



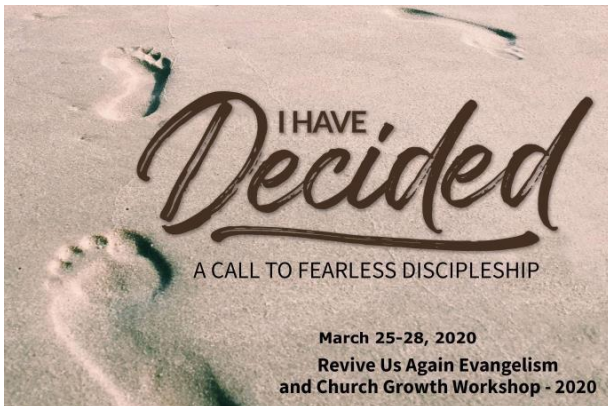
HOMEMISSION REPORT - FEBRUARY 2020

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Orr Travels and Visits

*Cape Coral (FL)
West Broward (Plantation FL)
Floral City (FL)
Florida School of Preaching
Southside (Zephyrhills FL)*



MUCH planning and preparation has gone into our upcoming *Revive Us Again* Evangelism and Church Growth Workshop, but we still need **YOU** to make this endeavor a success! There is still time to make your plans to attend this time of learning and fellowship! **PLEASE** pre-register if you haven't, so we can have your **FREE BBQ** ticket and a name tag ready upon your arrival!!!

Congregation Updates

DeerBrook (Humble, TX) – Kirk Castleman, minister, reports that the congregation is doing well and using *HomeMission* evangelism training materials.

Columbus (NE) – Ralph Carleo reports, “The congregation continues to use the discipleship booklet. It was used recently with two newer Christians. The Wednesday night class continues to use it for study. We hope to be prepared for more opportunities. Our Sunday morning attendance has slowly increased. We were in the 20’s for worship and now are close to 30 on average. We had a new family of five visit in July and are continuing to study & worship with us. We used the visitor program to follow up and gave them a gift *HomeMission* provided. We also just had a sister in Christ move here and is attending with her two young grandsons. With these two new families, we have increased from having two children in class to six now! Joe and Linda Thomas committed to helping us with a VBS this June. We are very excited about that!”

Westside (Fort Dodge IA) – three baptisms! Praise God!

Cape Coral (FL) and **Channelview** (TX) congregations held door-knocking campaigns recently! The *Sojourners* assisted in Cape Coral and *Gospel Sharing* with Channelview (5 baptisms).

Westside (Media PA) – one baptism! Praise God!

West Broward (Plantation FL) – one baptism! Praise God!

Needville (TX) – one baptism! Praise God!

Two of our Iowa churches, **6th Street** (Sioux City) and **Westside Church of Christ** in (Fort Dodge) report that Mike Mahler and James C. Rogers have gotten together and are sharing their ideas and materials for their Vacation Bible Schools and helping each other out. Thanks also to James’ creative wife, Tabettha, for her wonderful input and work.

Evangelist Updates

Our evangelists report the following recent activity or ongoing, continuing work in the indicated locations' events or efforts:

Danny Aragon – Las Vegas (NM)

Tom Bedichek – Guthrie (OK) and Denton (TX)

Tom Box – *Burkburnett* (TX) – congregation is growing

Bill Clark – *College Hill* (HillsboroTX)

Jack Cummings – *HomeMission* School of Evangelism (Fort Worth TX) – coming 2021

Russell DiGiorgio – *Northeast Institute of Evangelism* (Media PA)

Michael Green – represented *HomeMission* at *Freed-Hardeman University Bible Workshop*

Bill Hardy – Memphis (TX), as well as two additional campaigns

Steve Hunley – assisted John and Susie Orr in recent efforts in Florida

Jim Lucas – *Freetown Rd* (Grand Prairie TX) – growth reported

Ron Moore – *HomeMission* School of Evangelism (Fort Worth TX) – coming 2021

Steve Orduno – West Coast (CA, OR, and WA)

Jim Smith – campaign in Channelview (TX) – 5 baptisms!

