

# *Greenlawn Baptist Church*

*Columbia, South Carolina  
November/December 2016  
Newsletter*



## *Community Thanksgiving Service Greenlawn Baptist Church November 23, 2016*



The month of November is a special time when we often make the point to reflect upon everything we are thankful for. Several years ago, we began a joint Thanksgiving Worship Service with Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church. The venture has proven to be a special part of the Thanksgiving season for the community. This year, we will continue this tradition on Wednesday, November 23<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The service will be held at Greenlawn Baptist Church and Rev. Cynthia Taylor will be preaching. Please plan to be a part of this service as we collectively offer to God our thanksgiving for His generosity and blessings. There will be no evening events at Greenlawn on November 23<sup>th</sup>.

<b>November 27<sup>th</sup></b>	First Sunday of Advent
<b>December 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Second Sunday of Advent
<b>December 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Third Sunday of Advent 11:00 Children's Christmas Musical
<b>December 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Fourth Sunday of Advent 11:00 Adult Choir Christmas Musical
<b>December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00 Christmas Eve Service
<b>December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Day, No Sunday School, 11:00 Worship only



It's time to place your order for Christmas Poinsettias. They are \$13.00 each and can be purchased in memory of or in honor of someone. Please complete the form below and return to the church office by Wednesday morning, November 16<sup>th</sup>.



In Memory Of:

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In Honor Of:

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Purchased By: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## M&M NOVEMBER EVENT

*READY TO HEAR ABOUT WORLD TRAVELS?  
READY TO BEGIN EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?*

**WHEN:** FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** GREENLAWN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

**TIME:** 12:15 PM

**COST:** \$7.50 FOR LUNCH (EACH PERSON WILL RECEIVE A CHICKEN SALAD MINI CROISSANT AND A PIMENTO CHEESE MINI CROISSANT, FRUIT SALAD, PASTA SALAD, ICE TEA, AND DESSERT. (NORMA'S SON WILL BE CATERING AGAIN)

**SPEAKERS:** JOY AND CLAUDE JACKSON

*Claude Jackson* is a retired Continental Airlines pilot who has flown all over the world. Before he was an airline pilot, Claude graduated from the Citadel and was a USAF reserve pilot. He will tell us about his travels! (Claude is also a Master Gardener and will be speaking on “**Winterizing Your Garden**”.)

*Joy*, his wife, will talk to us about her jewelry making and will sell her jewelry after lunch. She and Claude travel to the Orient (Mainland China) where she buys many different beads that she uses to make into jewelry. Her one-of-a-kind necklaces sell for \$10 (cash or check).

Please call Ann (788-3936) or Norma (776-1655).



# Children of Greenlawn Baptist Church



First we  
play.

Then we  
work.



Then we  
admire  
our  
success.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Children and youth and their parents and/or grandparents enjoyed a cookout at Rob and Teresa Baggett's home on September 30. The kids had fun being pulled in a trailer by Jeff on his four-wheeler. Everyone enjoyed the great food and a bonfire by the pond with singing and testimonies. Thanks so much to the Baggetts for hosting the children, youth and their families.



### Christmas Post Office

The Christmas Post Office will run Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your unstamped Christmas Cards for active members to the Post Office in the Vestibule and place the money you would have spent on stamps in the jar.

All proceeds will help sponsor the youth to camp.

The youth will hand deliver the cards. Thank you for your support!

### Youth Fundraiser

November 13th

Pork Loin Luncheon

Please join us immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious Pork Loin luncheon.

### Children's Sermons

Volunteers are needed for  
Children's Sermons  
for November.

We are looking for 5 people to be on the  
CHILDREN'S SERMON TEAM IN 2017  
CALL BARBARA LUCAS TO SIGN UP





# Rob Baggett's Beat



## God's Work and God's Son

When I was 19 years old, I heard a pastor say that when he was a seminary student, he would learn a great deal in class about one particular part of the Bible. But at some point, he realized that he was not getting any closer to a full knowledge of God's Word and, that to really know the Bible, he had to read it for himself with the help of the Holy Spirit. He challenged us to do the same.

