



Church Expansion

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From Secretary Ingram: We are told that 170 million people in America don't know God in a personal relationship. Reaching out and winning these people to God is always exciting, but never easy. To accomplish the great task of soul winning, we need God's people to assume spiritual responsibility to pray for these people, leaders to lead the outreach efforts, and finances to pay for the costs involved. Please pray especially for the **people of Dayton, TN, Salina, KS, and Columbus, GA**, as the **Church Expansion Board, Goings, Hursts, and Lands** direct outreach efforts in these areas. Pray for **finances** to support the costs of our outreach. We readily acknowledge that we need wisdom to find God's plan for providing finances and faith to trust His plan.



Thank you for your past and present giving to start new churches. We appreciate your financial support throughout the year. Your **Thanksgiving** and **Spring Rally** offerings have enabled us to plant new churches and,

by faith, to expand the Kingdom of Heaven. We also encourage as many churches as will to help us in the **1% Offering**. This offering is 1% of the general church offerings and may be sent to our treasurer monthly or quarterly, and directly or through the Women's Missionary Society. This offering is used for general operating expenses such as travel, office supplies and newsletters, etc. As you participate in starting new churches, you engage in one very effective means of carrying out the Great Commission and experience a fresh sense of fulfillment and mission in reaching people for Christ.

We praise the Lord for the progress in the new church planted in Columbus, GA. Faith Bible Methodist Church consists of a dozen or so faithful attendees and, as of this month, is taking its first step toward being self-supporting: paying church incidental expenses—all in only 8 months! Yes, planting churches is rewarding!

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

• Encouragement (addresses are above each church's report)

- **Anytime Cards: To Cheer You, Thinking of You, etc**
- **Birthday & Anniversary Cards (Summer Quarter):**
 - Kenneth Hurst - June 6
 - Todd & Marla Hurst - June 6



• Projects

- **Columbus, GA:** The work of the **church** project is 98% finished. Now "let

the **parsonage** renovation begin!” The Goings’ move from apartment to parsonage will cut expenses for them by \$675 per month—a significant savings! We will announce specific projects by e-mail and also on our webpage at www.biblemethodist.org. If you or your church is willing to donate a day’s labor, ontact **John Ingram at (334) 366-4766** for more info.

▪ **Labor needed for church:**

- Landscaping

▪ **Supplies and labor needed for parsonage:**

- Heating/cooling unit
- Interior paint
- Flooring: carpet and vinyl
- Sheet rock
- Kitchen cabinets and appliances
- Bathroom equipment and fixtures



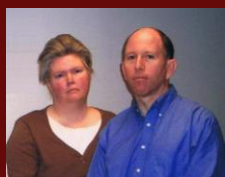
○ **Salina, KS**

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

- **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.



- **WANTED: A Mother (or Nurturing) Church:** The Burlington Bible Methodist Church (Pastor Darrell Stetler, Sr.) adopted and has been “mothering” the Faith Bible Methodist Church (Pastor Curtis Going). The **Salina Bible Methodist Church (Pastor Todd Hurst)** would also greatly benefit if it were adopted and mothered. A mothering church accepts responsibility to pray regularly for the adopted church; to contact the pastor weekly for news and prayer requests and to offer encouragement; and generally to help as needed or in other ways of your choice. Would you and your church pray about how God would have you respond to this important responsibility and blessing?



Salina Bible Methodist Church

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Pastor Todd & Marla Hurst

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From Pastor Hurst: We would like to thank everyone who helped us pray about my employment. When the company for which I was working decided to

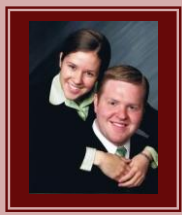
move its help desk overseas, we did not know what I would do for employment. My job ended on December 7th, and I began several months of looking for work. On December 28th, I submitted my résumé to the main offices of Sunflower Bank and was subsequently called in for 5 or 6 interviews January through March.

I was hired as “Money Market Manager” and began working on April 2nd. One of my concerns starting a new job was time off for the Youth Camp of which I am director. When I mentioned it to my boss during my last interview, he said it was not a problem, providing I take the time off without pay. Thank the Lord for opening the door for this employment!!



Our mother, Jacquelyn Comfort (67), died April 14, 2008, after a yearlong bout with leukemia. We will miss her so much. Many lives were touched by her testimony. She was a great encouragement to the Salina Bible Methodist Church. Several of those she influenced during her illness have shown interest in the church. At her funeral, nurses filled more than two rows, and Home School young people filled another five rows. We have received many cards saying they felt God’s presence at her funeral. To God be the glory!

God is helping the church to grow. Last Sunday we had four new people. One of our former neighbors came, along with her daughter and two grandchildren. Thank you for your prayers. Please keep on praying. The Lord is at work in Salina, KS!



Faith Bible Methodist Church
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Pastor Curtis & Jennifer Going

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From Pastor Going: It is a privilege to be a part of God’s divine plan in Columbus, GA, and to sense His faithfulness as we endeavor to accomplish His will. We are grateful for the strength that God gives as we follow Him.

God is continuing to bless the Faith Bible Methodist Church. We have seen nine first-time visitors from our community since the last newsletter was printed, and several of those visitors have shown a continued interest in the church. We are also continuing to build relationships with unchurched people we have met in Columbus, and we are praying that God will draw them to Himself and help them to understand the need to be a part of a Bible-believing church. Far more important than the *number* of



people we are reaching is the fact that the people we are reaching continue to sense God's presence in our church services. Over and over again, God has settled down on our little crowd and ministered grace to our hearts. I am convinced that while we may not be able to compete with the glitz and glamour of many contemporary churches, God's presence is always more attractive in the end.



We are excited about the arrival of our youngest church attendee! Tommy and Kendal Boggs became the proud parents of **Benny Noah** on March 3. We all are enjoying this wonderful new addition to our church family!

Special thanks are in order for seven men who came to Columbus from the Glencoe Bible Methodist Church to complete several projects around the church facilities. They laid carpet, installed trim around doors, painted trim and doors, and installed lights and fans. We appreciate the effort they put forth to help us.

We also want to express our appreciation to the churches that hosted Church Expansion rallies this spring. The warm hospitality and generosity of people across our conference was a blessing to both of us.

Recently we launched a church website, faithbmc.org. We pray that it will be a tool to bring people to our services and ultimately to salvation in Jesus.

May God richly bless you as you endeavor to advance God's kingdom where you are planted!



Dayton Bible Methodist Church
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From Pastor Lands: Bro. Lands is home from rehab. Please pray for him as he recuperates and Sis. Lands as she encourages and supports him. Bro. Lands is once again conducting the preliminaries of church services, and Bro. Freeman is continuing to preach. In spite of facing a challenging situation, the "Old Country Church" is ministering to the Dayton community.

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