

*Greenlawn Baptist Church
Columbia, South Carolina
May/June 2017
Newsletter*



HUGE Thrift Sale
May 19th 1:00-5:00
May 20th 8:00-1:00

The Alice Thompson Mission Group sponsored annual Thrift Sale will be Friday, May 19th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Saturday, May 20th from 8:00 am 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 9:00 am-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.

2017 VBS Kick Off
May 24th, 6:00

Our VBS Kick off will be May 24th and we're looking for you to sign your kids up as well as share with someone about the fun we will have. This year's Vacation Bible School will be held June 12th-June 16th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm daily. This years theme will be "Maker Fun Factory." Our VBS staff has worked very hard to ensure your child will have a wonderful time in the Lord. This kick-off will have games, food and fun. Please join us at 6:00 pm on May 24th as we look to kick off the summer in a major way. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Barbara Lucas, Mrs. Mary Litzinger or Mrs. Gail Hornsby for more information.

Rev. Jeffrey Howard
Youth Pastor

Rob Baggett's Beat

The Christian Difference

Most of us are familiar with the Serenity Prayer and some of you know that the author was a theologian named Reinhold Niebuhr. From time to time, I try to read one of Niebuhr's famous works because he is held in high regard by many of our leaders, including presidents Jimmy Carter, George W. Bush and Barak Obama. Currently, I am reading *Moral Man and Immoral Society* and, although I haven't gotten very far in it yet, I already have a lot to think about.

The basic premise of the book is that while individuals may do a pretty good job treating their neighbor ethically on a one to one basis, groups of people tend to organize themselves into factions that are motivated largely by self-interest. He states that this even happens within the church if we are not on our guard because it is part of human nature.

As an American, I have tended to mix my nation's ideals with my faith and to think that the goals for Christians should be freedom and equality. However, while faith in Christ does free us from sin and death, it also makes us obedient slaves to Christ as God's desires for us begin to take center stage. Similarly, equality among Christians is not really our goal. Instead, Christians should be aiming higher – for unity.

In Psalm 133: 1, we read, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity." This is a constant theme throughout scripture. In 1st Corinthians 12, Paul reminds us that we are all part of the body of Christ and that although we have different abilities and functions, we are all indispensable. In Ephesians 4: 12 – 13, he reminds us that we are to "equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

Although the battle cry for diversity is often heard in politics, true unity in diversity is rare. What passes for diversity in the corridors of power is really a case of "politics makes strange bedfellows." Real love for those of different races, gender and economic classes can only be found in those who share in Christ's spirit.

We would all do well to memorize and meditate on Galatians 3: 26 – 28:

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Mother's Day, A special day to honor ALL women.

For some women, Mother's Day is an uncomfortable reminder of their singleness or their lack of children. For others it's a reminder that their mother is no longer here physically or no longer around period. Every time someone says, "Happy Mother's Day!" it can stir up a sense of inadequacy, or possibly reopen the scars of relational wounds. Well on this Mother's Day, I would like to not only honor Mothers, but any woman in particular because you are so important to not only God, but to us as a church body. **Ubuntu** is an ancient **African word** meaning 'humanity to others'. It also means 'I am what I am because of you'. This is quite fitting because as a female you make it happen for the rest of us, young, wise, etc.

That is why on May 10th, we would like to honor all the ladies with a dinner from the youth department, celebrating you for who you are. We are who we are because of you. Join us at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Remember you are a woman of influence on humanity.

You really do matter.

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Graduation Sunday 2017

Join us on May 21st as we celebrate a graduate and all of our youth for their accomplishments throughout the year. This service will celebrate the gifts of our youth, through prayer, singing, ushering, their accomplishments and through the preached word of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our guest preacher for the occasion will be the Rev. Damion Brown, Young Adult Pastor of the New Laurel Street Baptist church, under the leadership of the Rev. Charles B. Jackson Jr. Join us, tell others about it and we look forward to seeing you there.

It's that time again, **Vacation Bible School 2017** June 12th-16th. We are asking for 5 volunteer's to sign up to help with the youth. They will be helping to move kids to each class. Also needed is someone to drive the bus. We would like to start the sign up process immediately. Contact Jeffrey Howard at Jhoward4311@gmail.com if you have any further questions.

Needs for VBS

Metal coffee cans,
#10 tin cans,
nuts, bolts, screws,
plastic bottle tops
and large buttons

Mark your calendars for May 21st. Following the worship service we are asking all VBS teachers and staff to meet in the fellowship hall for a meeting. Lunch will be provided.

May 24th at 6:00 for the End of Year Children/ Youth Party/VBS Kick-off.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH (continued)

On April 22nd, 25 Greenlawn children and adults traveled to Old McCaskill's Farm in Rembert. The children enjoyed holding baby chicks, watching sheep being sheared and seeing farm animals in a natural setting.