So, I resolved to read two chapters of the Bible each day, asking God to please speak to me through his Word. Some days, this was a relatively easy task. Other days, not so much. But as I persevered, I made a startling discovery, something that I have since read many times in the writings of Bible scholars: the whole Bible, even the Old Testament, even some of the "boring" parts, is a book about Jesus and God's purpose to redeem His creation through His Son.

This insight, more than any other, convinced me beyond any reasonable doubt that the Bible is the Word of God. Although the Bible was written by around 44 different human "authors," its real author is the Lord God himself. (This is in stark contrast to other "holy" books, which were written by one man.) The only way the many prophecies about Jesus could have come to pass is that God inspired willing men and women to write or speak things that they often could not know or, perhaps, understand at their own particular time in history. Like a master musician who can blow beautiful music through many different instruments, God's spirit flowed through Moses, who claimed to be slow of speech; through the warrior, King David; through the prophets, who all had different gifts and personalities; through the apostles, who were mostly "unschooled, ordinary men" (Acts 4: 13); and many others.

At any time when you are reading the Bible you may see God at work, guiding history and his people to ensure that His purpose of reconciling the world to himself comes to pass through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

### **You may see it through direct statements:**

To Satan: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." Genesis 3: 15 (All scriptures quoted are from the New International Version of the Bible.) Most Bible scholars believe that this refers to Satan's eventual defeat when Jesus gives us victory over sin and death through his sacrifice.

To Abraham when he was childless: "I will make you into a great nation...and all peoples on earth will be blessed by you." Genesis 12: 2-3

### **You may see God working his purpose out through the lives of, in most cases, very unlikely people:**

Three of Jesus' ancestors were women who were outsiders or "sinners:" Rahab the prostitute, who helped Joshua's spies; Tamar, who posed as a prostitute in order to produce an heir through Judah; and Ruth, a Moabite, even though Moab was one of Israel's bitter enemies. Read Matthew 1. This is one of the "boring" sections where, in the King James Version, so and so begat so and so.

David, a young shepherd, was chosen to be the King of Israel and was promised that the Messiah would come through his descendants. In the history of Israel recounted in the Bible, you see the great lengths God went to in order to keep this promise. In spite of the sinful rejection of God's ways by Israel, and its consequent fall into captivity by Babylon, God preserved a remnant of faithful people who were allowed to return and rebuild the nation. (Isaiah prophesied the very name of the king of Persia, "Cyrus", who would allow Israel to rebuild their nation 150 years before it occurred!)

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**Another way we see God working His purpose out is through His prophets:**

There are many amazing prophecies about Jesus. Two that really impressed me the first time I read through the Bible were:

Psalms 22, written by David, describes Jesus' crucifixion in great detail, even though that form of execution was unknown at the time, approximately 1000 years before Jesus' birth.

Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12 is probably the most striking passage in the Old Testament telling of the coming Messiah who would die for our sins. This is one of many examples in the Bible where God inspired someone to prophesy something that no human would ever come up with on their own. In reading the New Testament, it seems that no one, including Jesus' disciples, were looking for a Messiah like that. Peter even argued with Jesus when he tried once again to prepare them for his suffering, death and resurrection. See Matthew 16: 22

Well, I could go on and on. To get the full picture, you will have to read the whole Bible for yourself with the aid of the Holy Spirit.

We can take great comfort in knowing that no matter how selfish, rebellious and foolish we are as a nation or a world, God will keep His promises to humanity and He will work His purpose out, one way or another. He may want to work through you and me. We don't need to be worthy or gifted. We only need to be willing. Is he speaking to you?

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# Greenlawn News



**THRIFT SALE NEWS:** The Alice Thompson Mission Group is so excited to begin the process of preparing for the 2017 thrift sale. As you remember, last time we made over \$5000.00. Our team of hard workers prepared vigorously and worked long hours to put the sale in place. In the spring of next year, we hope to have a bigger sale, and that is why we are preparing now. Therefore, we are now taking donations of gently used clothes, housewares, what-nots, lawn items and the like (not furniture at this time). All you have to do is bring your donations to the bottom of the stairs of the Fellowship Hall. Once the Meade wing has been painted, we will begin taking furniture as we don't have room in the shed for furniture as of yet. If you have any questions please contact Carol Elliott, 261-1666 or email me at [carolelliottlaw@att.net](mailto:carolelliottlaw@att.net) or any member of the Alice Thompson Mission Group.

