



**“Come, follow me.”  
Matthew 4:19**

#### WELCOME TO CROSSROADS

We are delighted you have chosen to join us in worship today! We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some important information about our service.

We are here to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and to glorify God by living faithfully for Him and serving Him as He directs us.

#### SERVICE & MINISTRY TIMES

Sunday School: 10:00am

Sunday Morning Service: 11:00am

Adult Choir Practice: Sundays at 5:30pm

Orchestra & Youth Choir Practice: Sundays at 6:00pm

#### MINISTERING TO OUR CHILDREN

At Crossroads we encourage each family to determine when their children are ready to join us for the entire worship service. We understand that this is a process and varies from child to child and from family to family.

We offer the following options for your children:

- Nurseries on the West Hall for Infants & Toddlers.
- Nursery #3 on the South Hall (front entrance) for 2-3 years old

Children's Churches are available for children from age 3 through 6th grade. (Morning only)

Nurseries are available on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

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*Jesus said,*  
**Follow me.**

John 1:43

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# Welcome

April 19th

## Spring Revival

Today—Wednesday  
7pm Mon.—Wed.

Guest Preacher:  
Caleb Silvertooth

## SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Tonight:  
**Fried Chicken**  
Fried chicken will be provided. You bring sides and dessert.

Card Making Fellowship  
April 25th, 10am

*Revival is falling in love with Jesus all over again.*

-Vance Havner

### A DEFINITION OF REVIVAL

What is a good definition of revival? While I have read and heard a host of quotes on revival through the years, my personal favorite came from the pen of Vance Havner: "Revival is simply God's people falling in love with Jesus all over again."

### Revival is for God's People

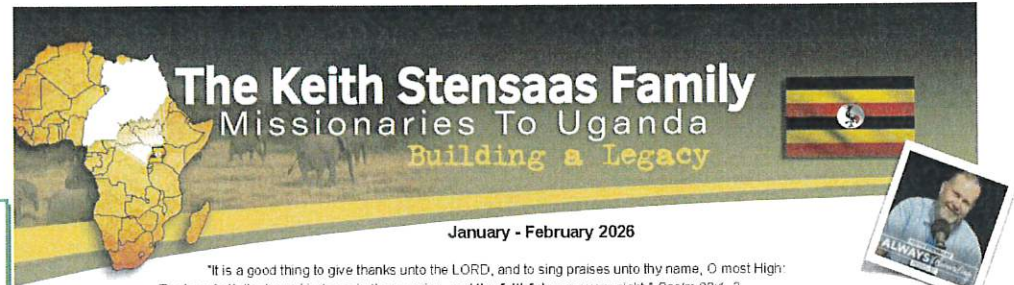
First, revival is for God's people – not lost people. The very word revive implies that something that was alive, lives again. To be sure, when real revival comes there will be a great gospel advance. A revived church is a witnessing church. Revival is not sinners being saved; it is saved people getting right. When believers get right with God and one another, many more will be saved. "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God" (1 Peter 4:17). Revival begins with a renewed emphasis on who God is and repentance for what we have done.

### Revival is for A Single Purpose

Second, revival is for a single purpose – to turn us to God and bring Him glory. Revival is not an emotion, an event, or an experience. Revival is not something; it is the life-giving presence of Someone: the Holy God, recognized, honored, and obeyed among His people. True revival is not moral reformation, political revitalization, or cultural renewal – it is spiritual in nature. The goal is God Himself. Spiritual transformation will affect everything else, but it must begin with the Lord if it is to last.

These same principles are woven into the fabric of great revival passages throughout Scripture. Psalm 85:6 says, "Wilt thou not revive us again: That thy people may rejoice in thee?" Revival is for us, for God's people. Revival leads us to Him.

Assistant Pastor Silvertooth



January - February 2026

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night." Psalm 92:1-2  
"I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever, with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 89:1

In recent months, the beautiful hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, drawn from Lamentations 3:23, has filled my thoughts. Truly, without His faithfulness, all of our labor would be empty and in vain. Anything of eternal value accomplished for the Lord is only by His grace and through His unfailing faithfulness.

