

Greenlawn Baptist Church
Columbia, South Carolina
April, 2024
Newsletter



Hello to everyone at Greenlawn Baptist Church,

Has anyone begun to plant anything yet? I spoke with someone last week that told me they don't put anything into the ground until April. The reason for that is March is too early and May is too late, but April is the perfect time. The timing of our efforts for all things in life must be carefully considered. Ecclesiastes 3 reminds of this very truth in God's Word. Do you have a decision that needs to be made? What about a process that needs to be started in order for it to be ready at the right time?

I believe our church is at a very critical time in its existence. Last year in our May church business meeting, I asked for a church renewal team to be formed in order to begin an intentional time of study and preparation for future ministry at Greenlawn with the help of the Columbia Metro Baptist Association. We have been using resources developed by the South Carolina Baptist Convention and other beneficial resources during this time to better understand the overall health of our church.

The findings have been informative and a bit challenging to take in! Jamie Rogers who is the Director of the Columbia Metro Association and I have been working together to make some recommendations to Greenlawn about the future ministry and witness to the communities around us.

I shared the timeline for this process from the pulpit and there is an article in this newsletter that shares the timeline for these events as well. Please know the information being passed out April 28th, town hall meeting that is to follow on May 5th, and vote at the church conference/business meeting on May 19th is absolutely critical to the life of our church.

Please be diligent in prayer!

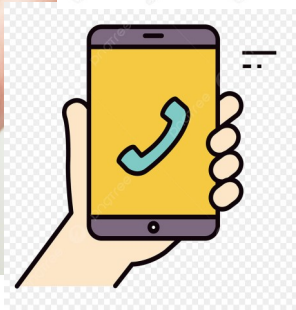
Please be ready to ask questions!

Please remember the role you play as an important part of God's family!

Blessings!

Pastor Travis

Homebound Members



All the homebound members were visited and given Easter goodies. The devotional guide to revitalization was given to each member. Each person says they miss Greenlawn and keep up with the church through the newsletter and cards that they receive. They were and are a blessing to Greenlawn.

Cards and phone calls are very much appreciated.

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CHURCH RENEWAL UPDATE:

Last spring we began talking about church renewal. The Renewal Team is preparing detailed information on options for membership to consider. Our devotion and prayer booklet entitled Morning Sacrifice has a brief section on renewal options, pages 113-115.

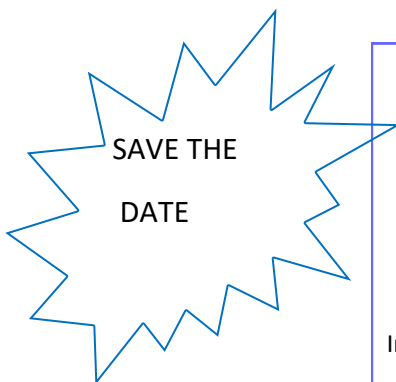
Timeline:

April 28—Information Packets available for members - Mary 5th at 2:00PM - Town Hall meeting to review and discuss - May 19th Congregation votes on renewal option after Church Business Meeting.

Does the Bible address renewal?

In the scripture we read that renewal, newness, revival, and refreshment are God's will for his people. The Old Testament says "Sing to the Lord a new song" (Ps 91), "His mercies are new every morning" (Lam 3), and "Forget former things. I will do a new thing" (IS 43). The New Testament speaks of newness of life, renewing a right spirit in us, and being transformed by the renewing of our minds. We're told the current heaven, earth, and Jerusalem be gone and He will create new ones. God instructs His people to be ready for Him to move and participate as His instruments. Let's not allow worship and prayer to become stale, with little thought or intent, as if on auto-pilot. May we set our focus on Him, step out of our comfort zones, and remember in the end only eternal life matters. Pray He exposes to us any stumbling blocks in the way of others coming to accept Christ. Praise God for providing new mercies to us each day of our lives!

Carol Waters is facilitating a 7 week discussion group based on the devotion and prayer booklet Morning Sacrifice (A Devotion Guide to Revitalization). Meetings will continue through April 21st. All are welcome to join us at any time. Meetings are held Sunday mornings from 9 - 9:25am in the large classroom in the Patrick Building. For more information call/text: Carol Waters at (803)413-6324, email tocanao@gmail.com or Faela Maney (803) 622-2218, faelamaney@gmail.com.



INVITATION

You are cordially invited to

A free Big Band Concert

By The Blue Serenade Orchestra

On Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall of Greenlawn Baptist Church

Come listen to the sounds of big band music from the

Dance Band and Swing Era (1930's - 1950's)

Casual Dress



CHILDREN/YOUTH

Greetings Greenlawn!

This month we will be learning about Gideon, Esther, Daniel, and the good Samaritan in children's worship hour. In youth, we will be talking about foundations of what we believe and working on becoming more familiar with books of the Bible, and where they are located. We will be talking about the overall theme in each book of the Bible and talk about understanding how to find helpful scriptures that address what we are struggling with or have a question about that day or week. God has a unique plan and purpose for each of our lives, and He equips us with answers in the Bible to help us through challenges in life. By understanding scripture, it helps us to gain understanding of God's answers to common concerns we all have.

Prayer: Lord, we thank you, that you are the only one "who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask ,think or imagine, according to the power that worketh in us ."Ephesians 3:20

I thank you for that promise from Scripture, and thank you for the opportunity to be energized by the lovely weather in April. We praise you God for this time of year and for your goodness and mercy to us that never changes. I pray that God's blessing and favor will be on Your people the children of God in Jesus's name. We praise and bless your name Jesus! Amen.

Blessings, Rachael



To One of our Youth
Congratulations
ANNA!!!!

From The Mail



To the Homebound Committee:

Thank you for remembering me on Valentine's Day. It brings so much joy to me, and of course sweets (candy) are my downfall.

Thanks Again, Mary Dodd

Dearest Greenlawn Baptist Church:

Thank you to each and everyone for the cards, phone calls, emails and words and expressions of love on the loss of my brother, Edward B. Jordan.

Please continue to pray for me and our family as we miss our dear Eddie.

With much love,

Margaret Jordan Osburn

Philemon 1:4

"I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers."



WATCHWORD:

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."
—Romans 12:12 (NIV)

Items for this month for the shoeboxes are:

Yo yo's, marbles and small balls (tennis ball sizes)



Alice Thompson Mission Group Annual Thrift Sale- Saturday, April 27, 2024

8:00AM—1:00PM

Ready for your Spring Clean Out???

Then mark your calendars for the following drop off days for our annual thrift sale: Saturday, April 20th from 9:00 to 11:00am. Beginning Monday April 21st thru Friday April 26th the following hours will be available: Monday and Wednesday you can come to the office and Sharon will let you into the fellowship hall between 9:00AM and 3PM. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Barbara and Linda will be in fellowship hall from 9 to 12 noon and Jennifer and Sharon will be there after 12 to 3.

Funds raised from the thrift sale helps to pay the postage for the Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes (cost is \$10 each).





- 4/1 Ben Cagle
- 4/2 Grayson Sanders
- 4/3 Mark Goddard
- 4/14 Mary Kate Blackwell
- 4/15 Jermaine Singletary
- 4/21 Hope Hornsby
- 4/22 Bobbie Miles
- 4/24 Matt Smith
- 4/22 Matt Blackwell
- 4/25 Terry Fish

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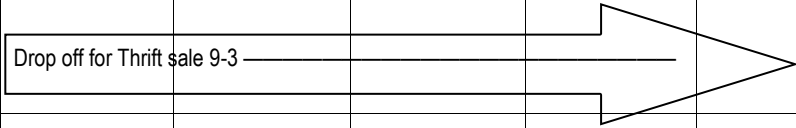
Calendar

April 2024



Building Codes: FH - Fellowship Hall
 P -- Parlor CB Children's Building
 PR - Prayer Room
 CR - Conference Room PB - Patrick Building

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 No Bible Study	3 No Choir Practice-	4	5	6
7 9:00 Morning Sacrifice Devotional 9:30 Choir Tune Up 9:45 Sun. Morning Bible Study 11:00 Worship	8	9 10: 00 Bible Study 11:15 Deacon's Meeting	10 6:30 Choir Practice	11	12	13
14 9:00 Morning Sacrifice Devotional 9:00 Church Council 9:30 Choir Tune up 9:45 Sun. Morning Bible Study 11:00 Worship	15	16 10:00 Bible Study 11 AM Connie Hammond Mission Group	17 6:30 Choir Practice	18	19	20 1st Drop off for Thrift sale 9-11 AM
21 9:00 Morning Sacrifice Devotional 9:00 Children's/Youth Committee Meeting 9:15 Prayer Committee, PR 9:45 Sun. Morning Bible Study 11:00 Worship F/Hall reserved→all week	22 <i>Happy Earth Day</i>	23 10:00 Bible Study	24 6:30 Choir Practice	25	26	27 Alice Thompson Mission Group Thrift sale 8:00-1:30
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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

We have a church wide email group. If you would like to be added to this list please call the church office. Thank you.

If you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain email list please contact the church office.