Check out marigolds and tomatoes recently planted by children in garden behind Children's Building. Thanks to Teresa Baggett for providing tomato plants.



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 for being such a mission-minded church and always stepping up to the plate.

We exceeded our goal for Home Missions with a total of \$1271.

Thrift sale is Friday, May 19 from 1-5 and Saturday, May 20 from 8-1. You can leave items by the kitchen and if you need someone to pick up your items just call Barbara Lucas at 331-9701.

We collected \$260 to buy items for Health Care kits.

The Fellowship Class and Clyde Water's Class won the CANstruction contest but all the canstructions were amazing and we collected a lot of non-perishables.

Mark your calendar for our annual Christmas in July on July 26th at 6 pm. Bring an appetizer and item(s) for Operation Christmas Child box. Suggested items needed will be in the Sunday bulletins. Exclusions have changed this year. Do Not Include candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate or food, fruit rolls or fruit snacks, drink mixes, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers. No aerosol cans. Toothbrushes are still acceptable.

Greenlawn Baptist Church entered our number of Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes from the year 2015 and the number we did in 2016 and because we were able to do more shoeboxes in 2016 vs 2015, DOLLYWOOD was offering tickets to groups who entered their number of shoeboxes each year and Greenlawn has 7 **one day** tickets to Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. We would like to offer these tickets to anyone wishes to purchase these tickets at \$40.00 each or all 7 for \$250.00.

All monies will go to help sponsor youth to attend Unidiversity. Please see Sharon Davis, Barbara Lucas or Frances Grant. These tickets are good from now until January 2018.

Emily's Post

Mary Revels attended a recital at the USC School of Music where her granddaughter Mackenzie Singleton (12) played her first Cello solo very beautifully.

Granddaughter Madison Singleton, a senior at Spring Valley, has been accepted to Winthrop this Fall, in a five year program, the end result of which is a Masters in Education.

Mary-Caitlyn Singleton (22) is now studying at Columbia College. Jim and Mary are very proud of their beautiful granddaughters.



The Meadow FEED program at Meadowfield Elementary would like to thank Greenlawn for their donation of \$348.16. Their program feeds 35 children each weekend.

Harvest Hope Food Bank would like to thank Greenlawn for their donation of \$691.00 which was collected during the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Dear Greenlawn, thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, cards and well wishes following my recent surgery. It has been a slow recovery process but I seem to be progressing as the doctors expected. Your care and concern have meant so much to me and you brighten my days. Thank you each and everyone. Sincerely, Norma Hunt.

Thank you so much for keeping mom in your prayers. You make her day with your outpouring of love, support, cards and well wishes. I am happy to report that she is doing well but is getting adjusted to being homebound. It is hard for her to write or speak on the phone but she says her prayers daily for all of you especially her friends in their time of struggles. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she continues to hopefully improve. Margaret Jordan Osburn.

The Ronald McDonald House thanks the Needlers for their gracious gift of blankets.

Thank you continued:

Thank you all so much for the beautiful Peace Lily that you sent our family. It means so much to us to know how much you all cared about Dad and our family. He loved Greenlawn and his many friends/family there. We would also like to thank the Caring Committee for the wonderful lunch you prepared for our family before dad's service. We truly appreciate all of the time and effort you put into making our meal so special. When I walked into the dining room I was amazed at how beautiful the tables were...white linens, gorgeous flowers, etc. The whole setting made my heart feel so good and I cannot thank you enough for your kindness. Daddy loved his church and all of you. I definitely know why. Thank you for caring about my dad and our family. It means the world to all of us. We sure are blessed. I look forward to visiting Greenlawn very soon. Sincerely, Liz Meetze.

Just want to give a huge thank you to Tony, our custodian, for all his hard work. We just leave him a note and the job gets done, no matter how big or small. We recently got rid of some past VBS stuff and I mean it was quite a lot! Extra duty for sure. What a pleasant surprise to see it all gone. **Thanks Tony!** Barbara Lucas.

The Youth say thank you for all the plastic bags you gave and they now have enough for their project.



Your homebound committee continues to visit and pray for our homebound members. A visit to Maude Jordan found her sitting at her kitchen table eating dinner. Dot Poe was enjoying watching Jeopardy. She did admit she didn't know all the questions to the answers. Betty Ruiz is enjoying her new room at Richard's house. She continues her hobby of bird watching. Olene Russ is having some health problems but is very positive.

