

# THE STAGNER FAMILY

## CHURCH PLANTING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

*Psalm 119:165 "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them."*

Dear Fellow Labourers in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Psalm 119, the crown jewel of the Psalmist, with 176 verses extolling the sufficiency and supremacy of God's Word, gives us this truth in verse 165—a verse of clarity, comfort, and conviction.

This verse, nestled in the longest chapter in the Bible—an ode to God's Word—stands as a lighthouse to the storm-tossed soul.

In a generation overwhelmed by unrest—socially, politically, spiritually—this verse shines like a lighthouse. In an age of anxiety, where mental distress and spiritual instability are rampant, Psalm 119:165 offers a divine antidote: Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

It does not merely offer peace, but great peace. It promises stability, not in ease, but in adversity. The world is constantly shaken, but God's Word anchors the soul. This verse is not a poetic suggestion, but a spiritual declaration.

This "great peace" is not given to all, but a **particular group**—a spiritual remnant. This promise is **conditional**, not universal. It belongs to a **specific class of saints**, not to every casual reader. This eliminates the carnal or half-hearted, the faithless and mediocre—only the committed reap this peace.

The old Welsh Baptist revivalist, Howell Harris said:

*"Where the Word of God is loved and obeyed, there is a joy and quietness that neither man nor devil can disturb."*

When we are consumed by the Word of God, even when offence arises—whether before us or against us—great peace prevails, enabling us to remain steadfast and sure. Praise God for His perfect, preserved, purified, and precious Word, our sole authority and unshakable foundation.



### Calvary Baptist Churches – Cardiff & Cynon Valley

The month of June has been a blessing in ways I could not have imagined. While, like many, we have faced the challenges that come with ministry, the Lord continues to reach down, order our steps, and make the path clear. I had thought things might slow down after a manic May—but I was wrong. We have been wide open and thankful for every moment.

The ministry in the primary school has grown in leaps and bounds. The headmistress recently asked for two additional Bible assemblies with Christian songs, as well as a workshop for the entire school staff. The opportunity to preach to approximately 125 students has been a joy. To see them engaged in the messages, asking questions, and getting involved blesses my heart deeply.

Both churches—Cardiff and the Cynon Valley—are doing well, with steady attendance and increasing engagement. During the last weekend, we had the blessing of a supporting pastor and his wife, the Gengarellas, who were able to attend both services in each location. It was a real treat to have them with us.

The new location in the Cynon Valley has stirred up much conversation throughout the village. Our outreach team continues to saturate the area with John & Romans, gospel tracts, and faithful street preaching of the Word of God.

### The Point – Cardiff & Cynon Valley

Trey and Josie Sheppard have been doing a fantastic job leading The Point – Cynon Valley. It has seen exciting growth this past month, thanks in part to the special meetings in the school and a creative "Balloon Day" event hosted by Trey, Josie, and others from the church. They are truly making a lasting mark in the village for Christ. At The Point – Cardiff, we are also seeing encouraging consistency and steady growth.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. Because of your partnership, we are able to labour and press forward in our mission to plant more Bible-believing churches across South Wales. Thank you for standing with us.

Till the shout  
*B. J. Stagner*  
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## *June 2025 Prayer/Update Letter*

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#### *Building Fund Update*

Dear Friends,

We are profoundly grateful for your steadfast prayers and support as we turn our focus from purchasing to **reducing the debt** on our new church building.

By God's grace we have received \$8500.00 toward debt reduction of the loan for the new building. Thank you for your sacrificial support and prayers.

#### **Current financial picture**

- **Total funds received (including loan):** \$193,389.37
- **Loan balance:** \$91,500
- **Contribution from our local congregation:** £7,195 ( $\approx$  \$9,500)

If you feel led to help, every gift—large or small—brings us closer to retiring this debt quickly. 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 kindness and partnership mean more than words can say.

#### *Prayer Requests - Praise Reports*

- Natalie and Lee's first baby, Rory;
- Josie's upcoming birth of Olivia (Trey and Josie's first child);
- Jess and Jason's first baby, Arabella;
- Debt pay off on the church;
- The Point - Cynon Valley and The Point - Cardiff Youth Clubs to continue to grow;
- **10% growth of both campuses this year;**
- Our family and continual support for the ministry;
- Man power in the ministry; We need labourers!
- The potential upstart of a teen ministry and leaders to do so;
- Protection and God's moving hand in the midst of weekly outreach and the outreach team.
- Continual continuity within the church;
- Trey and Josie Sheppard.