

HomeMission Report

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Church Spotlight



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HomeMission began with the **Faith Village church of Christ** in 2015. The elders supported **John and Susie Orr**, enabling them to begin the work that has blossomed nationally over the past seven plus years. The first evangelists were **John Orr, Jerry Tallman, Michael Green, and Tom Box**. Currently, John Orr is the only one of this group of men still active as an evangelist for **HomeMission**, however, we appreciate all these men and others through the years who have been a part of this great effort. Today, we have nine evangelists and expect to continue growing, Lord willing. Although the oversight of **HomeMission** would later move to the **West Freeway church of Christ in Fort Worth**, Faith Village is still an integral part of the success and operations of **HomeMission**. Some of the many things Faith Village provides are: Administration personnel and offices, (**Karen Jones** and **Becky Swaim**), printing, shipping and receiving, storage, financial support, RUA director—**Chris Swinford**, dozens of wonderful volunteers, **Team Sew** (providing handmade materials for churches around the country), and many individuals who have given financially since its beginning. Faith Village has also helped other congregations with V. B. S., financial support, and building and cleanup work. They also had our first ever **HomeMission** Celebration in which they raised over \$10,000. If not for this congregation, its elders, staff, and members; hundreds of churches in 46 states would never have received assistance. Praise God for His wonderful church family at Faith Village.

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2023 Baptisms reported
by HM churches: 19



Our Mission:

HomeMission sets out to train evangelists, rescue struggling congregations, provide onsite training, follow up disaster relief, provide leadership training, send out preachers and resources, and connect congregations and organizations.

From the Director

Dear Loved Ones in the Lord,

Dear loved ones in the Lord. It's hard to believe this will be our 5th year for the **Revive Us Again Workshop**. The workshop was held the first two years at the **Faith Village church of Christ** in **Wichita Falls, Texas**. The third year was virtual due to the pandemic. Last year, it was held at the **Brown Street church of Christ** in **Waxahachie, Texas**. This year will be the second year at Brown Street, **March 22-25, 2023**. We have a great line-up of speakers, teachers, a very interesting discussion panel, sponsors, vendors, and singing. **Chris Swinford**, preaching minister from the Faith Village church of Christ is the director. This year, we will have a youth night on Friday evening. **Trey Morgan** will be the speaker, and **Heritage Christian University** will provide pizza for all attending at 6 p.m., with worship and keynote at 7 p.m. It is amazing how God has grown this workshop over the years, even in troubled times. The question this year is, will you be a part of it? We had over 600 in attendance last year. This year, we are hoping for over 1000 attendees. But we are praying that God will be glorified! Please make plans to attend this year. We will see you there.

Love, **John and Susie Orr**

RUA is coming!

Please be sure to register for Revive Us Again! It will be here soon! You may register at www.HomeMission.org. Thank you and we hope to see you there!

Please keep **HomeMission** in mind when estate planning. Your donations will leave a legacy that will last many lifetimes.

We also encourage you to check with your employer about matching donations to 501c3 organizations. If they participate in matching funds, you can make a tax-deductable donation to **HomeMission** that will be increased by the generosity of your employer.

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Night classes are going very well. **Jim Mitchell** taught the **Open Bible Study** during January and February to an attendance of 10-12 each Monday. **Chris Graham** is now teaching **History of the Church of Jesus Christ AD 33-Present** to a similar group. We are using **Jack Cumming's** outline and **David Bercot's** excellent book, **Will the Real Heretics Please Stand Up** as texts. Classes are available via Zoom as well as in person. We have enjoyed two baptisms since our last report through the work of the students. Look for our booth at Revive Us Again!

Chris Graham, Director
Glenda Graham, Secretary

Director of Operations Report

Many good things happened in February! We will be sharing some exciting news in the near future. God continues to work in ways that we don't see, until the fullness of His timing. All glory to God.

It was a privilege and blessing to be at the **FHU Lectureships**. The theme of **"For Such A Time As This - Restoring God's People"** could not have been more timely. Great speakers and great messages generated great enthusiasm! The joy of meeting and reconnecting with old friends is also a special blessing.

