

Greetings from Madison! As your state minister with Capitol Commission Wisconsin, I'm writing to share an update on our ongoing ministry to those serving in our state government.

The legislative session has been bustling with activity, providing numerous opportunities to share the love of Christ with our elected officials and staff.

Our weekly Bible studies continue to be a source of encouragement and spiritual nourishment for those who attend. Seeing leaders from different political backgrounds come together around God's Word is truly remarkable.

When asked about my motivation in ministering to political leaders, I respond, "To influence the influencers." That influence requires knowing leaders and connecting with them.

A recent example of this occurred on a Wednesday morning after the Bible study. Two regulars were not at the study on this particular morning, so I went to their office to check on them. When I walked through the door, there was a verbal gasp, followed by "Doug!" We were asking the Lord to have you show up today. We need prayer!"

Two representatives had developed a conflict, which filtered down to staff members. One staffer said, *"I received my first angry text at 5:30 this morning, which hasn't stopped. We hoped you would come and pray for us."* Being close to these brothers and sisters in Christ has opened opportunities for counsel and pastoral care in such moments.

A particular challenge I face is the two-hour drive to Madison and the cost of a hotel for the early morning study. To help me in this, Capitol Commission is offering a \$5,000 matching gift for my ministry in Wisconsin. This gift would be a dollar-per-dollar match for new partners. That means I need your help, as you have already supported me in this ministry. Would you ask the Lord to invite your church, friends, and businesses to consider participating in this partnership? The matching gift runs through December 31, 2025. You may contact me at doug.halsne@capitolcom.org or DONATE here.

Your faithful prayers and financial support make this ministry possible. Because of your partnership, Capitol Commission can maintain a non-partisan, Christ-centered presence in our statehouse, offering the hope and wisdom of Jesus to those who shape our laws and policies.

I'm incredibly excited to share our newest project: we

distribute custom Bibles to each legislator with their name and district embossed on the cover. (South Dakota version pictured) This personalized touch is our way of honoring their service while placing God's Word directly into their hands. <u>Please join me in praying</u> that these Bibles would not merely sit on office shelves but would create a genuine hunger in their hearts to read and apply Scripture in their personal lives and public service.

Please pray for open doors and receptive hearts as we continue this vital work at the Capitol.



Would you help me grow the team as we continue to bring the presence of Jesus and the truth of His Word to our political leaders?

Serving Him in the Capitol,



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> Capitol Commission is delivering the teaching of God's Word to our Capitol leaders, their staff, and even more of the Capitol community. Through a resolute pastoral presence, we are seeing legislators turn to Christ and embrace the truth of God's Word. Our boast is not in ourselves, but in the power of God through his gospel and Word. There is good news coming from our Capitols!

Partner with Capitol Commission to advance gospel hope and spiritual strength for government leaders, which is to "sound forth" the Word of God! Thank you to those who do partner with us so faithfully!

In this critical time, help us advance the gospel!