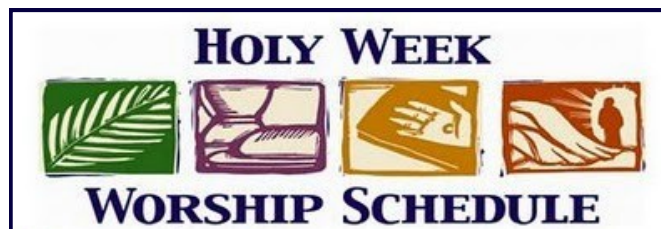


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| Sunday, April 9th     | Palm Sunday Worship at 11:00 AM   |
| Wednesday, April 12th | No evening activities.  |
| Thursday, April 13th  | Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 PM<br>Lord's Supper   |
| Friday, April 14th    | Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM  |
| Sunday, April 16th    | Easter Sunday<br>Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM at Greenlawn Cemetery<br>Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:45<br>Morning Worship at 11:00 |

# Member News

## Inauguration Trip Experience by Emauri Singletary

My trip with my school to the presidential inauguration was everything but normal. I had the opportunity to experience America's capital for the first time at its most heated phase. I got to witness cultures and lifestyles which were far more varied than mine, but the most exhilarating moment of it all was being able to see the transferring of an American President.

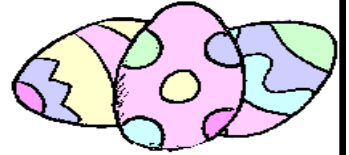
While In Washington DC I was able to do some sight seeing; visit a few museums, see the home of George Washington, walk through the US memorial where people from military forces are buried, along with photographing some of the most iconic landmarks such as the Lincoln Memorial. Each of these activities brought something to the table but the day of the Inauguration held so much more and couldn't even be compared to touring a museum.

The Friday morning of the Inauguration could be explained as nothing less than a rush. Having to wake up at 3:30 am after previously going to sleep at around 11 the night before wasn't an easy shift at all. By about 5 o'clock the bus was loaded and we were on our way to the parking lot. The area where the bus was able to park didn't put us in a very pleasant position. Walking for 8 miles (roughly 4-5 hours) in the freezing cold with the only food being handouts people gave was beyond exhausting. As if the walking itself wasn't enough, there were lines on top of lines that had to patiently be waited out. Between keeping up with the group, freezing hands, and waiting for hours in lines, I felt as though seeing the Inauguration wasn't worth the trouble. Once we finally were able to get inside of the gate is where the "experience" started to kick in. There was an abundance of protestors with explicit signs, people screaming, this was the part that made it worth it. Although we were inside of the gate there were even more lines with security pretty much everywhere you turned. After waiting a few more hours we were at the peak of our destination. By around 11:30 we were ready to witness the swearing in of the President and VP. It was at this moment I was able to realize for many, this inauguration wasn't seen as exciting but more so emotional. There were protestors which could be heard from miles away along with people booing and crying who felt as though their beliefs and morals were threatened by the swearing in of Donald Trump. Once 12:00 hit and Trump was President the cries of many broke out and the air was covered by thick, white clouds from the lighting of recreational herbs. I took this moment to start snapping photos of what was taking place. We weren't in great viewing range to see the President but through a lens or binoculars it was definitely possible. The Inauguration was over and the trek back to the bus began but wasn't near as treacherous as the opposing walk thanks to the metro. On our way back I could see the smoke of the aggressive riots taking place and was caught in the midst of protestors in which I decided to take photos of. Having not been exposed to these actions by upset people I found this experience exciting and life-changing. The next day our tour guide took us to see D.C. after the sun had set. Seeing the US capital at this time was just as breathtaking as the Inauguration. Protestor signs all along every fence in sight and the surveillance of heavy security was something I never thought I'd see. As we got closer to the White House the protesting got increasingly more and more vulgar. Once the White House was in sight chants upon chants were being recited as fingers were being held high into the sky. I could really see at this moment how much of an impact this one person had on so many people.

This trip to Washington DC was truly an experience and changed the way I view so many things. It's times like these I see how separated America really is and how certain changes affect so many individuals.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

We will be doing an **Easter Egg Hunt** a little bit differently this year. It will be during the Easter service between 11:00 and 12:00. We would like to ask all the parents to bring candy. There will be a box in the Children's Building for you to drop off your donations. Thank you.



The children are looking for clean plastic bags to make mats for the homeless. These can be Aldi, Walmart, Publix, Food Lion, Dollar General bags, etc. Please leave them in the Children's Building in the preschool class. Thank you.



It's that time again, **Vacation Bible School** 2017 June 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for 16 volunteer's to sign up to help with the youth. Areas of special interest include Imagination Station, Bible Discovery, Crafts, and Closing Circle. We're looking to add crew leaders again this year and also looking for a Bus Driver and possible car riders to pick up youth in the local neighborhoods behind the church. We would like to start the sign up process immediately. Contact Jeffrey Howard at [Jhoward4311@gmail.com](mailto:Jhoward4311@gmail.com) if you have any further questions.

