

*Greenlawn Baptist Church  
Columbia, South Carolina  
July/August 2017  
Newsletter*



You are invited to join us for a  
Christmas in July Party  
for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

DATE: Wednesday, July 26, 2017

TIME: 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Watch the back of the bulletin for items that you will be requested to bring to fit inside the shoeboxes. We will also be asking you to bring your favorite appetizers for this event to share with everyone.



## Special Request

For almost a year the kitchen has been without an icemaker. Some of us who work in the kitchen regularly would like to have it replaced. It is both inconvenient and expensive to purchase ice. There are many occasions during the year when we need ice. Some of them are Vacation Bible School, Freedom Sunday Cookout, Christmas in July, Homecoming, Valentine's Day Banquet, WMU meals, Wednesday night suppers, covered dish fellowship, M&M lunches, bereavement meals, church showers and many others. As you can see from this list, there is a need for an icemaker. We are asking for the church's help in purchasing one. We are asking for donations to help us. If you would like to help, you can make a donation and designate it icemaker fund. Those of us who work in the kitchen to help with all these occasions would greatly appreciate your help.

# Rob Baggett's Beat

## Things I Should Have Learned in Sunday School

I became a Christian at the age of nine and was lucky enough to grow up in a wonderful church with many adults who truly cared about discipling young people. We were provided with solid Bible study every Sunday and many opportunities to deepen our faith at youth retreats, youth revivals, and fellowships at church and in the homes of Christian friends. Later, after committing myself to a career in church music, I took courses at Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Seminary in Bible, theology and Christian ethics. All of this made me think that I really understood the Bible and, especially, how God works in our lives. However, when I got out into the real world, life happened, and many of my beliefs were shaken and some were destroyed.

We all come to understand, sooner or later, that people tend to hear what they want to hear. It is also true that, even when we read the Bible for ourselves, even when we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as we read, we tend to read our own hopes and dreams into the scripture. We want to believe that God is going to help us achieve our dreams and that serious trouble and tragedy can never touch us. Isn't that what the Bible promises, we think? We hope? And so, when we do suffer setbacks and grievous loss, we may get angry with God and doubt his goodness and love for us.

There have been times in my life when I believed, and still believe, that God led me in a certain direction and things did not work out as I had planned, times when my dreams were shattered. At one point in my grieving, I even tried very hard to stop believing that God was real. But because I had truly accepted Jesus as my Savior and Lord, I found that I could not do it. I discovered that my faith was not just a set of beliefs, it was a relationship with God. When I was angry with God for disappointing me or for letting tragedy strike my family, it was personal and it was real.

At that awful time in my life, reading the Bible was difficult because I still approached the scripture with all of my misunderstandings in tack. When I read, for example, in Proverbs 3: 5 – 6, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight,” I got mad. I ignored “lean not on your own understanding” and focused on “he will make your paths straight.” “You call this a straight path!” I raged.

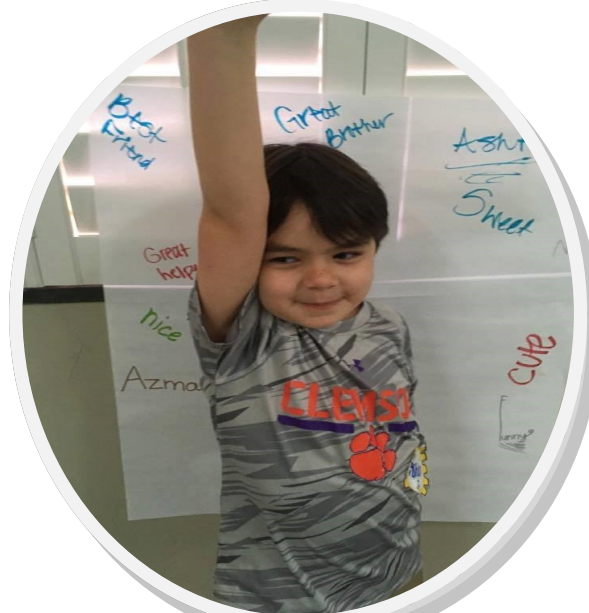
Because of the many wonderful early experiences I had following Christ, I never completely gave up. I wanted that closeness with God again, and so, even though I was still angry and confused, I kept going to church and asking very difficult questions of pastors and Bible teachers. Eventually, little by little, I began to heal and God opened up the scripture to me in a whole new way.

