

Greenlawn Baptist Church
Columbia, South Carolina
April, 2025 Newsletter



The Week that Changed the World

A new message series on the events of Holy Week and how they can change our lives today



Sundays in April, we will continue to walk through “The Week that Changed the World,” the climactic last week of Jesus’ earthly ministry. We will go with Him to the Garden of Gethsemane to choose God’s way of saving the world. Through a dramatic monologue, we will hear from Barabbas who gained his life and freedom because the crowd chose Jesus to die. Easter Sunday, we will enjoy beautiful music by our choir and musicians and celebrate the good news that because we are Easter people who know and trust the risen Christ, everything is changed. Join us in worship at 11 a.m. in person or on YouTube.

Lifting Up Our Pastor Search Committee

I want to challenge the Greenlawn family to pray for and encourage our Pastor Search Committee. This group has accepted one of the most important and challenging tasks we ask of each other as church members. They are working at a time when finding gifted and qualified staff is more difficult than at any time I’ve seen in my five decades of church ministry. Added to that, they are searching for a very specific kind of pastor. We are seeking a part-time or bi-vocational pastor, which means that our search is limited to persons who have another job or can manage their household on part-time compensation. We also need a pastor who respects and supports Greenlawn giving church members the choice of supporting missions through the Southern Baptist Convention or the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Our committee continues to seek resumes and interview candidates. I hope you will express your prayerful support for these good folks as they seek Greenlawn’s next pastor. Our Pastor Search Committee includes Tommy Brown, chair, Patricia Davis, Iris Brakefield, Jackie Hearn, Phil Stroud, and Clyde Waters.

Pastor Dee

Tuesday Bible Study

*Begins March 18 at
10:00 a.m. in the
Choir Room*



Our Tuesday Bible Study, “What Do You Think?” continues during the month of April. Join us as we learn how our relationship with Christ can transform the way we experience life as we allow Him to judge and shape our thoughts.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE



Greenlawn Family,

Thank you for your prayerful support of the Revitalization Committee as we’ve worked to discover the key actions our church needs to take to cultivate a new season of growth. We are ready to share the results of our work with you and seek the support of the church in moving forward with these key actions.

We need you to attend a very important called church conference on Sunday, April 6, at 3PM. In the front room of the Patrick Building. We must have a quorum (20) of our church present and voting for the actions we take to have official church backing. Please make this meeting a priority.

Presentation will be **Report and Recommendations of the Revitalization Committee.** After we present and discuss this report, we will ask the church to vote to support the implementation of the actions it recommends. **New organizational system** for Greenlawn. We recommend this new organizational structure as a way of doing the work of the church more efficiently and effectively without as much administrative structure as we presently have. This new structure, we believe, will work better for a church our size and will not burden leaders with multiple committee positions.

We look forward to sharing these plans with you and hearing your feedback.

Revitalization Committee: Margaret Osburn, Chair, Patricia Davis, Faela Maney, Clyde Waters, Jackie Hearn and Dr. Ronald D. Vaughan, Staff

Welcome to Greenlawn!

Our New Member,

Jasmine Nesmith and

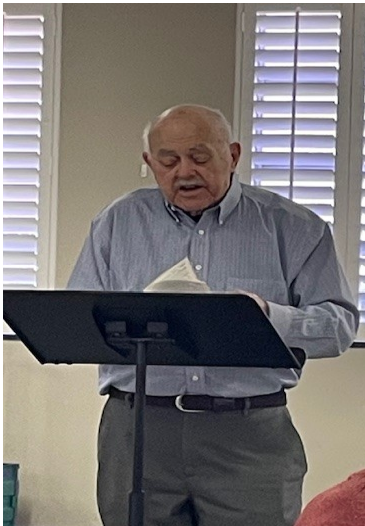
Her son, Giovanni Cooper



Happy 60th Anniversary to Carol and Eddie Player!



PLAYER FAMILY



**M & M's S
Sing-A-Long
Luncheon**





Our Homebound Committee will be visiting and delivering Easter surprises to these homebound members. Please remember these with an Easter Card to share Easter Blessings or a phone call.

Betty Templeton
2401 Pleasant Ridge Drive
Columbia, SC 29209

Betty Baker
6229 Kemberly Street
Columbia, SC 29209

Gary Nesmith
White Oak Manor
3001 Beechaven Road, Room 211
Columbia, SC 29204

Elliott Cooper
Still Hopes Retirement Center
1 Still Hopes Drive
West Columbia, SC 29169

Sara Andrews
7417 Still Hopes Drive
West Columbia, SC 29169

Ray Grant
618 Planters Drive
Columbia, SC 29209

Mary Griffin
7142 Stonehaven Drive
Columbia, SC 29209

Mary Dodd
8013 Trailwood Lane
Columbia, SC 29209

Derek Ruiz
6708 Fleetwood Drive
Columbia, SC 29209

Please continue to reach out with cards and phone calls to

Our Homebound Members>



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children will come into church on Palm Sunday waving palm branches.