**WITH YOUR HELP WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO RAISE MORE FUNDS THAN LAST YEAR TO HELP OUT OUR CHURCH.**

Let's get those closets, attics, garages and houses cleaned out for this awesome event. PS. in an effort to organize your donations we could definitely use some boxes. Drop them off at the stairs of the Fellowship Hall.

## Greenlawn Women's Retreat



Twelve women participated in the Greenlawn Women's Retreat, which was held at Greenlawn on September 23-24. The focus was prayer and used clips from the movie War Room to guide Bible study, prayer, and discussion. The women also participated in prayer stations and made a "prayer bucket" to use in their personal "war rooms". Delicious meals were enjoyed and the retreat concluded with watching the entire movie "War Room" with lots of movie treats. Thanks to Linda Griffin and Barbara Lucas for coordinating this event.

### Prayer/Praise Wall in Fellowship Hall.

**Post a prayer or praise. Feel free to take a prayer request and pray for someone who needs it.**

Dear Fellow Prayer Warriors,

What a blessing it was to lead you in our War Room Bible Study Women's Retreat! Thank you so much for the Tazikis gift card. It is one of my favorite restaurants and I have already enjoyed using it. Thank you also for your participation in the Bible Study as we learned to support each other in our prayer warrior journey. A big thank you to Linda and Barbara for all of their hard work in coordinating the event. Love in Christ, Gail Hornsby

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The Win family has settled in Syracuse, New York. The girls are in their new schools and seem to be happy. Aung Naing is working at a place that makes eyeglasses and seems to like it. ZeZe is enjoying taking English classes. A bus picks her up and they have childcare at the school for Elizabeth. The family misses their Greenlawn family but is enjoying living near Burmese family and worshipping with Burmese family and friends. They would love to hear from you: 810 Spring Street Syracuse, NY 13208



# 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)*

The Connie Hammond /Florrie Rentz group is in charge of activities for this quarter with help from the other groups. The Edna Cotton Cookie Ministry is one group that is called on throughout the year. This is a fun ministry that provides home baked goodies for a variety of activities within the church and for many local organizations. It is made up of 18 ladies who love to bake. Jennifer Lundy is the facilitator of this group. These ladies are called upon at various times and are always ready to provide whatever is requested of them. If you'd like to be a part of this ministry, see Jennifer.

We had our ingathering for State Missions during the month of September. Our goal was \$1200. We almost met our goal with a collection of \$1165.

Fall is a busy time for the WMU. In addition to our regular projects, we have been busy collecting and preparing Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes and Prisoner Packets. With your generous help, we were able to complete 176 shoeboxes last year. We hope to exceed that number this year. Special thanks to the Alice Thompson Mission Group for paying the postage for our boxes. They will use money they made from the Thrift Sale to cover the cost of shipping.

We are also working on Prisoner Packets. We collected \$138 in donations at the BBQ supper we had for our State Missions Program in September. This money was used to purchase #10 pre-stamped envelopes for Prisoner Packets. Last year we were able to complete 96 packets and hope to exceed that number this year.

The WMU provided a meal for Family Promise in September. Greenlawn is a support congregation for Trinity Presbyterian Church. They help families who are experiencing homelessness by providing temporary shelter, food and hospitality for guest families.

We participated in the Pre-Fair Ministry by providing baked goods. These were delivered to Columbia Metro on October 7 to be used in their pre-fair ministry for the fair workers. They provide snacks and minister to them prior to the opening of the fair.

Some members of the WMU will be attending the Thanksgiving Souper at Eastminster Presbyterian Church sponsored by Chick-fil-A. This is a fundraiser for the Women's Shelter. It will be on Thursday, November 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Chick-fil-A provides chicken soup, crackers and tea. A donation of \$5 goes to the Women's Shelter. Anyone is welcome to go with us. See Linda Griffin or Frances Grant if you are interested.



