



*Greenlawn Baptist Church  
Columbia, South Carolina  
September/October 2016  
Newsletter*

## **Children's Sermons**

Volunteers are needed for  
Children's Sermons  
from October through December.  
please see  
Barbara Lucas to sign up.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Greenlawn Baptist Church on 10/21/2016. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners). A sign up sheet is in the hallway in the South Wing.**

# 4th of July At Greenlawn Baptist Church



The Win Family being presented a gift from the congregation before moving to New York.

Let's continue to pray for this family as they all settle in new schools and church.

They would certainly love to hear from their Greenlawn Family Friends. Their new address is 810 Spring Street, Syracuse, New York 13208.

Sunday, August 21st Greenlawn ordained two new deacons.

Leigh Peake and Wayne Sanders.

Please remember to pray for these two new deacons and our other deacons as well.





# Rob Baggett's Beat



## Connection Lost

“Community, accountability, and correction are fundamental to faith: without them our wills rather than Christ will dominate.” Mark Sayers

We live in an America that is often described as Post-Christian. But pastor and author Mark Sayers says that this is inaccurate. He notes that most people still have some connection to the Church, but no longer follow its teachings. Instead, they follow public opinion, which has become an alternate form of revelation, replacing the Bible. Why is that?

Since the end of World War II, America has gradually, and since the 1960s, rapidly, moved away from traditional values that place limits on our choices. The war made us into an industrial giant that produces consumer goods and services with such efficiency that it sometimes seems that we can literally have and experience anything we want. Early on, advertisers learned how to overcome the sales resistance of children of the Depression, who were very frugal, by telling them repeatedly that, “You deserve it.” And credit plans made it easy to buy it today. And so, we learned to live as consumers first and Christians second. The Bible places restrictions on our choices, and so, most of it had to go.

Indeed, the values of consumerism came to dominate our lives in every respect. James Fowler of Harvard states that these values tell us “you should experience everything that you desire, own everything that you want and relate intimately with whomever you wish.”

Unfortunately, to live this way, we had to abandon the things that gave our lives meaning and purpose. In the past, people got their educations, got jobs and got married before they had children. In 1960, the out-of-wedlock birthrate was only 5%. Now 40% of all births in America are to unwed mothers. Adults are free of the “stifling” commitments that restrict their freedom and children must pay the price. But there is no shame in living this way because the only values left in our consumer society are tolerance and kindness. And we refuse to see any connection between the breakdown of commitment between fathers and mothers and the breakdown of respect for authority. “It takes a village to raise a child” now. So, it is the community’s responsibility. But we don’t want community because community also requires commitment from individuals.

In church, we still like to hear the stories of “gentle Jesus, meek and mild,” the Jesus of mercy and forgiveness. We don’t like to hear his commands and hard sayings. We try to tune out the preacher when he quotes Jesus saying, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” That doesn’t sound like fun at all. It is such a different message than “it is all about me.” For some, it is so disturbing to hear such things, we have to take a few Sundays off. Isn’t that why we stopped reading the Bible and attending Bible study? The Bible is full of confusing statements like that.

So, we don’t live in a post-Christian society so much as we live in a post-covenantal society. As Mark Sayers puts it, “The ideas of covenant and whole-hearted commitment are anathema to the culture of . . . radical individualism.”

Covenantal people make life-long commitments to their husbands or wives. They pledge to take responsibility for raising their children with kindness and firmness, seeing to it they get everything they need to become the people they were created to be. They surrender themselves to Jesus as their Lord and Savior, trusting God to lead them into His paths of righteousness and believing that He will supply their needs if they are obedient. They understand that they are God’s servants, not the other way around.

I recommend two books by Mark Sayers. *Disappearing Church: from Cultural Relevance to Gospel Resilience* is a good one to help Christians stand up for their faith in these difficult times. *The Road Trip that Changed the World: The Unlikely Theory that will Change How You View Culture, the Church, and, Most Importantly, Yourself* had the greater influence on this month’s blog.



# WMU News



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes --We are still collecting items for these shoeboxes. There are several bins around the church marked for you to put your items in for this mission project. (We will be emptying these each week). If you are going to your dentist between now and the end of October, please ask them if they have any children's toothbrushes that they might be willing to donate. As we take inventory of the items that we have, watch the bulletin each week for additional items needed. We are still in need of children's toothbrushes and toothpaste and mild soap like ivory for children as well.