Easter Sunday April 20th - Children will place flowers on church cross during Sunday School. This will be followed by an Easter egg hunt during church time. There will be no Children's Sermon on this day.

After church is dismissed, parents, grandparents or anyone interested, meet us at the Children's building and we will have a walk through Easter Trail with treats at the end. If you want to take pictures at the cross, feel free to do so at this time.

YOUTH - Lock IN

The Youth hard at work crating their Prayer Sign after an awesome lock in Saturday Night.





WATCHWORD:

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

Our Home Mission Goal \$850.00. Thru March 23 we have received \$615.50. This does not include March 30th offering. However if you have not given your offering to support our missionaries, we will extend this for one more Sunday, April 6 as it appears we are about \$100 short of reaching our goal.



Items for Shoeboxes this month:

Small stuffed animals, matchbox cars, small dolls, and small balls.



Alice Thompson Mission Group Annual Thrift Sale- Saturday, May 3, 2025

8:00AM—2:00PM

Ready for your Spring Clean Out???

Then mark your calendars for the following drop off days for our annual thrift sale: Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 to Noon. Beginning Monday April 27th thru Friday May 2nd 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 someone will be in fellowship hall from 9 til 2. Funds raised from the thrift sale helps to pay the postage for the Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes (cost is \$10 each).



Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

You are cordially invited to attend a Free Concert of Jazz and Swing Music by the Capital City Big Band.

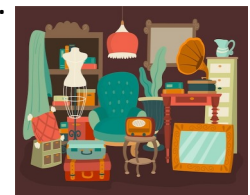
Under the direction of Dick Goodwin

Saturday, May 3rd - Annual Alice Thompson Mission Group Thrift Sale.



Do you have your boxes to load your donations? We need donations!

First drop off for your donated items will be Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 til 12 Noon. We are also collecting gently used or new children's clothes to be donated to EMS Closet - not to sell. Sizes K-12 grades



When you come to shop, we will also be selling BBQ sandwich plates.

Please put Saturday, May 10, on your calendar if you have any interest in eliminating the stigma of mental illness. The **NAMI Walk** is that morning and we would LOVE to have YOU come join us. The Walk will be held at the Columbia Canal and Riverfront Park at 312 Laurel Street, which is a beautiful area. If you're thinking this sounds like fun, but you're not up to walking far, don't worry -- there are plenty of spots to sit and more and more of us are walking less and less! The Connie Hammond Circle has been a huge supporter of the NAMI Walk as members of Tray's Troops for years. Please let us know if you've got any interest; we can fill you in with more details and we would be thrilled to have you come walk (or sit) with us. The walk starts at 10:00 AM and we'll meet at the church at 9:30 AM.

Jackie Stone, Linda Griffin and Tray Stone

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Calendar April, 2025



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

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 Bible Study FHall RSV Capital City Band Concert PM BKnox	2 6:30 Choir Practice 5:30-6:30 Chil- dren/Youth game night	3	4	5 Handbell 10:00
6 9:30 Choir Tune Up 9:45 Sun. Morning Bible Study 11:00 Worship 3:00 Called Church Business Meeting	7	8 10: 00 Bible Study 11:15 Dea- con's Meeting	9 6:30 Choir Practice	10	11	12 Handbell 10:00
13 Palm Sunday 9:00 Church Council 9:30 Choir Tune up 9:45 Sun. Morning Bible Study 11:00 Worship	14	15 10:00 Bible Study 11 AM Con- nie Ham- mond Mis- sion Group	16 6:30 Choir Practice	17 Maundy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter 9:00 Children's/Youth Committee Meetings 9:15 Prayer Com- mittee, PR 9:45 Sun. Morning Bible Study 11:00 Worship	21	22 <i>Happy Earth Day</i> 10:00 Bible Study	23 6:30 Choir Practice	24	25	26 Drop off for Thrift Sale 9 til 12
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Fellowship Hall reserved all week for Alice Thompson Thrift Sale drop off's all week 9-2



4/1	Ben Cagle
4/2	Grayson Sanders
4/3	Mark Goddard
4/6	Dominique Dimery
4/14	Mary Kate Blackwell
4/15	Jermaine Singletary
4/22	Bobbie Miles
4/22	Matt Blackwell
4/24	Reece Knight
4/24	Ridley Gornto
4/25	Terry Fish

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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