



# Church Expansion

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*From Secretary Ingram:* Our country is a land of unreached multitudes. Often these multitudes are also seen as unclean and unwanted. Such was the attitude of the Pharisees—**but not Jesus!** Jesus saw them as His reason to come into the world. He looked on them and was “moved with compassion.” He walked among them and deliberately reached out in love to them. “For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10).



Indeed, Christ is our Example for reaching the unreached with His Good News. His compassion and love for them should move our hearts to compassion and evangelism. Never should any unsaved person be beyond our love and concern. If we will only see them as He saw them, we will be moved with compassion to walk among them and deliberately reach out in love to them, saying what He would say and doing what He would do.

We must also reach out by planting new churches in the midst of the unreached multitudes. Churches enable a local group of believers to combine their efforts to impact their community with the Gospel.

At present we have three churches walking among and deliberately reaching out to the communities of Dayton, TN; Salina, KS; and Columbus, GA. God is blessing these churches in a great way. Please pray that the outreach in each area will result in people coming to salvation in Christ.

Your prayers and offerings and encouragement are greatly appreciated.

## Opportunities for YOU to be involved in planting Bible Methodist Churches:

- **Encouragement (addresses are above each church's report)**

- **Anytime Cards**

- **Birthday & Anniversary Cards:**

- Tyrel Hurst - Aug 14
- Curtis Going - Aug 30
- Robert & Kathleen Lands - Sept 17
- Robert Lands - Sept 18
- Jennifer Going - Sept 22



- **Projects** – Usually this section lists projects in which you can be involved. This issue we are reporting on a project in which many of you were involved!

- Each year the AL WMS chooses a project for which the children will raise money during the Pell City camp children's meetings. This year the WMS chose a project which has been listed here several times: carpet for the sanctuary of the Salina Bible Methodist Church. Mrs. Christina Black, the Children's worker this year, attempted to put home missions before the

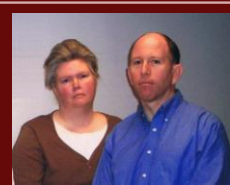
children in a tangible way and presented the Salina church to the children and prayed with them for the pastor and congregation each day. To raise the level of interest in gathering donations for the project, each child was assigned to one of four competing teams: Blue, Green, Red, and Yellow. The children brought in offerings from piggy bank savings; soliciting adult campers for donations; sales of flags, handkerchiefs and other small items; and earnings from kitchen duty. The **Blue** team won! The four teams together raised \$1700! We say "Thank you!" to everyone who promoted and participated.



**Dayton Bible Methodist Church  
Pastor Robert & Kathleen Lands**

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*From Pastor Lands:* Your prayers for Bro. & Sis. Lands and Bro. Freeman are much appreciated. God is enabling them to continue their ministry to the "Old Country Church" and the Dayton community.



**Salina Bible Methodist Church**

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**Pastor Todd & Marla Hurst**

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*From Pastor Hurst:* Since 1994 one of the most fulfilling parts of our ministry has been the Kansas State Holiness Youth Camp. Every year God has met with us, and this year was no exception. The Lord used evangelist Brian Line once again and reaped a harvest of young souls. We had 60 campers this year, not counting workers and pre-campers. Almost 100% of the campers were either saved when they came or got saved before they left.

We thank God for his hand of protection on us this year. Wednesday night we had a severe storm that produced a tornado. Everyone on campus had taken shelter in the basement of the main building. The tornado missed that building by 60 yards and laid a path of tree branches through the play field of the camp grounds. This tornado traveled 9 miles farther and destroyed most of the town of Chapman, KS.





We also want to thank the Lord for supplying the material needs for camp. Through donations of food and finances, we were able to meet all expenses. God never fails!

We are excited about selecting new carpet for the church. We want to thank the children of the Alabama Bible Methodist Camp Meeting (and everyone who donated to them!) for the money to purchase new carpet. Maybe we will put the old carpet back

into the dumpster we pulled it from two years ago. ;)

*From Mrs. Marla Hurst: Tomato Tuesday!* The day started out a usual day, a normal Tuesday. Todd left for work; Dad and I took our usual morning walk downtown to the local coffee shop; then I went to have my devotions.

God came and met with me! Lately I have been feeling a stirring in my heart, a restlessness to do more for Jesus Who has done so much for me. I decided to write a prayer to Him about my desire to serve Him more. I told Him about my inadequacies and weaknesses. I asked Him to make them my strengths. What could I do for Him today? He always hears our prayers!

Earlier, Dad had given me some tomatoes from his garden to share. I could get some baskets and share with my neighbors. When I asked Victoria, our 10-year-old, if she would like to go with me, she was so excited. Jesus was answering prayer for her too. I hadn't realized she had asked Him to bless Grandpa's garden so we could bless others with it.

Our first stop was right next door. The lady's name is Ann. She and her husband are taking care of her father who has throat cancer and lives with them. He recently had to have a feeding tube put in. She also delivers a 2:00 AM paper route and operates a daycare. She was in tears as she told me of the stress she is under. One of her children comes to our church sometimes. She wants him to attend youth camp next year. Pray for Ann and Rod.

Next stop was two doors over. John, an older Mexican man who lives with two of his sons and their children, is also dying of cancer. He told me of a possible surgery that could either help him or take his life. He would have to make his decision at his doctor's appointment one hour after we visited. As we talked, I told him we had been praying for him. I prayed the entire time we talked that Jesus would help us. All I could think was, "Here sits a man that could be in eternity very soon!" Please pray for John!

Three more tomato baskets to go. Next were our neighbors across the

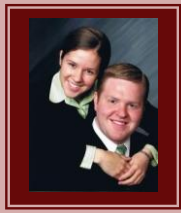


street who come to our church. We had a nice visit. They already had tomatoes. Next stop no one was home.

The last visit of the day was to a family of six. The mother told me her teenage daughter had painted her room black and she was re-painting it blue.

As I thought back over the day, I realized: *Jesus used tomatoes* to help us show His love to so many people who are hurting and burdened with cares! What will He use tomorrow? There are still two baskets of tomatoes left...

Please pray for us that Jesus will continue to give us a "harvest."



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*From Pastor Going:* We are grateful for God's continued help and direction in our new church in Columbus, GA. It is hard to believe that at the beginning of September we will mark the first anniversary of this new work. The past year has been one of victories gained and lessons learned, and through it all we have sensed God's guiding hand.

What a joy to have a good representation of our congregation in Pell City for the weekend of camp meeting! Also, we were thrilled to baptize Tommy Boggs during the Saturday afternoon baptismal service. Those from our church who had the privilege of attending the Pell City camp meeting expressed how much they appreciated the spiritual help that they received.

On July 10, we hosted the Chapel Quartet from Hobe Sound Bible College. Several visitors from area churches joined us so that nearly forty people were present for that service.

We continue to see new visitors at the Faith Bible Methodist Church on a regular basis. Over the past three months, there have been between twenty and thirty first-time visitors in our services. At the time of this writing, we have had brand new visitors for the past five Sundays, as well as some return visitors.

Please continue to pray that God would give us wisdom as we seek to reach out in the harvest fields and lead souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.



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