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# Greenlawn News

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The Alice Thompson Mission Group sponsored annual Thrift Sale will be Friday, May 19th from 1:00pm til 5:00PM and Saturday, May 20th from 8:00 to 1:00 pm.

We will have a table set up day on Friday, May 12th and will be bringing items from storage areas (upstairs and storage building) on Saturday, May 13th. (We would appreciate any help in moving boxes from upstairs to the Fellowship Hall from 9:00am-noon)

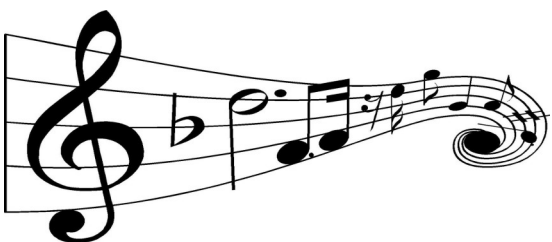
Invite your friends and neighbors to our GREAT THRIFT SALE. All monies raised from this thrift sales will go to support our missions programs at Greenlawn along with Vacation Bible School.

## CHURCH SCRAPBOOKS

The Church photographic History has been completed up to December 2016, in archival quality scrapbooks. In the future, photos of Greenlawn occasions may be uploaded to the church Facebook page. The church scrapbooks will remain in the Prayer/History Room in the South Wing in the bookcase which was purchased using the Mike Brooks Memorial Fund and a donation from Jim Revels. Church members are welcome to review them. Special thanks to Barbara Lucas, Mary Knox and the late Kelley Howle for helping Mary Revels to accomplish this big task.

## Greenlawn Gospel Sing Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

We hope you will join us for a time of worship and fellowship with area churches as we gather in our Sanctuary to sing the old-time Gospel hymns we love. Our praise band will be on hand and our choir loft will be full to make the singing really special. What a great way to celebrate the Easter season! Don't miss it. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall



# 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)*

Our theme for WMU this year is "by all means". For us at Greenlawn, this means that we reach out to others to share God's love by all means possible. We have reached out to prisoners through our Christmas Packets and the Women's Correctional Picnic. We reach out to the homeless by providing warm clothes and care bags and providing meals for Family Promise. We reach out to Veterans with our Christmas gifts. We reach out to children all over the world with our Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. We reach out to college students by providing lunch for international students. We feed the hungry by supporting the local food pantry. These are just a few of the opportunities where Greenlawn has been able to demonstrate the love of Christ through our mission projects.

None of these projects could be successful without the help of our congregation. As a special thank you, the WMU hosted a breakfast on Sunday, February 19. We had 35 in attendance and enjoyed a delicious breakfast.

On Friday, February 24 we co-hosted the International Student Luncheon at USC with Greenhill Baptist Church. Thanks to all our ladies for providing 15 dozen sandwiches, 15 dozen cookies and chips for this luncheon.

We will have our Home Missions Ingathering on Sunday, March 5. Our goal is \$1200. Our Home Missions Speaker will be Dr. Marion Aldridge, a former pastor of our church. He will be with us on Wednesday April 26.

## **Health Kits**

We will begin collecting items for Health Kits later this month. Watch for a notice in the church bulletin. These kits will be distributed by the Columbia Metro Baptist Association as needed throughout the year.

## WMU Continued

### CANstruction Contest

It has been a while since we have done this so we thought it might be worth repeating. We will have 3 groups that will collect food for the food pantry and then **Canstruct** something with their donations-a castle, a ship, a robot-you choose. Contest starts March 1st and ends March 31st. Creations will be judged during Sunday School on April 2nd. Winner will be based on creativity and not necessarily the amount of food.

Team 1-Fellowship and Clyde Water's Class

Team 2-Children, Youth and Bob Knox's Class at the end of the hall

Team 3-Peggy Gainey's Class and Men's Class

Team 1's creation to be displayed in South Wing.

Team 2's creation to be displayed in Children's Building.

Team 3's creation to be displayed in Vestibule.

Reward will be breakfast on April 9th.



# Emily's Post



Dear Greenlawn Church Family. Thank you so much. I know mother would have been pleased.

Tom Gainey



**Remember  
Our Homebound Members**

Olene Russ has had a stay in the hospital with pneumonia. She is home recovering now. Olene will be 97 years old on March 30. Naomi Davis is in the same assisted living as Olene.

Betty Ruiz is residing with her son, Richard, and is doing well. Dot Poe lives with her son, Randy, and is doing well, also.

Richard and Linda Danielsen are home and holding their own. They appreciate the cards and remembrances from Greenlawn.


It was wonderful to see Sue Nesmith at church last month.

Edna Cotton and her daughter, Nancy, have added a few items in her room which will make life easier for Edna.

Please continue to remember our homebound members in your prayers.

Thank you

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There is a new Sign-Up Sheet for Sanctuary Flowers in the hallway between the old offices and the Sanctuary.