## Upcoming Events:

**September 4th** will be our Ingathering of State Missions - Our goal for State Missions is \$1,200.00 State Mission Emphasis for this year is YES, LORD! He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." John 21:17b

**Wednesday, September 7th** we will have SUPPER and our guest speaker will be Shane Bailey, Director of Marketing for the Bethea Retirement Community which is part of the SC Baptist Ministries of Aging. Our Mother's Day offerings go to help support this ministry. Shane will have a panel discussion with residents from Bethea. Please plan to join us for Supper and hear from these folks. We will take donations for supper and those funds will be used to purchase pre-stamped #10 envelopes from the post office for our Prisoner's packets.

**Saturday, September 10th** - Camille Griffin Graham Women's Correctional Picnic -- This picnic at the Women's correctional facility on Broad River Road in Columbia is sponsored by Columbia Metro Baptist Association and Lexington Baptist Association. Food is needed to feed approximately 800 folks. You DO NOT have to be a member of any of the WMU Mission Groups at Greenlawn to participate in preparing food for this. Food needed is: Fried Chicken, peanut butter and pimento cheese sandwiches, home baked cookies, brownies, homemade cakes (pre-sliced and each sliced wrapped in clear plastic. All food MUST BE wrapped in Clear plastic and please use throw away containers to put them in. All food MUST BE at church no later than 10AM on 9/10.

**Saturday, October 22nd** - 9:00 AM - Noon the Alice Thompson Mission Group will host a "Pat Coogler" sew and craft day. If you have a portable sewing machine, please bring with you. We will be making aprons from men's long sleeve shirts, so pick your favorite shirt and bring with you also. We will also be shown how to make bibs from towels for our shut-in's. We will have several towels that we can use, however if you wish, please bring a towel. (PS - we get them from Wal-Mart for less than \$3.00) We will also have some types of crafts for the folks who do not sew. Light refreshments will also be furnished. Watch your bulletin for crafts that might be added. All church members, neighbors and friends are welcome.

Also coming up in **October** we will asking for home-made baked goods for the State Fair Ministry. Please watch the bulletin for dates and time for this mission project.

It's not too early to start purchasing items for Prisoner's Packets. Will need the following for these packets. The most expensive item is the prepaid pre-stamped #10 envelopes that can only be purchased at the post office. When you go to the post office, please consider purchasing 5 of these. Approximate cost for 5 is \$3.00. We will also need: writing tablets (these can be the Jr. legal pads -no wire bound) toothpaste (6oz. or larger) adult toothbrushes, rolls of mints (like life savers or Mentos). These can be left in the church office or given to Frances Grant or Sharon Davis.

# Emily's Post

## Member's News

Ian Singleton, grandson of Jim and Mary Revels, recently transferred from the National Guard to Regular Army. He also was recently married, but his wife Caitlyn will not be accompanying him to his new duty station which is Camp Casey, in South Korea. Please keep him in your prayers.

## Homebound News

Jim Revels continues to do well although losing weight. He recently had a visit to some friends' farm in Ridgeway, using "A Caring Man with a Van", who drove him there. Jim and Mary spent two very happy hours with their friends.



Dear Greenlawn Church Family. Words cannot express my heartfelt thanks for the love, kind words, prayers, phone calls and cards during my time of illness. It truly does mean so much to me. Please continue to remember me in your prayers. With much love, Maude Jordan

I wish to thank all of you in our Greenlawn Fellowship family who were so generous and loving with your many prayers, cards, letters, flowers and meals during my recovery from heart by-pass surgery. I thank God for my wonderful church family for all you mean to me. What a blessing you are. I love all of you. Bob Knox

HOW FULL  
IS YOUR BUCKET?



## Fill the Buckets Food Drive

Food donations are down but demands are up. Lets see how many buckets we can fill during the month of September to help feed the hungry. Buckets will be placed in the hall in the South Wing. All canned goods and dry goods are welcome. Check your weekly ads for sales and BOGOs.

# Women's Retreat



*Where:*

*Fellowship Hall at Greenlawn Baptist*

*When:*

*September 23rd from 6:00—8:30 pm*

*September 24th from 9:00 am—5:00 pm*

*Cost:*

*\$30 to include War Room Bible Study material*

*Supper on Friday*

*Breakfast and lunch on Saturday*

*Snacks*

*Due:*

*This fee is due by September 11th*

*Please contact Barbara Lucas*

*or*

*Linda Griffin*

*with any questions*





Celebrating recent birthdays are Jim Revels, August 24th, and Maude Jordan, August 28th. We will remember Naomi Davis on September 15th, as well as Gary Nesmith on September 16th and Wanda Stanley on September 28th. We wish each a very Happy Birthday.



Mrs. Olene Russ continues to suffer from bronchitis. Please remember her in your prayers as well as all of our Homebound members.

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Our next Thrift Sale will be held on May 19th and 20th, 2017. Items are now being accepted. If able please take your items upstairs or leave them beside the water fountain at the True Street entrance. If you have furniture please call Carol Elliott at 803-261-1666. Thank you for your support.

