



Church Expansion

an outreach of the Alabama Bible Methodist Conference

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From Secretary Ingram:

God has a wonderful interest in planting churches. And those who plant churches surely have a special place in God's love.

In this issue I would like to express appreciation to the faithful and courageous church planters of the Alabama Bible Methodists. No one questions the command of the Great Commission to go and bring people to Christ, but not many commit themselves to obeying it because it is no easy task. Church planters must be people of faith, determination and perseverance to see the church birthed and nurtured to maturity. They must feel the call of God in their hearts, carry a spiritual burden for unsaved people and determine to build a church where new converts can grow in the Lord. They dare not quit or turn back because of opposition or hardship for they have surrendered to the "call" and can do nothing else but step out in faith and expect God to give them victory.

To God be the glory, we have such church planters in our conference—men and women who lack not in character or purity or maturity! To these courageous soldiers of the Cross: **Pastor & Mrs. Bob Lands in Dayton, TN; Pastor & Mrs. Todd Hurst in Salina, KS; and Pastor & Mrs. Curtis Going in Columbus, GA,** I give tribute and honor.



Thanksgiving Offering: The Church Expansion department thanks the Alabama Bible Methodist pastors and churches for their liberal response to the special Thanksgiving offering.

Church Expansion Rallies: Thank you also for opening your churches for the Church Expansion rallies. Attendance was good, and the offerings were generous. Support raised for Curtis and Jennifer Going was exceptional—we exceeded our goal of 300 monthly shares of ten dollars each! Thank you for your "over-the-top" support and encouragement!

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!)





Deed Transfer, Faith Bible Methodist Church, Columbus, GA: The church property has been transferred to the Church Expansion department. The property consists of three acres of land with a church building that seats 100 and has a nursery, several classrooms, rest rooms and a pastor's study. Pictured are Ann McCrady, Billy Clemons and John Ingram.

Preparation of Faith Bible Methodist Church, Columbus, GA:

Thanks to all who have traveled to Columbus and worked on renovating the church and parsonage. Many pastors and laymen have worked hard to prepare for the opening of this new church plant. Special thanks to all who attended the Super Work Days! Your investment of time and effort is greatly



appreciated. Pictured is the youth group from the Stanton Bible Methodist Church who traveled and helped one Saturday.



What an incredible blessing the Paul Fowlers have been! This evangelist and wife have camped on the property, donating their time and labor daily for weeks. They have cleared land, painted, installed carpet—whatever has been needed!

Further Investment Opportunities: Perhaps you have not been able to be part of a work crew, but you would like to be involved in the planting of Faith Bible Methodist Church. Here are several possibilities! (Contact info for Church Expansion board members is on the back page.)

- **Carpet:** Four Sunday School rooms and the pastor's office need new carpet - \$200 per room
- **Tables and chairs:** Four Sunday School rooms need to be furnished with tables and chairs - \$150 per room
- **Windows:** Twelve windows - \$170 each
- **Doors:** Glass doors are needed at the main entrance to the church - \$1888
- **Piano:** A piano or quality full-size keyboard is needed.



Prayer Request: Sister Hurst's mother is very ill with leukemia and needs our prayers.

Prayer Request: Brother Lands is not in good health and appreciates your prayers for his health and for the advancement of the church.



Dayton Bible Methodist Church Pastor Bob Lands

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Our oldest work is located along US 27 four miles north of Dayton, TN in the Northbrook Subdivision. This work is under the leadership of Pastor & Mrs. Bob Lands. The Landeses are a wonderful Christian couple who have faithfully labored for many years to reach people for Christ and provide them with a church in Dayton. They have never turned back or given up, no matter how hard the work or how great the heartaches have been.



Salina Bible Methodist Church

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Pastor Todd & Marla Hurst

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From Pastor Hurst: We thank everyone for the support of their prayers. When we moved to Salina, we had no church and no congregation, but through your prayers, our church has taken root and is now putting forth stems and leaves.



We meet in a rented 40' x 80' metal building. The front half of the building is divided into offices and meeting rooms. Initially we held services in one of the meeting rooms, but we were soon cramped. The owner permitted us to tear down a wall to expand our meeting space. Someday we would like to turn the back half of the building into a full-size sanctuary.

We have carpeted our sanctuary with some carpet we were given for free. Our good friend, Jay, from Topeka, built us some beautiful altars and a podium. We have been able to furnish our sanctuary with chairs, hymnals and chorus books— all gifts from the Conference through the Church Expansion department.

Our congregation includes some wonderful people: A widow lady, two teenagers (brother and sister), a semi-retired couple from across the street, a little boy from next door, a young family of five from Miltonvale who drive down to help us on

Sunday mornings, and my wife's parents who are moving to Salina because of my mother-in-law's leukemia. Sometimes a couple comes from Topeka. Of course, we also have the Hursts!

Our Sunday School classes and Worship services are the highlights of the week for us. We so much enjoy God's presence and the fellowship of our people. Please pray that God will help us reach more people and see our church continue to grow.



Faith Bible Methodist Church
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Pastor Curtis & Jennifer Going
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From Pastor Going: We praise the Lord that our conference churches met the financial goal established by the Church Expansion directing committee! Thank you, pastors, for the invitation to be in your churches, and thank you to each individual who pledged their support to this church expansion work. Your genuine interest has so encouraged us! Jennifer and I are excited about serving the Lord in Columbus, GA.



The church property is quickly being brought up to par. Trees, brush and old shrubbery have been cleared away, new doors have been installed throughout the church building, a steeple has been mounted, and plans are being made for a new church sign, new carpet, new windows, and fresh paint. The parsonage has been cleaned out and ceilings repaired. A new roof was put on both church and parsonage. We are very grateful to everyone who helped!

We plan to knock on several thousand doors before our first service, and hold a revival meeting within the first two months that we are in Columbus. We believe God will make these outreach methods effective in reaching those whom He wants to send to the Faith Bible Methodist Church. Please continue to pray that God will give us clear direction as we work to advance His kingdom.

God will honor our church planters, these who have stepped out in faith to follow the Great Commission. He will also honor those who are involved together with our church planters through prayer, work and financial support. Thanks for supporting the work of the Church Expansion Department!

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