I'm not sure how in the past I had read the stories of Joseph, Daniel, Peter and Paul (to name just a few) and continued to believe that God was going to give me an easy life of blessings and personal fulfillment. None of those stories support such a pleasing fantasy – not at all. Joseph, for example, was enslaved and imprisoned in Egypt for 13 years; but at the age of 30, the time was right for God to reveal his purpose, which was much bigger than the dreams and hopes of any one person. Joseph was allowed to suffer for a time, but then God made him second only to Pharaoh and used him to save the lives of thousands of people, including his own family, the ancestors of Jesus. You can read his story in Genesis chapters 37 and 39 – 50.

Becoming a Christian does not mean that God will smooth your path, only that he will make your path straight. He works all things together for good according to his purpose for you. Along the way, you have to trust in God's goodness, often in spite of sometimes overwhelming evidence to the contrary. And that is something I should have learned in Sunday School.

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH VBS 2017

Maker Fun Factory was a big success! Thirty-eight children, with the help of 28 adults and 8 youth workers, learned how God is the creator of everything in the world. Through songs, Bible stories, crafts, videos, science activities and experiments, they learned how God made us, is for us, is always with us, always loves us and made us for a reason. The children also collected money to help build wells in Peru. The \$145 collected will help 29 children have clean water for a year. Thanks to all church members who also contributed to VBS by collecting needed supplies or made financial contributions.



**Congratulations** to Ben Cagle for being named to the "Spring 2017 Dean's List of Presbyterian College". Ben graduated from Presbyterian on May 13th, 2017 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics and a minor in Mathematics. Ben plans to further his studies at The University of South Carolina in the field of Civil Engineering. He is employed by Holt Consulting Company.

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If you happen to be attending either of the Wednesday Night Bible Studies then you were able to enjoy a surprise 62nd birthday celebration for Dr. Cagle. The food was delicious and even though the time for fellowship was short everyone had a good time.



# WMU News



*2017-2018 WMU Emphasis: By All Means  
Watchword: "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel that I may share in its blessings: (1 Cor. 9:22b-23)"*

Thanks to all who contributed to the Home Missions. We exceeded our goal of \$1200.00 with a total received of \$1271.00.

23 Ministry Health Kits were completed and delivered to Columbia Metro Association and thanks to your contributions for making this mission project even possible. As you know these kits are given out all year long as needed in the Columbia area.

Funds received through the **Mother's Day Offering** were \$204.00. Thanks, and you can see below where these funds go.

## **They Obeyed**

Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. - Gal 6:9

Your gift will provide housing and care in our retirement communities for retired missionaries, pastors and lay leaders who obediently served the Lord and now need your help.

**THRIFT SALE** – we believe that the houses of Greenlawn members are all cleaned out for this year as we had tons of donations for this year's annual Thrift Sale sponsored by the Alice Thompson Mission Group. **FIRST**-thanks to all the **HARD WORK** and **LONG HOURS** put into this mission project, and for everyone who helped during the set up, take down, and the sale, as well as those who donated items for the sale and for those of you who helped promote and came and purchased items as well. The sale was a huge success with approximately monies raised of \$4880.00. The items that did not sell were all distributed to the following organizations which are mission oriented: Books to the Library, children's clothes and shoes to Hannah House, baby and children's clothes and shoes to Sister Care, stuffed animals to the Police Department, and to Teen Challenge who also has a thrift store on Garner's Ferry Road whose goal is to help men with addiction. (See below for information regarding Teen Challenge – this was a new mission organization that we were not familiar with previously and they came and loaded up items that remained and we had the fellowship hall cleared by the end of Saturday)

Information about Teen Challenge – Their thrift store is located at 7531 Garners Ferry Road.

## **What We Are Doing**

What if shopping changed lives? When you shop at SuperThrift, your every purchase makes a lifetime of difference for someone recovering from a life-controlling addiction. Our chain of thrift stores across the Southeast region of the United States provides quality goods to raise support for teens and adults enrolled in Teen Challenge - a non-profit specializing in the recovery and prevention of life-controlling issues. That means when you buy or donate, someone in need benefits!

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY – Kick off for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD will be Wednesday, July 26 at 6:00 PM.**

Watch the back of the bulletin for items that you will be requested to bring to fit inside the shoeboxes. We will also be asking you to bring your favorite appetizers for this event to share with everyone.



**“I had never received a gift before.”**

My favorite thing in the box, though, was dental floss. I didn't know what it was so I licked it, thinking it was candy. Then I learned it was for brushing your teeth, so I rubbed the floss along the outside of my teeth. I thought Americans were interesting people if they brushed their teeth with a string, but decided that since they have beautiful smiles, it must work for them. I wondered if it was an invention that hadn't come to the Ukraine yet. Once the wax wore off, I used the fancy string to tie sticks together to make toys that would float in the water.

