

HomeMission Report



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The Westside church of Christ has been a faithful congregation of the Lord's people for many years. **HomeMission** first begin working with them in 2017. At that time, they had about **15 in attendance** and **no full-time preacher**. Today that number has almost tripled, and **Brother James Rogers** is their **full-time evangelist**. Two of their ladies and two of their men have used "the **Rest of the story**" (an evangelistic method of **HomeMission**). Over **40 baptisms** in the last three years have occurred **because of the Lord Jesus**. They are very active in the community, and they are sending one of their men to the **West Freeway School of Evangelism in Fort Worth** beginning in August of this year. They are **loving people, hard workers** and are passionate about God's word. They also have a **youth group**! **May the Lord continue to bless this precious congregation of faithful saints.**

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Statistics for April 2024

Statistics for **HomeMission** through April 2024

1. We have worked with **75 congregations** (in some way) in **22 states** so far this year. We are following up with **nine churches in five states** that have had **disasters** and **received assistance** from **disaster relief efforts**.
3. We have given out thousands of workbooks, materials, Bibles, tracts, and other tools to churches around the country.
4. **HomeMission** is continuing to work with four start up congregations in four states. We are now trying to assist a couple in Wisconsin in starting a new church.
5. We now have 13 evangelists, with several that are being trained.
6. **HomeMission** plans to conduct two four-day conferences. REVIVE TEXAS (April 24-27—532 in attendance from 68 congregations in 11 states) REVIVE ALABAMA (June 12-15)
- 7.. Churches have reported 341 baptisms so far this year through the end of March. While 721 were reported last year.
8. Elder'sNet (a quarterly publication for elders by elders) is being sent out to over 472 elders in 30 states representing 146 congregations.
9. The **West Freeway School of Evangelism** graduated its first three students in August and started year two with three students who finished their classes last year. They are now doing their field work. We already have five new students signed up for August of this year, and many more have shown interest.
10. 10 larger congregations have committed to work with 10 smaller ones through **HomeMission**.
11. Of the 600 plus churches **HomeMission** has worked with over the past eight years in some way, less than 2% have closed, while around 100 other churches in America are closing their doors each year.
12. **14 churches** have **requested information** - **eight churches** have been assigned an evangelist to work with them; six churches have future dates.
12. All praise and glory go to Jesus our Savior and King.

With the Lord's help, **HomeMission** assists **churches of Christ** in the **United States** and **YOU can play a part in this work!** For more information or to make a donation -

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From the Director

Director's report for April 2024

Dear loved ones in the Lord:

"Good News"! These are the words that describe our **Revive Texas 2024**, held at **Brown Street church of Christ** in Waxahachie Texas this year. Despite the tornado warnings and heavy rain on Friday. Many came out anyway. We had **532 total attendees from 68 congregations, in 11 states**. Next year, Revive Texas will move to **Wichita Falls, Tx** hosted by the **Faith Village church of Christ**. It will be held April 23-26, 2025. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to stay a few days for fantastic **keynotes, "how to" classes, discussion sessions, many sponsors, and vendors, 2 bookstores**, many ideas for **church growth, bible classes, ministry** and an old-fashioned **Texas Barbeque**, Friday night. We are so thankful to Brown Street elders for overseeing this workshop for the last three years. One of our attendees said this was one of the best four days of his life! WOW! Begin planning for next year now. **May the Lord bless and keep you, Love,**
Love, **John and Susie Orr**

Memorials

Please keep Home**Mission** 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 Home**Mission** that will be increased by the generosity of your employer.

Visit homemission.org/donate to learn more about how you can support this mission!

West Freeway School of Evangelism



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It was great to see many of our supporters and prospective students at **Revive Texas** this month. I'm also very excited about two new teachers this fall. **Tyrone Jones** is the evangelism minister at the **Greenville Avenue Church of Christ in Dallas**. He is facilitating a very active, successful personal evangelism program that utilizes the **Open Bible Study** and other tools. He will teach about how to set up an evangelistic ministry in other congregations. **Monty Pettijohn** will teach a series on discipleship to challenge our students to explore their own relationship to Christ and their commitment to Him as well as how to help others become disciples as well.

I believe we are well on our way to having our **largest class** yet in the school this fall. Students from **Texas, Arizona, Illinois, Ohio and Florida** are preparing to join us for the start of the fall session on August 26, 2025. Please "talk up" the school to anyone who would like to improve their serve.

Chris Graham

There was an incredible level of activity in April. I personally logged over **3500 driving miles** in support efforts: **praise God** for safe travels and receptive hearts! God continues to provide new opportunities and bless existing opportunities, even as we humbly seek to accomplish what He has already put before us.