# WMU News

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On Wednesday, November 30, we will have our foreign mission program. Our speakers will be Neill and Margit Mims. They come with more than 20 years experience on the mission field. They were involved in planting churches in South Asia. Mark your calendar and come enjoy supper and hear their inspiring stories. Supper will begin at 5:30 with our program to follow.

Our Ingathering for Foreign Missions will be on Sunday, December 4. Our goal this year is \$2500.

### COMING UP IN DECEMBER

We are planning our Adopt-A-Vet Christmas tree again this year. We will contact the VA to get a list of men who have few or no visitors. Their wish lists will be placed on a Christmas tree in the vestibule next month. You can pick a tag, buy the gift, wrap and label it. We will collect the gifts, sort them and personally deliver them before Christmas. These men have no family nearby so these small gifts mean a lot to them. It lets them know that someone cares about them and appreciates what they have done for our country. The tree will be in the vestibule on December 4th.

The Campbell Soup labels collection has been extended until the end of the year. As you shop for soup, look for the ones with the label for education still on the cans. Since this program is ending you will see some soup cans without the label for education and some with it still on. You may leave these labels in the office or on the table just outside the office door.



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## Food Bank

Purchase nonperishable items that you might have on your table for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

# Emily's Post



Dear Greenlawn Church Family. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity toward us, Marjorie Sanders' family. We appreciated the meal, the fellowship and the kind words you had for our sister. Marjorie loved her church family and loved giving her time to do God's work along with you. Love in Christ, Robbie Hampton and Margaret Foster

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending the Peace Lily to the funeral of our mom, Hazel Hendricks. She loved Peace Lilies and it helped make her service beautiful. Thank you again, Tammy and Jon Strauss and Debbie and Bob Fleming.

Thank you for supporting the Prison Ministry by donating food served at the Prison Fellowship Picnic. Your church's donation of food opened the door for others to share Christ with the inmates. In His Service, Cathy Locklear

Dear family in Christ: We truly appreciate your generous donation to the Pineview Baptist Church building fund in memory of Ms. Alva Gainey. God is glorified by your generosity. To the Glory of Christ. Stephanie Charbonneau, Administrator, Pineview Baptist Church.

Your wonderful support, calls, cards and food have been a true blessing to me. Please keep praying for me. Thank you for being a caring church family. God Bless. Betty Templeton

Thank you so much for all the deeds of kindness you showed me during and after my hospitalization. The many cards, phone calls and prayers were sincerely appreciated. I am so grateful to be a part of such a wonderful church family. With Love, Peggy Teague



Dear Fellow Greenlawn Friends, It is with great sadness that I left Sunday the 16th of October for the last time before I left on the 18th for Idaho. I have been a member of Greenlawn since 1968. I always enjoyed working on committees with many of you over the Years and truly loved each and everyone of you. I hope to find a church home in the near Future. My new address is: Joye Harmon, 4706 Jonagold Place, Caldwell, ID 83607 Cell: 803-603-1086. If anyone of you ever get to Idaho, please come and visit me. I will Keep Greenlawn Baptist Church in my prayers. Much love, Joye Harmon



**Remember  
Our Homebound Members**

Visits to Homebound Members

**Dot Poe** looks good and is feeling OK. Her son Randy and his wife Diane continue to take good care of her.

**Maude Jordan** is missing her friends at Greenlawn. She appreciates the cards and calls.

**Mary Robinson** continues to adjust to her new home at Colonial Gardens.

It was great to see **Edna Cotton** at homecoming. She enjoys receiving visits and cards.

Our prayers go out to **Sue Nesmith** in the loss of her son-in-law Jerry Knox.

Our prayers also go out to **Wanda Stanley** who had a recent fall.

The **children of Greenlawn** recently made cards and sent to our homebound members and others. This is a beautiful connection between our children and seniors.



Mary Revels requests that her land line phone number: (803) 319-7455 be deleted from the church directory and only her cell phone number be used: (803) 603-2056. Thank you!

Before funds can be dispersed, the Chair of the Committee which oversees that fund must give consent for funds to be dispersed. The account from which funds are drawn must be noted on the "Check Request or Reimbursement Form" available in the church office. Check requests will not be paid without Chair approval. If you have any questions, please contact the church office, or Chairmen's of the Finance Committee.



