaningful conversations that may not always occur in a formal setting.

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Young adults face enormous cultural and spiritual pressures. They need more than entertainment; they need biblical direction, godly examples, genuine friendship, and a place of belonging within the local church. Please pray for Bailey and Hannah as they continue investing in this ministry and for each young adult to grow in conviction, consistency, and service.

Men's Meeting and Encounter Young Adult Conference

During July, I was also privileged to preach at a men's meeting. It is always a blessing to challenge men from the Word of God concerning their responsibility to stand faithfully, lead courageously, and live with discipline and integrity. Our churches, homes, and communities desperately need men who will accept biblical responsibility rather than retreat from it.

I was also honoured to take part in the Encounter Young Adult Conference. During the conference, I taught Renewed, addressing the four pillars of total transformation from Romans 12:2: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

The emphasis was that genuine transformation is not produced by a passing emotion or a short-lived decision. It requires the daily renewing of the mind through the truth of God's Word and the disciplined application of that truth to every area of life. God does not call us merely to appear different; He calls us to be transformed from within.

I also taught a breakout session with the men on Biblical Manhood. The session addressed the need for men who are spiritually grounded, personally disciplined, willing to bear responsibility, and prepared to lead by serving. It was encouraging to spend time with young men who were attentive, engaged, and willing to be challenged by the Scriptures.

We praise the Lord for every opportunity to invest in the next generation. Please pray that the truths taught during these meetings will continue to work in hearts long after the events themselves have ended.

Denise had the honour of teaching a breakout session for the women and young ladies entitled, "A Woman's Battle for Biblical Identity, Purpose, and Peace." Her lesson was heartfelt, stirring, and challenging. We pray that the truths shared will produce lasting fruit and continued spiritual growth in the lives of those who attended.

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Building Debt Update

We remain grateful for your continued prayers as we work toward retiring the remaining debt on our church property. Our local church continues to give faithfully, and every designated gift helps move us closer to complete freedom from this obligation.

All proceeds from our books, Renewed - 66 Day Challenge to Total Transformation and Be Where Your Feet Are, continue to go directly toward debt reduction. Our desire is not simply to possess a building, but to steward it without encumbrance and use it fully for the work of the gospel.

Thank you for continuing to stand with us in this effort.

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

- Fruit from the school Bible assemblies and a strong return in September
- Continued gospel opportunities and spiritual fruit through FAITH RXD
- Growth and development within the young adult ministry
- Lasting fruit from the men's meeting and Encounter Young Adult Conference
- Wisdom, strength, and protection throughout the full autumn ministry schedule
- Continued spiritual and numerical growth at both church campuses
- **Swift retirement of the remaining building debt**
- Additional labourers to join us in the work
- Healing, strength, and encouragement for church members facing health concerns
- Protection and endurance for our family
- Our government and national leadership

Cynon Valley and Cardiff Campuses

Steadfastly Moving Forward

The Lord has continued to move steadfastly in both churches throughout July. Each campus has its own needs and opportunities, yet both remain united in the same purpose: preaching the gospel, grounding believers in the Word of God, developing disciples, and establishing strong biblical churches for the glory of Christ.

We are thankful for the faithfulness of our people during the summer months and for the spirit of unity the Lord continues to build among us. As we prepare for the close of summer and a very full schedule throughout the remainder of the year, we covet your prayers for wisdom, endurance, and continued spiritual fruit.

We are continually humbled by your faithful prayers, financial support, and encouragement. The work being accomplished here in South Wales is the result of God's grace and the faithful partnership of churches and individuals like you. Your investment enables us to preach the gospel, disciple believers, reach children and families, minister within the community, and continue strengthening churches in Wales.

Thank you for standing with us as we endeavour to reach souls, strengthen believers, and establish strong churches throughout Wales. We love and appreciate each of you, and we thank God for your friendship, prayers, and faithful partnership in the gospel.

Till The Shout,



BJ, Denise, Bailey, & Hannah