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Dear: Sir or Madam,

My name is Michael Gregory and I serve as the Senior Pastor of Tower Grove Baptist Church. Charles Lyons is one of the most gifted preaching pastors that I know. He began with a handful of white congregants in the early 70's, and with great passion and vision, Armitage Baptist Church became a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, spirit-filled church in the urban city of Chicago.

My wife and I got saved in the early 90's at Armitage, and due to Charles' commitment to Discipleship we are serving God in St Louis today. Charles took me under his wings and taught me how to minister as I joined him while he led prayer walks for gun violence and many late nights visitations to struggling Christians that needed someone to disciple them on their journey.

Charles' commitment to proclaiming the Gospel to the ends of the earth is evident as he and I traveled on several mission trips. These trips spanned over 20 plus days starting in Nairobi Kenya and ending in Kyrgyzstan. He is a man that is after God's heart.

I had the privilege of being on staff at Armitage as the Business Administrator for four years, and I remember saying to God I want to be godly like the godly men that serve on this staff. Charles somehow would locate men and women that had a desire for proclaiming the Gospel and he would cast the vision that God had given him for Armitage, and many would join in on what God was doing in the great city of Chicago.

Charles is a gifted and powerful expositor of the Word of God. He has the ability to reach across many ethnic cultures and proclaim Truth in a dynamic and powerful way. He's skilled with the ability to not only teach but to come alongside pastors and equip them with creating God's vision for their church. He is very knowledgeable and strategic in building God's church.

Charles is a man that God has equipped and blessed due to his faithful service and commitment to seeing Jesus proclaimed in the heart of an urban environment. Charles' desire is to see all hear the gospel and repent of their sins.

If I can be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 314.865.4673.

Sincerely,
Michael L. Gregory
Senior Pastor