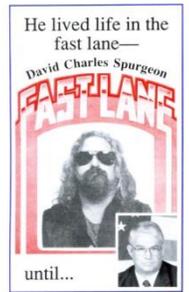




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**Charity Baptist Church, 1600 Brownleigh Rd,
Dayton, Ohio 45429 Pastor Sean Ireland**

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Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. I pray this letter finds it well with your souls, in spite of the trials and tribulations of living in the last days. Personally, I am glad to have 2015 in the rear-view mirror. What a year it was.

I have been asked numerous times over the last several months about the status of my home church, Charity Baptist, in Dayton, Ohio. It seems some misinformation has been disseminated, so I will address that. First, Charity Baptist Church did not close, neither did Charity Baptist Bible Institute shut down. Both rumors are examples of what happens when people do not wait on God for a final disposition on a matter, and ***lean unto their own understanding.*** Secondly, Susan and I have not left the only church we have ever been members of since getting saved. She has been a member there since 1978, and I have been there since 1990. I have been asked about where my support should be sent. If you feel led to support us, the address is still 1600 Brownleigh Rd, Dayton, OH 45429. If that was to change, believe me, I would be the first to let you know.

By the fall season of 2015, our church had arrived at a place where it seemed as if every attempt to move forward was met with unexplainable opposition. I am not referring to the normal spiritual battle. I am talking about something internal. In October, Pastor Murphy felt that the Lord would have him step down so as to allow the church to find a pastor that could guide Charity out of the spiritual doldrums in which she found herself bogged down. After several months of unsuccessful attempts to accomplish that, a vote was taken whether or not to dissolve the church. I am happy to report that vote, to the dismay of the devil and possibly some others, did not pass.

Over the course of the winter, many of our beloved friends decided to move their membership elsewhere. On January 31, 2016, a smaller, but unified, Charity Baptist Church purposed to get back to the basics, and back on track. Step one involved voting Sean Ireland in as our pastor with 100% in favor. Pastor Ireland graduated from Charity Baptist Bible Institute, as did his father, Pastor Bruce Ireland. Brother Sean has served Charity faithfully through the years as Deacon, and as Sunday school teacher. Several years ago he started Wellspring Baptist Church in Springboro, Ohio and pastors there as well. His enthusiasm is infectious and I am excited to see what the Lord is going to do with both Charity and Wellspring in 2016. I cannot express my appreciation enough for the many prayers for our church. Thank you is not nearly adequate, but thank you very much.

I also saw the Lord work a miracle in Ventura, California this year at Fundamental Baptist Church. That church had also been without a pastor since October and lost some of its faithful members during the tumultuous trial of finding the man God wanted to shepherd the precious flock there. I had the privilege of being with them the weekend an old and very dear friend, Tony Ibarra, was voted in as pastor, also with 100% of the congregation behind him. An extra blessing for me was to be in on his ordination at his home church, Bible Baptist of Sylmar, California shortly thereafter. What a great day in the Lord that was!

It was also my privilege to be in on the ordination of Mitchel Serviss, Pastor of Bible Baptist Church in Las Vegas, Nevada. Brother Serviss is a dear friend who loves the Lord, and has been surrendered to serve the Lord for many years. Brother Mitch stepped up to the plate a year and a half ago when his pastor, Brother Pete McKenzie, went home to be with the Lord unexpectedly.

Last but not least, please pray for the ministry of Redeemed Baptist Church in Foley, Alabama. Pastor Chuck Chavis has a real burden for the down and outers, and has a good crew behind him. I encourage you to check out their website, ***www.unshackledbythetruth.org***. Specifically, pray for the home for women they are hoping will become a reality, if it be the Lord's will. I guarantee they will appreciate it.

Thank you again for those who pray for us, and for those that support us financially. We could not do what the Lord has called us to do without you.

Anticipating the Shout!

Brother Dave

2 Cor 5:17

Looking for that Blessed Hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ...