



# Church Expansion

an outreach of the Alabama Bible Methodist Conference

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## *From Secretary Ingram:*

Greetings from the Church Expansion Department! As we "behold the harvest," we see countless opportunities to help broken, troubled and distressed people find love and the meaning of new life in Christ. We trust that your church is successfully touching people for Christ.

**Our Churches:** Our church in **Salina, KS**, continues to establish itself on a firm foundation as the Hurst family works for the Lord in the Midwest. The work in **Dayton, TN**, is still marching on as Brother & Sister Lands and their congregation meet faithfully to worship and exalt the Lord. Our newest church in **Columbus, GA**, is now open, and God is working in and blessing the young congregation. Thanks to all who have worked and prayed and pledged support for these churches!

**Thanks to a Mother (or Nurturing) Church:** We want to thank **Pastor Darrell Stetler and the Bible Methodist Church of Burlington, KY**, for adopting and mothering (nurturing) the Faith Bible Methodist Church. The Burlington congregation prays regularly for the new, fledging church and has appointed someone to contact the Goings weekly to hear news, share prayer requests and encourage them! The Burlington church hopes to send a youth group to Columbus to help Pastor Going with canvassing to invite area residents to the church.

**Thanksgiving "One-Day's-Wages" Offering – Conference Goal, \$18,000:** For many years, we've asked our churches to receive a Thanksgiving offering for the Church Expansion Department. This offering is our financial lifeline, providing for various projects and operating expenses. In order to reach our goal, we suggest that each person contribute One Day's Wages. We appreciate your faithful help in the past and thank you in advance for this year's generous Thanksgiving offering!

## **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 (Winter Quarter):**
    - Marla Hurst – November 8
    - Todd Hurst – January 6
    - Kathleen Lands – January 18
  - **Anniversary Cards (Winter Quarter):**
    - Curtis & Jennifer Going – December 30
  - **Christmas Cards (Include \$1 if possible; many \$1's = many \$\$!)**



## Opportunities for YOU to be involved (Cont'd):

- **Projects**

- **Columbus GA**

- **Carpet for 4 classrooms and pastor's office:** \$200 per room
- **Tables and chairs for 4 classrooms:** \$150 per room
- **12 Windows:** \$170 each
- **Glass Doors at main entrance:** \$1888

- **Salina KS**

- **2 Commercial-grade commodes (to meet city code):** \$110 each
- **2 Heat-saving Bathroom sinks (to meet city code):** \$100 each
- **Youth Bible Study curriculum for Sunday School**
- **Building Rent:** \$400 per month

- **Columbus GA & Salina KS > Visitation cards with invitation to and information about the church:** 5000 cards each church

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:** Honoring a family member or special friend through a gift can be an especially meaningful act of paying tribute to someone who has been a vital part of your life. Making gifts for the benefit of others offers a wonderful way to affirm your own values and priorities as well.
- **Wills & Estate Planning:** Your last will and testament can be an instrument that not only distributes your material possessions to your loved ones, but also imparts your values and beliefs.

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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The work in Dayton, TN, is still marching on. Although Pastor Lands is not well, the congregation meets faithfully each week to worship and exalt the Lord. Please pray that God will give the Lands wisdom and strength for their work.





## Salina Bible Methodist Church

1506 Beverly Street, Salina, KS 67401

### Pastor Todd & Marla Hurst

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*From Pastor Hurst:* As we have faced many obstacles recently, I've had to remind myself that our obstacles are God's opportunities to show His strength.

As you may know, my mother-in-law was diagnosed with acute leukemia. The leukemia is not responding to the chemo-therapy as much as the doctors would like, but God has lifted her spirits. She even traveled three hours to Ottawa, KS, to attend the Barn Camp Meeting. We don't know what the future holds, but we thank God for the good days He is giving her now. We appreciate your ongoing prayers.

On August 31, we received a notice from the City of Salina Building Department stating that because the building in which we meet was not designated as a church, we are in violation of City code by meeting there. A Change of Occupancy permit was required before holding further services. We obtained a temporary permit to meet in our building and have until October 31 to meet requirements.

On September 4, the City inspected the building and gave us a list of changes that need to be made, which included paving the parking lot. We prayed and others prayed, and the City returned on its own to tell us paving is not required.

On September 5, my employer announced that the company will be moving operations overseas and closing this location on December 7. I believe that God is using this to help me find a job that will be flexible enough to fit around our ministry.



## Faith Bible Methodist Church

5506 Armour Rd, Columbus, GA

### Pastor Curtis & Jennifer Going

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*From Pastor Going:* What a wonderful privilege it is to report to you about the first service of the Faith Bible Methodist Church!

The evening of Saturday, September 8, found the church building bustling with final preparations for the official opening the next morning. The pews had to be anchored to the floor, the piano needed some repairs, and the building needed a

thorough cleaning—just to mention a few. With God's help and the hard work of His people, the building was ready!



On Sunday morning, people began to arrive at 10:15. By 10:55, we were moving cars onto the grass to make room for everyone. Inside, the sanctuary was nearly filled to capacity, and there was a spirit of expectancy and enthusiasm.

From the first congregational song, we could sense God's presence. Mr. Billy Herron (from the Easley Bible Methodist Church) led the singing; Mr. Herron, his wife Bekey, and Rev. John Parker provided special music; Bro. Helms and Bro. Unger from the Glencoe Church ushered, and I preached a message entitled, "Why We Need the Local Church." The service was marked by great excitement for the future, shouts of victory and the nostalgic tears of those who had been a part of the first Bible Methodist church in Columbus years ago.



At the conclusion of the service, our Conference President presented a plaque of appreciation to Mr. Billy Clemons for the years that he oversaw the church property. The congregation then moved out onto the front lawn and dedicated the new steeple in Mr. Clemons' honor.



Seventy-five people attended the first service: approximately twenty people from across the conference, fifteen to twenty people from Billy Clemons' family, and nearly forty people from the Columbus area—potential contacts for the future.

God is continuing to help. On Sunday, September 23, I preached a simple Gospel message and gave an altar call, and a man in his early forties came forward to accept Christ as his personal Savior. We are thrilled to see what God wants to do in his life and to see how many more will come to Christ just like Tommy.

Please continue to pray for us as we endeavor to faithfully serve as your missionaries to Columbus, GA.

### Church Expansion Department – AL Conference

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