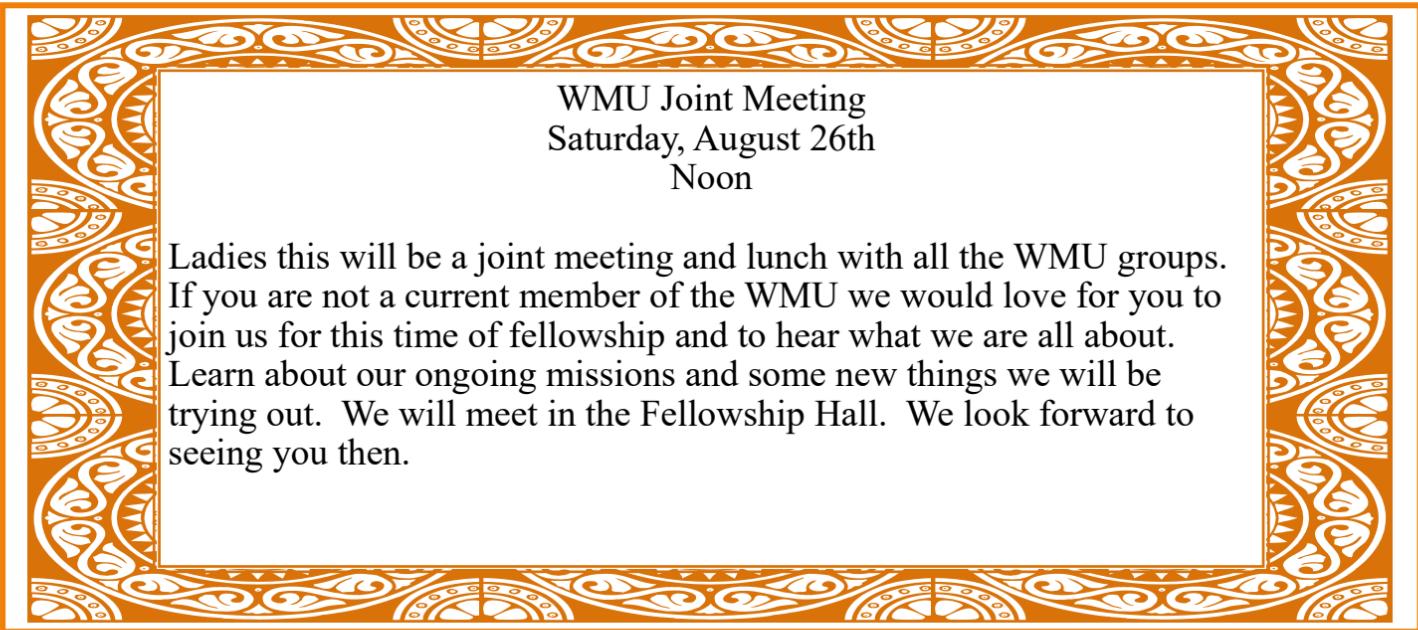
AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday at Noon – LADIES please put this on your calendar as we will hold a JOINT meeting of the WMU, along with a luncheon. If you are not a member of the WMU, we welcome you to join us for time of fellowship and to hear what missions we are doing and some new and exciting things that we will be trying. We will meet in the fellowship hall.

SEPTEMBER 3rd we will be observing our Ingathering for State Missions. Our goal is \$1200.00. Watch the bulletin for more information on State Mission Emphasis.

Also watch for more news on “ONE DAY”. This will be a mission trip in Columbia and YOU can participate. The theme for this is “HOW MANY LIVES CAN GOD TOUCH IN JUST ONE DAY!”. This will be on November 7<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Please mark your calendars NOW so you can participate.




CANstruction was a big success. The Fellowship Class and Clyde Waters Class both won the contest.



WMU Joint Meeting  
Saturday, August 26th  
Noon


Ladies this will be a joint meeting and lunch with all the WMU groups. If you are not a current member of the WMU we would love for you to join us for this time of fellowship and to hear what we are all about. Learn about our ongoing missions and some new things we will be trying out. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you then.



The M&M's have an opportunity to take a trip to Savannah, Georgia  
November 30-December 1  
Which is being sponsored by St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Please watch your email for the full itinerary  
and price information.

Some of the things you will enjoy include:  
Dinner at Paula Deen's famous restaurant  
See A Christmas Tradition in the Historic Savannah Theatre  
A guided tour of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist  
And many more fun things to see and do.



