



REPORT: ALAN & SYLVIA FOX

November 1st, 2009

Dear brethren,

There are so many things which Sylvia and I have found to have changed during our trip on this occasion or perhaps it is just the way our minds have a way of selectively remembering certain things and forgetting others which are less palatable?

We have had some good trips to congregations and one bad one (where we got completely lost and could not even attend service) but on the whole our trip so far has been quite pleasant.

Preaching appointments

JACKSON DRIVE CHURCH OF CHRIST

ALABAMA

One of our routine must-happen-stops is at the home of Sam and Gloria White in Birmingham Alabama. This young couple and their children are such a good example of a godly family that we just have to pop in with them and enjoy their hospitality. Sylvia and I then travelled up to Athens Alabama to the home of our dear friend Jim Sasser. I preach at the Jackson Drive congregation on Sunday morning October 4th as well as the 11th and on the evenings of those Sundays at two other congregations. We have some good friends in Athens and it was a pleasure to see and visit with Stephen and Deena Williams and family, David and Bettie Williams and sister Lovell (the widow of our brother Billy Joe Lovell). Stephen Williams arranged for Sylvia and me to meet with the elders of the church at Gooch Lane on Saturday morning October 10th to discuss with them the possibility taking up some the support I had lost.

WESTVIEW CHURCH OF CHRIST

ALABAMA

Sunday evening October 4th I was scheduled to preach at the Westview congregation in Athens. At first I thought it was not going to happen because it seemed as though they did not know that I was coming but one of the elders soon sorted out the misunderstanding and I preach at their Sunday evening service. It was good to see our brother Alton Bailey from Cullman again who was in the area and attended the service. We also met brother Morris Bowers.

SOUTH TUSCALOOSA CHURCH OF CHRIST

ALABAMA

On Wednesday afternoon Sylvia and I travelled down from Athens to South Tuscaloosa to meet with the saints in that area. It took us approximately two and a half hours of driving to get there but we could not meet with them. I only had the home address and home telephone number of one of the men of the congregation and when we got to his house they had already left and we did not know how to get to the church building! We tried to look it up in the local telephone directory but the church details were not reflected in the directory and so we drove all that time and still could not meet with them – we were very disappointed. When I spoke to the brother he said they left earlier as they expected us to arrive at the church building and they too were very disappointed when we did not show up. Unfortunately our schedule is so tight that we could not return to them on any other time.

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RIVER BEND CHURCH OF CHRIST**ALABAMA**

We continued to stay at the home of Jim Sasser and he accompanied us to the evening service of the River Bend congregation in Florence Alabama where our brother Frank Richey is the preacher. The congregation here meets earlier than most we had attended on our travels and the service started at 16h30 in the afternoon. We had a good meeting with the brethren but had to leave immediately afterwards as there was still a good distance to cover and it was already getting dark.

The next day we departed for Georgia but not before we had a wonderful breakfast with our dear friends Paddy and Sandy Kendall-Ball (and their daughter Maryandra Wiser) in Decatur Alabama. Though it was a rather quick breakfast (but very delicious) we were glad to hear that Paddy and Sandy are indeed returning to South Africa and will be working with the brethren in Zimbabwe in 2010

LANIER CHURCH OF CHRIST**GEORGIA**

A good friend of ours, Mac Payne arranged for us to stay with a young couple Zane and Lauren Harward. We had such a pleasant stay with them that most nights we talked until well into the night or early morning! Zane's father was the preacher at Lanier congregation but had passed away recently from a heart attack. Mac made sure that we were well fed and taken care of and we really enjoyed the time we spent with him. On Tuesday evening we attended a good study hosted at one of the members' homes on the subject of 1st Corinthians chapter 1. On the Wednesday evening I presented an overview of the work of the Lord and gave a class to the saints of the Lanier congregation. The next day we left for Roswell Georgia.

ROSWELL CHURCH OF CHRIST**GEORGIA**

Our good friends Bill and Susan Moore always ensure that we have a home to stay at for the duration of our stay in and around Atlanta. We love this family very much and we are always made to feel very welcome when we visit with them. Their two girls (Shannon and Rachel) were at home but their son Zachary was at FC during our visit with them. Susan is the daughter of David Tant who is the preacher for the Roswell congregation. Susan helped me much with my appointments and I asked her to take care of my itinerary if (Lord willing) we are blessed to undertake another trip in 2012. The Roswell congregation had a gospel meeting going at the time we arrived and we were blessed to attend two nights of it presented by Ed Sanderson from California.

While we were at Roswell a young man came to meet us during my presentation of the work in Johannesburg, his name is Richard Chinnis. Richard is the person who conducted online studies with a young lady who is now a member of the Brixton church of Christ, Christa Bornman. Christa and Richard studied the plan of salvation and then when she was just about ready to be baptised, Richard contacted Adam Kendall-Ball who in turn contacted me to study more with Christa and thereafter she was baptised into Christ! It was a great pleasure to meet Richard and tell him how impressed we are with his efforts to study the gospel with "whosoever will"

NEWMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST**GEORGIA**

Adam Kendall-Ball invited us to visit with him when our journey would take us through Atlanta. Newnan is an area just south of Atlanta and we went to stay with Adam for two days so that I could present the work to the Newnan congregation on Wednesday October 21st. Adam preaches for the congregation at Newnan.

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POWERS FERRY CHURCH OF CHRIST**GEORGIA**

Once again gremlins took hold of my arrangements and as a result the congregation at Powers Ferry did not expect me to preach and present a progress report to them on Sunday morning October 25th. The elders asked me to see them after services and we discussed the support they have been giving me which they were considering stopping from January 2010. Although this was not good news, I was glad that it happened while we are in the States and still on our trip so that I could still try and make up the shortfall from other congregations. Powers Ferry supports us with \$500.00 per month.

ALPHARETTA CHURCH OF CHRIST**GEORGIA**

This is a new congregation started off of the Roswell congregation and others who were attending at Embry Hills. One of the members and his wife Darren and Valerie Brackett invited us and the men of the congregation afforded me an opportunity to preach on Sunday afternoon October 25th.

JULINGTON CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST**FLORIDA**

Brother Ed Harrell and his wife were so very kind to us and booked Sylvia and I into a fancy hotel for two days in Jacksonville Florida. This was all arranged via brother David Tant of Roswell Georgia. Brother Harrell is a history professor and preaches for the South Jacksonville church of Christ. I was given an opportunity (having arranged such with one of the former elders of the congregation brother Ed Bowman) to present the work in Johannesburg to the saints who form the Julington Creek congregation in Jacksonville. A former member of this congregation arranged with the then elders to send some one-time support to brother Mbewe in Zambia. Sylvia and I were treated to supper by the generosity of our good friend sister Sharon Mott before the midweek services started.

The next day we took our journey four hours further south to Hopewell Plant City to the home of our special friends Johnnie and Julia Creamer...

***I*TINERARY: "USA 2009"**

Attached is an updated copy of our itinerary, please let me know if you are able to suggest appointments for those slots which are still open (Confirmed slots are highlighted yellow)

We are looking forward to seeing you brethren once more [Lord willing] and to enjoy fellowship and the giving and receiving of matters of our faith

Greetings to the local church of God of which you are a part

Your servants in Christ

Alan & Sylvia Fox

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Sundays		City	State	Contact Person		Wednesday	City	State	Contact Person
						September 9, 2009	Mebane	NC	Hendrik J.
September 13, 2009	Morning Evening	Marion Marion	IN IN	Bruce E. Bruce E.					
						September 16, 2009	Anderson	IN	Carl Mc
September 20, 2009	Morning Evening	Russellville Russellville	KY KY	Ralph W. Ralph W.					
						September 23, 2009	Lewisburg	TN	Donald F.
September 27, 2009	Morning Evening	Lancaster Lancaster	TX TX	Willard B. Willard B.					
						September 30, 2009	Bulverde	TX	Rob W.
October 4, 2009	Morning Evening	Athens Athens	AL AL	Owen G. Tony A.					
						October 7, 2009	Tuscaloosa	AL	Whit R.
October 11, 2009	Morning Evening	Athens Florence	AL AL	Owen G. Frank R.					
						October 14, 2009	Buford	GA	Mac Payne
October 18, 2006	Morning Evening	Roswell -	GA GA	David T. -					
						October 21, 2009	Newnan	GA	Adam
October 25, 2009	Morning Evening	Marietta -Alpharetta	GA GA	Don D. -Darren B.					
						October 28, 2009	Julington Creek	FL	Wendell B.
November 1, 2009	Morning Evening	Plant City Valrico	FL FL	 Marty P.					
						November 4, 2009	Trillecoochie	FL	Tim F.
November 8, 2009	Morning Evening	Brooksville Brooksville	FL FL	Vic Mc. Vic Mc.					
						November 11, 2009	Brooksville	FL	Vic Mc.
November 15, 2009	Morning Evening	Taylor Taylor	SC SC	Ronny H. Ronny H.					
						November 18, 2009	Taylor	SC	Ronny H.
November 22, 2009	Morning Evening	Warne Warne	NC NC	Sakkie P. Sakkie P.					
						November 25, 2009	Warne	NC	Sakkie P.
November 29, 2009	Morning Evening	Cary Mebane	NC NC	Hendrik J. Hendrik J.					
						December 2, 2009		NY	Hendrik?
December 6, 2009	Morning Evening		FL FL						
						December 9, 2009	Mebane	NC	Hendrik J.

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