Feb 4: (am) **Tiplersville church of Christ** (Tiplersville MS) morning class and sermon; began **Foundations for Disciples Bible study**.

Feb 4: (pm) Booth setup at **FHU Lectureship/Henderson TN** with **Don/Phylis Lallathin**

Feb 5-9: FHU Lectureship/Henderson TN; blessed with multiple interactions and introductions.

Feb 10: Meeting at **HCU/Florence AL** - RUA Shoals '23 planning session.

Feb 12: Attended **Brown St COC (Waxahachie TX)** with **Karen Jones** and **April Askew** in support of eldership's pre-RUA Texas activity.

Feb 19: (am) Attended **Saint Jo church of Christ** minister **Steve Chism** (**HomeMission** church)

Feb 19: (pm) Preached at **Flower Mound church of Christ** (home congregation)

Feb 20: **HomeMission** material handoff to **David Tarbet** in support of New England churches.

Feb 27: **HomeMission** Advancement team meeting

From the Field



Alan Stephens and **Don and Phyllis Lallathin** are at **Pigeon Forge, TN** at **CYC, Challenge Youth Conference**, with a **HomeMission** Booth. Pictured above are Alan and **Dr. Brothers** at the **Heritage Christian University** booth and **Nathan Green** at the **HomeMission** booth.



We'd like to introduce our newest **HomeMission** team member, **Donny Weimer**. We met Donny at a meeting assisting with a church plant and he later asked about working with HM. As he's "learning the ropes", Donny is visiting churches in the DFW area and inviting them to our upcoming **Revive Us Again**. Donny comes with great credentials. He's been preaching in small churches for over 30 years and has a heart for evangelism. He is an online teacher at **Tennessee Bible College** and has studied at **Brown Trail School of Preaching, Amridge University**, and the **Theological University of America**. He also studied radio/tv broadcasting at **East Texas State University**. We know God will bless us with this new addition to our group!



The week of February 4th, **Jim Lucas** was with **Don & Phyllis Lallathin** at the **FHU Lectureships**. They are pictured at the **HomeMission** booth.



From the Field



Two souls were added to the body at **West Freeway Church of Christ** recently, **Stacy Gladen** and **Diane Estep**. Welcome to the family!



Bypass Church of Christ - Vicksburg, MS singing **Give Me One Soul Today** at the end of our **Circle of Influence workshop** on February 1st. They are such a loving and hospitable church!



76 year old **Charlie Tipton** obeyed his Lord in baptism on Sunday, February 5th, after studying with **John Orr** and **Joe Ferguson** at **Ave T Church of Christ** in **Temple, TX**. Charlie had been visiting the church for a few weeks. He told John he had never been baptized and they had set up the study. Praise God!



At the **Callisburg church of Christ**, one of the members studied with **Kelcie Keenan**, who invited her to church, and baptized her.

Evangelist Reports

MIKE KING & JONATHAN ORR & JOHN ORR

Completed the **Port Charlotte Church of Christ** Wednesday evening **Evangelism and Outreach** Team training.

Mike King

This month was another blessing from the Lord! I was blessed to witness a baptism at one of our **HomeMission** churches, and the church I'm a member of, the **Callisburg Church of Christ**. Multiple new Bible studies are being held there, men are being trained for teaching and evangelism, and the **Habenero ministry** is being utilized to great effect. I wanted to highlight that if people invest in the Habenero ministry, and congregations invest and are passionate about evangelism and follow up, God can do amazing things!

Jonathan Orr

We began the month At the **Bypass church of Christ in Vicksburg, Mississippi**. I conducted a **Circle of influence** workshop. The congregation has grown since our last visit in May 2022. After that, we did a launch session at the **Avenue T church of Christ in Temple, Texas**. **Joe and Darla Ferguson** joined us there. Joe had to finish it out as Susie and I came down with Covid 19. Joe did a great job on Wednesday and Saturday. While there, we both studied with a 76-year-old Veteran who served in Korea and Vietnam. He obeyed the gospel and is now faithfully serving the Lord. Praise God! We spent the next couple of weeks recuperating and getting ready to go to **Adel, Georgia** to work with the church there. The Fergusons went there as well.

John Orr