In February 1996, my wife and I stepped off a plane with our ten-month-old son into the country that would become our home and ministry field for the next thirty years. At that moment, we knew very little about church planting, ministry work, or living in a third-world country. We honestly had no idea what lay ahead, yet through it all, God has been faithful!

In spite of our inexperience and weaknesses, He chose to use us and, as Scripture says, "counted us faithful, putting us into the ministry." When I reflect on these three decades – the planting of *Masaka Independent Baptist Church*; the additional ten churches that have come out of here; eleven churches under our care in Kialiro; the training of men and women through *Masaka Baptist College*, *Tri-annual Bible Institute*, *Barnabas Baptist Bible Training Center*, and annual ladies' conferences; the hundreds who have trusted Christ; the thousands of tracts and Bibles distributed freely; the work in Bible college curriculum and Bible translation – I see nothing but the grace of God and His great faithfulness. None of it could have been accomplished without Him. In addition to ministry, God blessed our home with five more children, all safely born in Uganda. To see all of our children serving the Lord is a testimony to the faithfulness and grace of God. Praise the Lord!

At the same time, we recognize that none of this would have been possible without the faithful prayers and financial support of so many of you. Many have stood with us from the very beginning. Any fruit that has been borne here in Uganda has been laid to your account as well. I am simply a tool in the Lord's hands, and through your partnership, He has allowed us to make a difference for Christ in this part of Uganda. I cannot thank you enough for trusting us to represent your church in reaching Uganda with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your faithfulness has been a constant encouragement, and we are deeply grateful.

We started the year with the first term of our *Tri-annual Bible Institute* welcoming 54 students. The course this term, entitled "*The Tale of Two Kingdoms*," focused on giving a clear and biblical understanding of the Kingdoms of God and Heaven. It was an encouraging week of study and growth as we sought to ground these students firmly in Scripture. During that same week, we held a graduation service for four students who had completed their studies at *Masaka Baptist College*. We praise the Lord for their accomplishment and ask that you pray for each of them as they seek to serve Him faithfully in the days ahead.

*Masaka Baptist College* began its first term of 2026 in February with nine students enrolled, three of whom are first-year students. Please pray for us as we invest our time, teaching, and effort into these men and women. Our desire is that they would serve the Lord wholeheartedly and remain faithful to Him for a lifetime of ministry.



Our church building projects are moving forward steadily. The church in Nantwaga is nearing completion. In Buwumba the members have just finished making their bricks (pictured on the left), and in Ndhoya construction is progressing well and is approaching the roofing stage (pictured on the right). It is a great joy to work alongside these churches as they labor toward having permanent places of worship. Please pray for each of these congregations that these buildings will serve not merely as structures, but as effective tools to reach their communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



We were privileged to have Brother Eric Damon of *Damon Media* come to assist our city church in *Masaka* with the installation of new audio and video equipment. We have been renovating the *Mesaka* church building, which has not undergone any updates in 29 years, and was in great need of refurbishment. The new installation will greatly support our goal of recording and videoing church services and *Tri-annual Bible Institute* classes so they can be shared with our village churches. There is very little independent Baptist material available in the Luganda language, and we are excited about the opportunity to provide sound, biblical teaching that our men can readily access. Before Eric returned home, we visited an animal conservation center where we were able to interact with the wildlife, including petting a lion – something we will not soon forget!

As I close, I would like to share an opportunity for our church in Lukaya. They recently completed their building on a beautiful piece of property situated on a hill. Between the church property and the main road are two additional plots of land. The plot of land closest to the main road was recently purchased by a developer. He is willing to construct a road directly from the main road to the church property if we purchase the second adjoining piece of land. Acquiring this property would greatly improve both access to the church and its visibility – a significant advantage for the future of the ministry there. As I have encouraged the Lukaya church to pray for the \$3,500 needed for the purchase, please pray with us about this opportunity as we wait on the Lord's direction.

May the Lord Richly Bless You as We Continue in His Work Together!

*Keith A. Stensaas*

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### CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR PRIOR WEEK

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| Wednesday     | 86  | Sunday AM | 214 |
| Sunday School | 147 | Sunday PM | 126 |

### Nursery Schedule for the Week:

Sunday PM: Renea Block & Maggie Hinojoza  
Wednesday: Kaylen Bosancu & Lehae Boggs

THANK YOU FOR SERVING