



# Church Expansion

an outreach of the Alabama Bible Methodist Conference

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*From Secretary Ingram:* Jesus left no doubt as to what He intended to be the mission for His church: **“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”** Why? Because people need the Lord. People need to know God's Word. People need the church. When has there been more unrest and uncertainty in our nation? The ever-increasing confusion and problems of life desperately call for guidance from above. To meet these needs, God has established His church, empowered its work by the Holy Spirit, and planted it locally. In the church, we find worship and preaching and souls being saved.



We are truly thankful that our newly planted churches in Salina, KS, and Columbus, GA, as well as the Old Country Church in Dayton, TN, are diligently carrying out this mission. Within their reach are multitudes of people who need the Lord. **Will you continue to pray for these churches and their pastors? Will you support the Church Expansion Department so that we can go and**

**preach in these areas and also expand to new areas?**

Soon your church will be receiving its **annual Thanksgiving offering** for Church Expansion. This offering is our financial lifeline, funding various projects and covering operating expenses. In order to reach our goal, we suggest that each person contribute One Day's Wages. Our goal is **\$10,000**. When you participate in this offering, **you become a vital member of the team** carrying out the mission Jesus gave us to **go** and to **preach**. Thank you for your generous giving!

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

- **Encouragement (addresses are above each church's report)**
  - **Anytime Cards**
  - **Holiday Cards:** Thanksgiving and Christmas (Slip in a dollar or two!)
  - **Birthday & Anniversary Cards** (Slip in a dollar or two!):
    - **THANKS** for the cards that were sent for the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Brother Lands and the 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Landses. Sister Lands reports he's read the cards "multiple times."
    - Marla Hurst – Nov 8
    - Curtis & Jennifer Going – Dec 30
    - Todd Hurst – Jan 6
    - Kathleen Lands – Jan 18



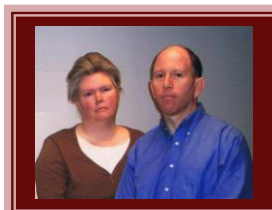
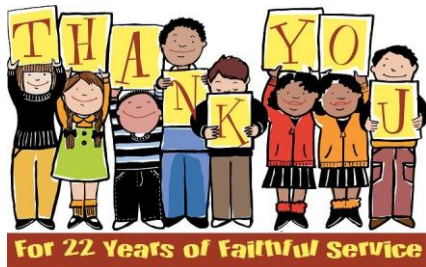


**Dayton Bible Methodist Church**  
**Pastor Robert & Kathleen Lands**  
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*From Pastor Lands:* We were so encouraged by how many people remembered us in September with birthday and anniversary cards full of warm wishes, kind words and prayers. I've read them over and over.

We also appreciate your prayers for us and Brother Freeman as God enables us to work together to rise above a challenging situation to continue ministering to our community. We pray for daily strength and press forward, happy to be serving God and the Old Country Church!

*From Secretary Ingram:* October marks 22 years of service to the Old Country Church by the Landses. God bless these faithful servants!



**Salina Bible Methodist Church**  
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**Pastor Todd & Marla Hurst**  
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*From Pastor Hurst:* What a special Sunday August 21st was! How encouraging to see our little church full – we had 31 people! God blessed our service with His presence. Salina Bible Methodist had its first baby dedication. It was nice to have visitors in for this special occasion.

Lately, I have been reading in Joshua how God told Joshua, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you." What an exciting time for the Israelites! I feel the same excitement. I feel that God is beginning to work out His purpose for the Salina Bible Methodist Church. How? When? God knows! His timing is perfect.



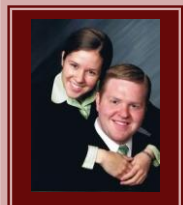
Seeing the church full made me realize that in time we will need to rent or buy the back part of our building.

We've ordered our new carpet and should have it laid by the time you are reading this! It will add so much to making the church beautiful. Thank you again, children (and adults!), for our carpet. Look for pictures in the Spring newsletter.



We have a new young person at our church, an exchange student who lives with the Mark Peple family. He comes from the Czech Republic. His name is Jacob, and he's 17. He is a very intelligent young man who wants to be a pharmacist. He doesn't know the Lord. Please pray that he will get saved.

We see God at work. Being in His work is exciting! As God told Joshua, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: For the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."



## Faith Bible Methodist Church

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### Pastor Curtis & Jennifer Going

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## *From Pastor Going - Our First Year:*

As the Faith Bible Methodist Church finishes its first year of existence, the banner that waves high in the commemoration is "To God be the glory!" To God be the glory for His divine guidance in every area of the ministry of this new church plant thus far!

I will never forget walking into the church building here in Columbus for the first time a little over two years ago. It was almost like a "ghost church." The nursery was still equipped with an old baby bed and changing table, and the toys were right where some toddler had left them in the toy box. The classrooms still contained much of their furniture. In the sanctuary, the floral arrangement was still on the communion table between the offering plates, and the Sunday school teacher's lectern was still standing at front-right on ground-level with a quarterly from the time the church closed its doors.

Apart from several areas that were in great need of repair, the interior of the church looked much like any other fully functioning church, but I was struck with the fact that it was just a building. This was not a church. It was lifeless! We bowed our heads at the front of the sanctuary that day and asked for God's leadership as



we contemplated all that would be involved in opening the doors of the Bible Methodist church in Columbus, GA. As we prayed, I could already feel God giving me a burden for this community, and within a few months, Jennifer and I were committed to starting the Faith Bible Methodist Church.

On a recent Sunday morning, I sat on the platform during congregational singing thinking about the first time I toured the building and how lifeless it was. But I was not discouraged. In fact, my heart was blessed! I looked out that morning and saw people in the pews. Hands were raised heavenward in praise to God, and



tears ran down faces as the Lord touched hearts with His great truth. I thought about the fact that the nursery has new furniture, and it is used every Sunday. The building is nearly as good as new, and it once again has life.

A sharp, high-quality sign out front announces our church name and service times. The Faith Bible Methodist Church has been born!

God has certainly blessed us over the past year. We have seen His help spiritually as people have sought God; we have seen His help financially as the church has taken on the responsibility of its own utilities, insurance, and incidental expenses; and we have seen His help numerically as over the past few months God has begun to send several new people to our new church plant. At this point, our Sunday morning regular attendees number nineteen, and our Sunday night services sometimes bring in several others.

While we thank God for His help, we realize that we still have a long way to go. Many souls need to be won to Christ and trained to follow Him. Several financial hurdles remain to be jumped. In short, much work is yet to be done.

Renovation of the parsonage has already begun with the replacement of many of the windows and the installation of a new panel box, and plans are currently being made for the renovation of the rest of the house.

Thank you for your prayer support and for your financial support! We are relying on the prayers of God's people as we continue to pioneer this new church for the glory of God.



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