Joe Thomas – workshops (Nebraska area)

February Photo Gallery



Steve and Pat Hunley work with several congregations in Florida!



Members at *Floral City (FL)*



Meeting with local FL preachers – Steve Hunley from MainGate Church of Christ in Orlando, John Orr, HM Director, Richard Meadows from North Lakeland Church of Christ, and Federick Hicher from Griffin Road Church of Christ in nearby Bartow, FL.



John Orr with Terry Casey of the *West Broward (Plantation FL)* congregation

Members at *Cape Coral (FL)*



The February 2020 Central Florida HM Campaign with John & Susie Orr has just been completed and was a complete success! We greatly enjoyed the time we had with John and Susie, even though it was brief. We did learn a lot and plan to do whatever we can to spread ideas learned to grow the church to other at-risk congregations in the immediate area. We will remain in-touch and look forward to seeing John & Susie again, when the next opportunity arises. To review:

Feb. 16th thru 19th – Workshop @ [Floral City church of Christ](#) in Floral City, FL.

o *LAUNCH session presented. Church consists of maybe 70% seasonal (snowbirds) visitors/members of the church who return north during March of each year.*

Negative aspect of this: fewer people remain during spring/summer/fall to support the Floral City church.

Positive aspect: Each member traveling north will carry literature on HM to their northern congregations for their consideration.

Feb. 20th – John and Susie Orr met with FL School of Preaching ([FSOP](#)) Director, Brian Kenyon. In addition, John was invited to speak at the AM chapel period where John discussed with FSOP staff, teachers and students the work of HomeMission.

o *Formal introduction of personnel and brief discussion on the subject of the need for advanced evangelism training for newly graduating students and pulpit ministers.*

Feb. 21st –John and Susie Orr met for 2-hours with ministers from two small churches of Christ so they could learn more about HM and consider a workshop at their churches the next time John and Susie visit Florida—possibly in 2021:

o [North Lakeland church of Christ](#) in Lakeland, FL. Minister is Richard Meadows.

o [E. F. Griffin Rd. church of Christ](#) in Bartow, FL. Minister is Federick Hicher.

Feb. 23rd thru 26th –Workshop @ [Southside church of Christ](#) in Zephyrhills, FL.

o *LAUNCH session presented. Church consists of approx. 80% seasonal (snowbirds) visitors/members of the church who return north during March of each year.*

Negative aspect of this: fewer people remain during spring/summer/fall to support the Southside church.

Positive aspect: Each member traveling north will carry literature on HM to their northern congregations for their consideration.

In addition, John & Susie were introduced to church of Christ ministers who show great interest in working with HomeMission as volunteer evangelist after they have further discussions/training:

1. Michael Shingledecker, retired minister, attended workshop in Floral City, FL and plans to attend **Revive Us Again** in late March in Wichita Falls, TX.

2. Tony Keith, retired minister, working with Floral City, FL church of Christ on a fill-in basis. He also attended the Floral City HM workshop. He will remain in contact with HM, John Orr, for further discussions about how he could be used to help in the central FL area.

3. Bernard Cooper, retired minister, works out of the McClesfield, NC area. He is interested in learning more about HM workshops and working as a volunteer. John Orr is to contact him at his earliest convenience to discuss the work of HM.

My wife, Pat, and I will remain in contact with all the above mentioned congregations in an effort to supply any needs they may have or supply additional ideas on how to accomplish the tasks identified by HM workshop to assure forward progress is made in this effort to grow the church. Unfortunately, my wife and I will not be able to attend the Revive Us Again workshop in March; however, we will order the recorded audio so we can listen to all the classes presented. We hope to be able to attend one of these workshops sometime in the future.

Best regards,
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