We are nearing the end of 2016. If you would like to review your Contribution Statement before the end of the year, please contact the Church Office. Thank you.

**Please remember that our Secretary's hours have been reduced to 24 hours a week. She often will not have time to do projects that may have been done in the past. Monday and Tuesday are very busy days so give her some advanced notice to do things for your group, if she can. Thank you. Peggy Gainey, Personnel Chair.**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



## November Birthdays

11/01	Carison Brogdon
11/03	Stephen Jordan
11/03	Emauri Singletary
11/04	Daniel Lawrence
11/05	Shirley Branham
11/05	Tom Gainey
11/05	Clyde Waters
11/07	Phill Stroud
11/08	Mary Dodd
11/09	Red Lanier
11/09	Gary Minter
11/09	Scarlette Smith
11/14	Gene Mathis
11/14	Edna Cotton
11/18	Johnny Brogdon
11/22	Mac McFarland
11/22	Craig Bacom
11/23	Sara Brown
11/23	Carolyn Peake
11/25	Ann Patterson
11/30	Patricia Davis

## December Birthdays

12/01	John Malone
12/01	Mary Bacom
12/03	Nancy McFarland
12/03	Dorothy Poe
12/05	Austin Andrade
12/05	Teresa Baggett
12/08	Eugene Teague
12/08	Tina Tripp
12/10	Pam Coffey
12/12	Iris Brakefield
12/15	Sara Andrews
12/17	Gabriel Masiwemai
12/17	Norma Hunt
12/18	Ray Grant
12/20	Bob Hearn
12/20	Elizabeth Smith
12/20	Eloise Bagwell
12/20	Eddie Player
12/27	Ann Cagle
12/29	Todd Griffin
12/29	Steve Davis



# NOVEMBER



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 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 5:30 Wednesday Night Supper	3	4 M&M Event 12:15 Winterize Your Garden, FH	5
6 8:30 Deacon's Meeting, Room 108 SW	7	8 10:00-12:00 Youth Volunteer at Harvest Hope w/lunch after 6:00 Finance Committee Meeting	9 5:00 Wednesday Night Supper	10	11 Veteran's Day 	12 10:00-1:00 Sease Farms 1:00 Sing Praises for the Lord Courtyard
13 9:00 Church Council, CR 12:00 Youth Pork Loin Lunch Fundraiser	14	15 7:30 Men's Breakfast, Lizards Thicket, on Beltline 11:00 Connie Hammond-Florrie Rentz Mission Group 6:00 Finance Committee Meeting	16 5:30 Wednesday Night Supper	17	18 5:30 Youth Dinner & Movie Meet at the church.	19
20 6:00 Church Conference	21 M&M Event (?)	22 9:00 Homebound Committee to assemble baskets.	23 No Child or Youth Activities 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service at Greenlawn	24 Thanksgiving Office Closed 	25	26
27 9:00 Public Relations Committee Meeting, CR 9:30 Prayer Committee Meeting, PR	28	29	30 5:30 Wednesday Night Supper 6:00 Mission Speaker			

## 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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25 Christmas Day 11:00 Lord's Supper No Sunday School 11:00 morning service only 	26 Office Closed	27	28 No Children's Activities No Wednesday Night Supper 6:30 Pastor's Bible Study	29	30	31 New Years Eve
						

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## Pat Coogler Sew/Craft Day

On Saturday, 10/22 the Alice Thompson Mission Group sponsored The Pat Coogler Sew/Craft Day in Pat's memory as she had helped us make many pillowcase dresses and other items and Art also donated a lot of Pat's craft material to this group.

Items that we were able to make was aprons from men's shirts, clothes protectors to be donated to our homebound members, hats, jewelry, headbands to be used in the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child along with Decorative plates which can be sold in our thrift sale. We have several other items that can be worked on for next year's shoeboxes, like dolls, more headbands, hats, jewelry, etc. This was a fun time so we will try to do this again.



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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

**Please consider placing flowers on the alter.  
Dates are available in November and December.**