# Emily's Post



The Columbia Metro Baptist Association sent a card saying: "Thank you for thinking of others by making health kits for those in need. This year they will benefit many people finding themselves in situations that require help from others. Greenlawn Baptist Church is appreciated for all you do to help others and promote Kingdom growth."

Dear Church Members, thank you so much for the cards, calls and donations for the church doors in memory of our grandson "Jamie". We will never forget your kindness at this terrible time. Love, Frances and Red Lanier



Greenlawn has added another member to our homebound list.

After a second fall at her home, Fraser Creech was advised by her doctors to move into an assisted living home. She has moved into Brookdale Senior Living Solutions. She is content and doing well but does tire easily. She welcomes visitors. She is in the same facility as Edna Cotton. Their address is Brookdale Senior Living Solutions 251 Springtree Drive, Columbia, SC 29223. Edna's Apartment number is 102 and Fraser's is 703B.

Several of our homebound members have birthdays in July and August. They are: Fraser Creech, July 7, Virginia Coats, July 28, 1621 Gamewell, Columbia, SC 29206, Maude Jordan, August 28, 1231 Ridge Road Hopkins, SC 29061, and Jim Revels, August 24, The Arbor Center at Rice Estate 91 Finley Road Columbia, SC 29203 Please remember these folks on their special day.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



## July Birthdays

7/01 Tray Stone  
7/02 Jordyn Boulet  
7/03 Frances Cormier  
7/05 Mary Knox  
7/07 Fraser Creech  
7/08 Love Ladele  
7/08 Ken Smith  
7/10 Max Reeves  
7/10 Lewis Scurry  
7/15 Jeff McManaway  
7/16 Jennifer Lundy  
7/16 Lawrence Brooks  
7/18 Carol Player  
7/21 Tariq Singletary  
7/23 Jackie Griffin  
7/25 Ginny Blackwell  
7/26 Donna Roberts  
7/27 Rachael Howell  
7/28 Virginia Coats  
7/31 Anthony Jordan

## August Birthdays

8/01 Bucky Elrod  
8/01 Linda Griffin  
8/02 Chad Branham  
8/03 Mary-Caitlyn Singleton  
8/05 Peggy Gainey  
8/05 Charlie Davis  
8/07 Randall Hornsby  
8/08 Sean Thomson  
8/11 Cora Lee Swink  
8/14 Jackie Houston  
8/23 Beth Sanders  
8/23 Bob Singleton  
8/24 Jim Revels  
8/25 Elliott Cooper  
8/26 Carolyn Smith  
8/28 Maude Jordan  
8/30 Jonathan Howell  
8/31 Joye Hanna





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# July

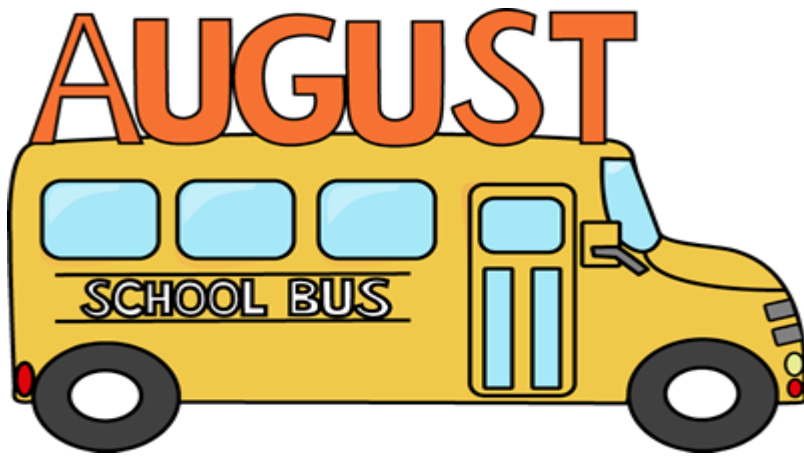
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<b>8:45</b> Deacon's Meeting <b>9:30</b> Public Relations Comm. Meeting, Peggy Gainey Classroom <b>12:00</b> Freedom Lunch <b>5:00</b> Hand Bell Practice			<b>5</b> Fireworks and Ice Cream by Children And Youth	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>9:00</b> Church Council, CR <b>5:00</b> Handbell Practice		<b>9:00</b> Needlers <b>6:00</b> Finance Committee Meeting				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>9:30</b> Prayer Committee Meeting, PR <b>5:00</b> Handbell Practice			<b>6:00</b> Christmas in July Please bring finger foods and Shoebox items.			
30	31					
<b>9:00</b> 5th Sunday Fellowship						

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9:30 AM Early Bird Choir Tune-Up  
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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