I was humbled and blessed to teach multiple classes at **Revive Texas** including a two-part series on "**How to Grow a church with Less Than 50 Members**". The classes were nearly full -- not because of the teacher, but because of the topic. May God continue to use **HomeMission** to help these smaller churches who are often "below the radar" of the brotherhood...they are often silently struggling, seemingly on an island by themselves. We in **HomeMission** know the **unique struggles** that **smaller congregations** have and pray God will continue to **use us** and **work through us** to help them. **To God be the glory, for ever and ever.** Other items of interest:

Ongoing planning and support activity associated with upcoming **Revive Alabama**

Ongoing **meetings** with **prospective evangelists**, ongoing **training sessions** with **current evangelists**; congregational **follow up**.

New **HomeMission** opportunities presented in WI, LA, AL, AZ, KY, TX, CA.

Jim Lucas

Evangelist Reports - John Orr, Jonathan Orr & David Miller

Visited with the following congregations advertising **Revive, Texas**, and explaining **HomeMission**—**Lewisville church of Christ, College Hill church of Christ, Northside church of Christ, Lake worth, Graham Street church of Christ** and **Brown Street church of Christ in Waxahachie**, and **Briar church of Christ**.

John Orr

This is always a really full time for **HomeMission! Revive Texas** is a huge team effort, and this year I was blessed to **teach, coordinate**, and serve in any way needed. I am working on having **videos uploaded** to our **YouTube** channel, which will be available in the coming weeks for everyone to view. A big thanks to those who **recorded the classes** for us! In other news,

i'm excited to report another baptism at the **Chilicothe Church of Christ!** They are **following God** and **getting excited**, and the **fruits are showing!**

Jonathan Orr

Kenton (OH) - April 11-14 - On the 13th, we had a breakfast and went over helping them to learn how to better use the **Habanero visitation ministry. Jim** and I went out **with** different members doing visitation with contacts they had. It worked out really well. On the 14th, Sunday morning, **I taught Bible class** on how to communicate with people and **Jim preached the lesson**. We commended them for the letters they have sent out and the nursing home they are working with every Sunday afternoon. Then that Sunday afternoon, we went to the nursing home and had a good time with the people and the people really appreciated it. The four **members** on visitation **are** anxious for me to come back the weekend of the 19th, because they have contacts they would like to visit, so I plan on working again with that **congregation** on May 17-19th I am excited about **their willingness to learn**. **David Miller**

Evangelist Reports - Rodney Carter & Jim Lucas

During April, delivered **REVIVE Texas Programs** to the following congregations:

Killeen:

Killeen church of Christ

Southside church of Christ

Temple:

Ave. T church of Christ

Western Hills church of Christ

Northside church of Christ (Also gave a brief presentation about **HomeMission** to the Wednesday night Adult Bible Class)

Ave. G church of Christ

Troy:

Troy church of Christ

Waco:

New Road church of Christ

Lake Shore church of Christ

Pflugerville:

Central church of Christ

Salado:

Salado church of Christ (also delivered **HomeMission Sample Packet** and **REVIVE Flyers**)

Hewitt:

Hewitt church of Christ (also delivered **HomeMission Sample Packet** and **REVIVE Flyers**)

Rodney Carter

Apr 5-6: **Florence AL (Aubrey Johnson/Leadership Workshop)**

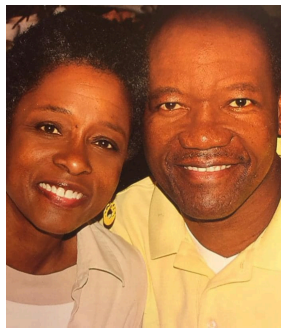
Apr 11-14: **Kenton OH (Planning/Training Sessions, Saturday congregational breakfast followed by community visits, etc.)**

Apr 23-27: **Waxahachie TX (Revive Texas)**

Jim Lucas

From the Field

A new sponsor for **HomeMission** is **Spiritbuilding Publishers**. They brought **Bible study** and **Bible curriculum** materials to **Revive Texas 2024**, but they have so much more to offer! Check them out online - <https://spiritbuilding.com/>



When it comes to teachers at **Revive Texas**, some are **“All in the Family.”** **Melissa Bates and Chris Swinford** are brother and sister! **Bill and Kathy Hardy and Chris and Brenda Swinford** are husband and wife! **John Orr** is the father of **Jonathan and Michael Orr**! **Melissa and Brenda** taught women’s classes. In addition to being our Workshop coordinator, **Chris** taught three classes. **Bill** taught three classes and Kathy taught two. **John**, our **HomeMission** Director, had 4 class slots. **Jonathan** and **Michael** each taught one class.

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