

# Pastor Severely Burned in Explosion, Remains in ICU

Kevin Corey, a Virginia pastor, remains in intensive care after suffering severe burns in an accident at his home on the evening of Jan. 30. While he was incinerating documents from old files in his backyard fire pit, a gas can exploded in his hands.

Corey was the youth pastor at Calvary Road Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. He was transitioning from that job to take the senior pastor's position with another congregation, according to . He and his wife were in the process of moving to Glasgow, Virginia, to be closer to their daughter Jenna Guercia, the outlet reported.

The Coreys' neighbors in the Newington area of Fairfax County told WRC-TV they heard and also felt the force of a loud explosion that evening.

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"It shook our house, I would say," Max Miller told the outlet. "It sounded like a bomb went off and it felt like an earthquake."

The incident was captured on video by a neighbor's Ring camera.

"You see him add an accelerant, which happened to be a gas can," Sherry Weaver told the outlet. "Then you hear this big explosion, and the gas can was too close to the fire, and it exploded in his hands."

The video showed an enormous plume of fire as Corey backed

away from the fire pit, according to WRC-TV.

“Unfortunately, the gas can, it sprayed all over him, and you then see him drop down to the ground, and the fire just followed him, and he was on fire,” Weaver said.

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The video showed Corey’s wife Becky running toward him while carrying a rug. She used it to snuff out the flames that were still on his body, according to the outlet.

“The last thing that you hear on my Ring camera is, ‘I’m alive, I’m alive,’” she recalled.

Corey was airlifted by helicopter to a DC burn center where doctors determined he suffered third-degree burns over 65% of his body.

“It’s going to be a slow recovery, but we’re hopeful,” Guercia told the outlet.

Becky Corey suffered first and second-degree burns on her hands while attempting to help her husband. She was treated and released, according to WRC-TV. {eo}

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