Let's start the New Year off right!  
Please contact the church office with any contact information updates or changes such as addresses, phone numbers, or emails. Thank you.

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**Rob Baggett's Beat**  
will be sent separately as a short story written by Rob.

Committees, please let the Public Relations Committee know of any special events that you want advertised. Thank you!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



## March Birthdays

3/01 Dot Black  
3/01 Joye Harmon  
3/06 Susan Britt  
3/10 Katie Dodson  
3/10 Lia Hearn  
3/11 Sue Nesmith  
3/12 Carolyn Freeman  
3/15 Bob Knox  
3/15 Margie Clough  
3/16 Todd Boulet  
3/17 Brandon Sanders  
3/23 Tommy Smith  
3/24 Leigh Peake  
3/25 Calvin Blackwell  
3/25 Matthew Blackwell  
3/25 Ken Black  
3/25 Tommy Brown  
3/29 Barbara Lucas  
3/30 Olene Russ  
3/30 Ian Michael Singleton

## April Birthdays

4/01 Ben Cagle  
4/01 Jane Brooks  
4/02 Grayson Sanders  
4/05 Sandie Love  
4/10 Janie Goodwin  
4/13 Jessica O'Shesky  
4/14 Mary Kate Blackwell  
4/15 Jermaine Singletary  
4/18 Brianna Mikell  
4/18 Keyanna Mikell  
4/20 Mary Robinson  
4/21 Annette Wright  
4/21 Hope Hornsby  
4/22 Matt Blackwell  
4/22 Bobbie Miles  
4/24 Matthew Smith  
4/24 Reece Tripp  
4/25 Terry Fish  
4/25 Terri Hill







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 PR=Prayer Room  
 SW=South Wing

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|  |                  |   | 5:30 Wednesday<br>Night Supper<br>6:30 Ash<br>Wednesday Service | 2   | 3   | 4<br>3:00<br>Children's<br>Theater |    |
| 8:30 Deacon's Meeting<br>Room 108 SW<br>9:00 Public Relations<br>Comm. Meeting<br>Peggy Gainey Classroom<br>5:00 Handbell Practice |                  |   | 5:30 Wednesday<br>Night Supper<br>6:00 Mission<br>Speaker       | 8   | 9   | 10                                 | 11 |
| 9:00 Church Council, CR<br>5:00 Handbell Practice<br>6:00 Gospel Sing  |                  |   | 5:30 Wednesday<br>Night Supper                                  | 15  | 16  | 17                                 | 18 |
| 9:00 Children's Committee<br>Meeting, CR<br>5:00 Handbell Practice<br>6:00 Church Conference                                       | 9:00<br>Needlers | 7:30 Men's<br>Breakfast,<br>Lizards Thicket, on<br>Beltline<br>11:00 Connie Ham-<br>mond-Florrie Rentz<br>Mission Group | 5:30 Wednesday<br>Night Supper                                  | 22  | 23  | 24                                 | 25 |
| 9:30 Prayer Committee<br>Meeting, PR<br>5:00 Handbell Practice<br>12:00 Church wide Covered<br>Dish Lunch, FH                      |                  |   | 5:30 Wednesday<br>Night Supper                                  | 29  | 30  | 31                                 |    |

**Sunday**

9:30 AM Early Bird Choir Tune-Up  
 9:45 AM Sunday Morning Bible Study  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 5:00 PM Handbell Practice



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| <i>Palm Sunday</i><br><br><b>9:00</b> Church Council, CR<br><b>5:00</b> Handbell Practice   | 9   | 10  | 11   | <b>5:30</b> Wednesday Night Supper   | 12  | 13  | <b>7:00</b> Maundy Thursday Service<br><b>Lord's Supper</b> | 14 | 15 |
| <b>Easter Sunday</b><br><b>7:00</b> Sunrise Service<br><b>9:00</b> Children's Committee Meeting, CR<br><b>9:00</b> Handbell Practice, S<br> | 16  | 17  | <b>7:30</b> Men's Breakfast, Lizards Thicket, On Beltline<br><br><b>11:00</b> Connie Hammond-Florrie Rentz Mission Group | 18   | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22 |    |
| <b>9:30</b> Prayer Committee Meeting, PR<br><b>5:00</b> Handbell Practice  | 23  | 24  | 25   | <b>5:30</b> Wednesday Night Supper<br><br><b>6:00</b> Marion Aldridge, Mission Speaker | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29 |    |
| <b>9:00</b> 5th Sunday Fellowship<br><b>5:00</b> Handbell Practice   | 30  |     |  |  |     |     |   |    |    |

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In lieu of Easter lilies this year, a donation can be made to help fund the Replacement of the outside doors in the Meade Building in honor or in memory of someone.

Please complete this form and return it along with your donation to the church office.

On Easter Sunday, a list of all honorariums and memorials will be included in the bulletin. **The last day to make a donation is Sunday, April 9th.**

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**Newsletter entries deadline is the 20th  
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