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Our Annual Homecoming is October 9th.  
Please plan on bringing a covered dish.  
Stay for food, fellowship and a time of sharing memories.  
Be sure to invite your family and friends.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



## September Birthdays

9/03	Ray Clough
9/07	Graham Malone
9/08	Jackie Stone
9/10	Carol Elliott
9/10	Ann Stroud
9/11	Courtney Brown
9/12	Shirley Glenn
9/12	Amy Love
9/14	Robert Griffin
9/15	Naomi Davis
9/15	Mary Litzinger
9/17	Susan Avery
9/18	Wilbur Goodwin
9/19	Craig Roberts
9/23	Tammie Singleton
9/23	John Cotton
9/25	Betty Ladele
9/25	Brittany Mills
9/26	Richard Ruiz
9/28	Wanda Stanley
9/28	Rob Baggett
9/30	Keith Coffe
9/30	Sandy Wilson

## October Birthdays

10/03	Rick Wilson
10/05	Sharon Davis
10/06	Lois Peake
10/09	Jean Cooper
10/10	Jeanette Mims
10/12	Joe Karr
10/15	Chris Cagle
10/16	Jackie Hearn
10/16	Peggy Teague
10/16	Ann Morris
10/17	David Ladele
10/22	Sandra Teague
10/24	Rothel San
10/26	Angela Teague
10/26	Michael Kokolis
10/27	Carol Wofford
10/27	Andrea Lanham
10/29	Pat Smith
10/31	Lib Rentz







Youth, Children and Parent Cookout-Friday, September 30th. At the home of Teresa and Rob Baggett. Hamburgers and drinks provided. Each family is asked to bring a side dish. Meet at the church at 5:30 to ride the bus. Please let Mary Litzinger, Barbara Lucas or Gail Hornsby know if you plan to attend. Looking forward to food, fun and fellowship. \*\*\*Please bring candy donations for the Saturday, October 29th Movie Matinee from 2-4.



Movie Matinee- October 29, 2016 2-4

What do Batman, Snow White, Dorothy, Captain Hook, the White Rabbit, and Willy Wonka have in common? They will all be part of our fall festival this year. We will be holding a “Movie Matinee” this year and we are looking forward to keeping it simple and making sure kids have a great time. Where do you come in? That’s a great question! We are holding open casting calls for our treat stations in the court yard. You would just need to help pass out candy as we will have the tables set up for you. Dressing in one of the characters you represent would be even better! We also need “ushers” for our game tables inside the fellowship hall. Donations of candy is also appreciated (or any other treats for the characters coming through.) Please see Barbara Lucas or Jessica O’Shesky with questions or if you would like to volunteer.

# Greenlawn Baptist Church Calendar September 2016



**Building Codes**  
 FH=Fellowship Hall  
 CB=Children's Building  
 CR=Conference Room

P=Parlor  
 PR=Prayer Room  
 SW=South Wing

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 8:30 Deacon's Meeting, Room 108 SW	5 <b>Labor Day Office Closed</b>	6	7 6:00 Children's Missions and Music  6:00 Youth Activities	8	9 Youth Escape Plan Columbia	10
11 9:00 Church Council, CR  11:00 Lord's Supper	12 Picnic Women's Correctional Facility	13 11:00 Connie Hammond-Florrie Rentz Mission Group 5:00 Committee Chairs Meeting SW 6:00 Finance Meeting	14 6:00 Children's Missions and Music  6:00 Youth Activities	15	16	17
18 9:00 Children's Committee Meeting, CR 6:00 Church Conference	19	20 7:30 Men's Breakfast, Lizards Thicket, on Beltline	21 6:00 Children's Missions and Music  6:00 Youth Activities	22	23 Women's Retreat at Greenlawn, FH	24 Women's Retreat at Greenlawn All Day, FH
25 9:00 Public Relations Com- mittee Meeting, CR 9:30 Prayer Committee Meeting, PR	26	27	28 6:00 Children's Missions and Music  6:00 Youth Activities	29	30 Cookout for Children, Youth and Parents Time: 5:30 Meet at the Church	

## Sunday

9:30 AM Early Bird Choir Tune-Up  
 9:45 AM Sunday Morning Bible Study  
 11:00 AM Worship

## Wednesday

6:00 PM Children's Missions/Music  
 6:00 PM Youth Activities  
 6:30 PM Pastor's Bible Study  
 7:20 PM Sanctuary Choir

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**Newsletter entries deadline is the 20th  
of every month.**

### **Flowers**

**Please consider placing flowers on the alter.  
All dates are open in September and October.**

