



Church Expansion

an outreach of the Alabama Bible Methodist Conference

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From Secretary Ingram:



Our world is in an alarming condition—sin-sick, pleasure-mad, and self-driven. Our only hope is for New Testament churches to go...make disciples—plant new churches! If a church is to do the task evangelism requires, it cannot be satisfied within its four walls. A church must go beyond her doors, out into the byways and highways, and contact people. The Church Expansion Department is committed to the Great Commission. By your help and prayers, we are expanding our reach to reach the lost for Christ.

Thanksgiving “One-Day’s-Wages” Offering – Conference Goal, \$18,000: In November, cooperative pastors posted colorful flyers in their churches, and diligent Women’s Missionary Society presidents distributed the Fall newsletter to promote this offering, *the financial lifeline for operating the Church Expansion Department*. **Thank you for your response!** We value your support and prayers as we endeavor to plant Bible Methodist churches. To date we’ve received **\$8205.61!**

Active, AL	\$197	Mt Ivah, AL	\$125
Chattanooga First, TN	\$255	Nixon Chapel, AL	\$150
Chattanooga Temple, TN	\$460	Pell City, AL	\$358
Easley, SC	\$1018.12	Ponca City, OK	\$64.26
Flat Rock, AL	\$287	Selma, AL	\$286
Gainesville, GA	\$173.73	Stanton, AL	\$536.50
Glencoe, AL	\$1726	Talledaga, AL	\$612
Greensboro, AL	\$759	Tarrant, AL	\$470
Henry & Jan Miller	\$100	Waycross, AL	\$228
Miltonvale, KS	\$400		

If any person or church would still like to participate in this offering, simply send your offering to **Mr. Tim Helms, 419 Oliver St, Glencoe, AL 35905**.

1% Offerings: The Department asked the AL Bible Methodist churches to consider giving 1% of their church offerings to the cause of church expansion. Nearly one half of our churches have been willing to participate! Thank you! We are praying that the involvement will increase until all of our churches are participating. (Would you like for your church to be involved? Let your pastor know!)



Spring Church Expansion Rallies: Throughout 2007, you gave wonderfully of prayer, labor and funds. What happened with what you gave? You'll hear detailed accounts at spring rallies which will be held in as many of the churches as we can possibly visit. The Goings will accompany me as they are able so that you will hear first-hand reports. "...the Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."



We are thrilled with the great start our churches have experienced. Now our goal is to see them stabilized. You will also hear strategic ideas and plans we have for helping these churches to become established in 2008. See you in the spring!

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

• Encouragement (addresses are above each church report)

- Anytime Cards: Thinking of You, etc
- Birthday Cards (Spring Quarter):
 - Victoria Hurst - March 10
 - Zane Hurst - March 23



• Projects

○ Columbus GA

▪ Labor needed for church:

- Lay **carpet** in one SS room (Carpet is on site.)
- Hang **light fixtures** in pastor's office
- Hang **ceiling fans** in sanctuary
- Paint **hallway doors**

▪ Supplies and labor needed for parsonage:

- Purchase and install **heating/cooling unit**
- Paint **inside walls**
- Lay **carpet**

▪ Contact John Ingram for more info if you would like to help.

○ Salina KS

- **Carpet in the sanctuary:** Present carpet is worn, frayed and pieced together. **Contact Pastor Hurst directly for size needed and cost.**



If you or your church desires to financially assist the Church Expansion churches, please send your offerings to **Tim Helms, 419 Oliver Street, Glencoe, AL 35905.**

- **Honor or Memorial Gifts / Wills & Estate Planning:** If you wish to honor a family member or friend through a gift given to the Church Expansion Department or remember the Department in your estate planning, please contact **John Ingram, PO Box 43, Stanton, AL; 334-366-4766.** All contributions will be placed in a revolving fund and used to plant new churches.
- **Mother (or Nurturing) Churches:** Other Bible Methodist Churches need to be adopted and mothered (nurtured). Would you and your church pray about how God would have you respond to this important responsibility and blessing?



Dayton Bible Methodist Church Pastor Robert & Kathleen Lands

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About Pastor Lands (by Secretary Ingram): In mid-January, my wife and I and Bro. & Sis. Helms traveled to Chattanooga, TN, to visit Bro. Lands in the rehab center where he is recovering from two strokes. We found him full of joy and praise for the Lord. He was very happy to see us. With tear-filled eyes, he shared his testimony and faith in the Lord Jesus and admonished us to live and love the Lord with all of our hearts. He is truly rich in faith!



Please pray for Bro. Lands as he recuperates, and Sis. Lands as she encourages and supports him. I commend his family for their great love for him.

Thanks to Bro. Freeman, who has taken responsibility of the church for the time being, the Old Country Church continues to minister to the Dayton community.



Salina Bible Methodist Church 1506 Beverly Street, Salina, KS 67401

Pastor Todd & Marla Hurst

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From Pastor Hurst: There is no greater adventure than being in the center of the Lord's will. God has brought us through so much in the past few months. He never fails!



Things have been going well for the church. We finally have everything squared away with the City. The Sunday before Christmas, we had 29 people for our program!



My wife's surgery and subsequent recovery went very well. For the first couple of weeks, she was wondering why she allowed them to do this to her. Now that she is fully recovered, she is glad it was done. We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to the people of our conference for their overwhelming support in covering our cost of the surgery.

THANKS also to each one who sent Christmas gifts and support during our time of job transition. I am still without work but am pursuing several positions. We are asking God to direct us to the job that best fits around our ministry.



My wife's mother is still battling leukemia. We appreciate your prayers for her.



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Pastor Curtis & Jennifer Going
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From Pastor Going: How thrilling it is to watch the growth process of our new church! We have sensed God's presence in our gatherings. There have been wonderful times of prayer together around the altar and good testimonies shared in the services.



In October, our permanent church sign was installed—a positive addition to the church's exterior appearance and a new venue to communicate with the community.



In December, the ladies planned a Christmas dinner—a wonderful opportunity for our people to fellowship and begin to unite as a church family. On December 23, we had our first Christmas program, "Christmas at Faith." Twenty-one attended—our record crowd since the official opening, and several were first-time visitors!

In January, Rev. John Parker introduced Bible Methodist missions to our people. We want the church to have a vision for world missions from its very beginning.

We are striving to maintain contact with several young families who have visited our services, in hopes they will return. Please pray that God would give us wisdom.

Many times we have sensed very clearly that God sent us here for "such a time as this." We are firmly relying on God for wisdom and guidance in this endeavor.

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