Each homebound member misses their Greenlawn family. Maybe you served on a committee, belonged to the same Sunday School class, shared a pew, or know (knew) a family member of one of the homebound members. A visit from YOU would brighten a long day for a fellow member of Greenlawn who is homebound. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June Birthdays

6/01 Patricia Harman
6/01 Jo Ann Karr
6/01 Kathy Parrott
6/07 Wanda Rood
6/07 Terry Cagle
6/09 Betty Templeton
6/11 Mike Harman
6/11 Claire McManaway
6/11 Mary Davis
6/11 Dr. Art Coogler
6/15 Jane Malone
6/15 Sandra Newman
6/17 Tim Crawford
6/19 Betty Baker
6/19 Angela Stroud

May Birthdays

5/04 Ashton Andrade
5/05 Benjamin Brooks
5/09 Patricia Caroline Brown
5/14 Carl Stone
5/16 Ketin San
5/17 Brennan Freeman
5/20 Jennifer Andrade
5/20 Phillip Jones
5/20 Margaret Osburn
5/24 Laurens Andrews
5/27 Mackenzie Singleton
5/28 Joyce Downey





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 SW=South Wing

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7 8:30 Deacon's Meeting Room 108 SW 9:30 Public Relations Comm. Meeting Peggy Gainey Classroom 5:00 Handbell Practice	8	9	10 5:30 Youth to cook for all ladies in honor of Mother's Day.	11	12 M&M trip to Walterboro Fellowship Hall Reserved	13 Fellowship Hall Reserved
14 Mother's Day 9:00 Church Council, CR 5:00 Handbell Practice FH Reserved	15 9:00 Needlers	16 7:30 Men's Breakfast, Lizards Thicket, on Beltline 11:00 Connie Hammond-Florrie Rentz Mission Group 6:00 Finance Comm. Meeting	17 No Wednesday Night Supper	18	19 1:00-5:00 Thrift Sale	20 8:00-1:00 Thrift Sale
21 8:30 Property & Space 9:00 Children's Committee Meeting, CR 11:00 Graduate Recognition 12:00 VBS Meeting w/lunch 5:00 Handbell Practice 6:00 Church Conference	22 9:00 Needlers	23	24 6:00 End of Year Children/Youth/VBS Kick-off	25	26	27
28 9:30 Prayer Committee Meeting, PR 5:00 Handbell Practice	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

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Blest by a Fall in Haiti

On February 25, 2017, I, along with 8 other teachers from Raleigh, NC, left for a 6 day trip to Haiti. Our destination was to The Children's Training & Nutrition Center in Gonaives. There you will find a home for boys and a home for girls and recently added a House of Hope for girls who have reached the age of 20 and can no longer stay in the home. This is not considered an orphanage because many of the children have a parent or 2 but are not able to care for them. And some may be orphans. There is also church on the premises that the children and community members attend on Sunday and often services during the week.

The mission of this trip was to have a 3 day teaching conference with Haitian teachers. We were excited that around 70 teachers attended this conference. They are very eager to learn new ways of teaching their children and to receive many new resources to help them with this process. Their classrooms consist of rows of tables with benches, no place to keep their books or pencils and no wall space for colorful posters and pictures that you see in our American classrooms. But the students work hard and learn very well. They need to pass 13 grades and pass the High School exams before qualifying for University or a Vocational school.

The path between the girls and boys home is very rocky and we needed to make the trek several times during our visit. On Wednesday evening we were invited to the House of Hope for an evening meal which consisted of many different Haitian foods. It was a wonderful evening and time of meeting with some of the girls living there. However, on our way my walking stick decided to make this trek for me more exciting and slipped on one of the big stones and I ended up on the ground and not able to get up on my own. Pastor David was walking with us and was very gracious in helping me up. As this was happening one of the ladies in our group said, "Mary, that lady is praying for you." A Haitian lady walking by saw what happened, stopped and I was told she kept her eyes on me until she saw that I was ok, all the while praying. Then she went on her way. I was able to get a glimpse of her and saw she was wearing a brightly flowered top. I have a vision of her planted in my mind and heart and will never forget it. I had no pain, soreness or scrapes due to this fall until I came home. And then they were very minimal. I truly believe this woman's prayers carried me through this experience and I was blest by her.

But the greatest thrill of my trips to Haiti, this was my 7th, is seeing Daphne, the boy, now a young man, that I started sponsoring when he was 9, I saw him for the first time when he was 10. He is now 23 and lives in an apartment with other boys off campus. But he always comes to see me when come to Haiti. When I was in Haiti in 2013, I met Stanley who had arrived at the home a short time before that. He needed some sponsors so I volunteered. I'm thrilled the Connie Hammond Circle, of which I am a part, has agreed to be a sponsor of Jean Doodley, one of youngest boys at the home.

For \$25 a month you can become one of 6 sponsors of a child in this work. Many children are still in need of sponsors. The money sent goes into the general budget that is used for schooling, clothes, food, the staff and up keep of the premises. So if you feel led to be a sponsor of a child or 2 please contact me and I can help you get started.

A favorite Haitian proverb that hangs in all of our rooms: IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU NEED AND DON'T SEE, PLEASE LET US KNOW AND WE WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO DO WITHOUT IT.
Be blest. Mary Litzinger



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