

# THE STAGNER FAMILY



*“Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. (Ecclesiastes 7:8)*

Dear Fellow Labourers in Christ,

Most people are running so fast to the end of this year they are missing the moment of blessings the Lord has offered and provided even in the midst of some darken and precarious days. It surely has been a strange year and seems as if it will continue to be so. As I write this final letter of 2020 we are in yet another national lockdown, thankfully the churches have been left alone, for now, yet people in our community and surrounding areas are finding themselves on both sides of the COVID restrictions. Some are all for it, following them to a T and queuing ups for the vaccine, whilst others seemingly do not agree and could care less. Despite which side of the ring you hail from, we, as Christians must be above reproach, serving the Lord with a pure conscience and an obedient mind.

Yes, this year has been a strange place, with the goal post seemingly being moved on a daily basis. However, as Coach Nick Saban said concerning dealing with COVID, restrictions and 2020 in general, “adapt or die!” We have adapted to the rules, new rules and changing rules; in doing so the Lord has richly blessed by seeing several souls saved throughout the year by way of various outreach ministries of the local church. We have maintained and increased our services both during lockdown and out, through multiple online venues and in person. We continue to hold four in-person meetings a week as well as another three online bible studies and prayer

meetings. My wife has recently re-started her ladies devotion on Thursdays, meeting every other week, which has been a great blessing to the ladies.

We are committed to seeing a revival in our land, beginning with us at Saron. Please pray for this to occur, one of our members from South was so moved by a Sunday sermon she asked if we could begin a weekly revival prayer team meeting via Zoom, of which we have on Friday mornings at 0830. This prayer is solely dedicated to praying for the local church and a revival. No revival in history has ever began without diligent prayer and we have a desire to see it happen again. It is so encouraging to see people get on fire for the Lord.

The last several Sunday and Wednesday services has had a touch from on high of which we are deeply grateful for. No, there has not been any running of the isles or everyone shouting ‘amen’, something completely foreign to Baptist in the UK. But there has been a sweet Spirit of God moving in our midst, as if you could almost reach out and touch it. Thank God for His presence, for without Him we could do nothing!

On behalf of Saron, Saron South and the Stagner family I want to thank you for your prayers and partnership in the ministry of church planting in the United Kingdom. May the Lord richly bless you for your sacrifice and service.

Till the Shout,

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