

DALE AND DEBBIE STOCKBURGER- CHURCH PLANTERS TO TOPEKA, KS
APRIL 2025 Prayer Letter



DEAR FELLOW CO-LABORERS IN CHRIST AND FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS,

I pray that this letter finds everyone doing well. I would like to say first that we are very thankful for the prayers and financial support of our WBF family. We are grateful for all that God has done and what He will continue to do through us as we faithfully serve Him. Also, I praise the Lord for the members that God blessed us with to serve with.

Since my last letter we continue to rejoice in what God is doing at Heritage Baptist Church. With that said, I want to share what is happening here since my last letter. When I wrote last, I asked for **prayers for us as we have been asked by another Baptist church about them merging with us. We had a combined service at HBC on November 17.**

After that combined service the Pastor at Oakland Historic Baptist Church met with me and my wife. In that meeting he asked me if we would continue to pray about merging his church with Heritage Baptist. After praying and seeking counsel from my Pastor we felt led that merging would be what the Lord wanted.

I then called a meeting for our members at Heritage Baptist to pray about it. Then afterwards everyone at Heritage Baptist felt that it was the right thing to do so they agreed on moving forward with the merger.

I called the Pastor at Oakland Historic Baptist and told him that we agreed to move forward with the merger. He called a business meeting on December 8 for the members at his church to vote on the merger and call me as their Pastor as well. The vote was unanimous from the church members there.

On December 8 the members of Heritage Baptist agreed on accepting the membership of everyone from Oakland Historic Baptist to be moved over to

Heritage Baptist. So, we became one local independent Baptist church under the name of Heritage Baptist.

We have experienced some growing pain, but I feel in my heart that there is a sweet spirit amongst the saints. The fellowship amongst the newer members has been great with the existing members. I don't like to see a church building shut down, but it was what we felt the Lord leading us to do.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray with us that we can sell that other building. With that said I have a burden for a Spanish Independent Baptist Church to be started in that vacant church Building. That area has a high population of Spanish people. I have met with a Spanish pastor from Nebraska and some other folks he brought with him. We have been praying with them that they can get the financing to be able to purchase that building.

Please pray for me as I seek the Lord's will in this matter. I appreciate the guidance I have received from my Pastor in this matter because this can be a blessing for us as we receive the money from this sale.

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH BUILDING: I want to praise the Lord that we are able to move forward with putting new carpet in the Sanctuary.

Also, I want to praise the Lord for our newer AC condenser for the fellowship hall. We were prepared to put money down and pay installments to a local AC company for the condenser, but I received a text from the owner that he wanted to donate the condenser. I know the owner personally, so I called him to thank him. He proceeded to tell me he appreciates my faithfulness as a pastor and to my secular job. I told him to God be the glory. Folks, your testimony means a lot in the community that you live in.

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers for myself and my family.

The Lord has been so good to us through all things. We choose at Heritage Baptist to focus on all the great things God has done and is doing for us.

Psalm 92:1-2 **“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High: ²To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,”**

Again, I would like to encourage everyone who feels led, to go to our Facebook page and “like” it. You can see what God has been doing here in Topeka. We appreciate everyone’s continued prayers for us as we serve the Lord here. **There is so much I can write about, but I am leaving my phone number for anyone who wants to know what God is doing in our lives here in Topeka.**

God Bless, Pastor Dale Stockburger and Family

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