



*Greenlawn Baptist Church  
Columbia, South Carolina*

*January/February 2018  
Newsletter*



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Greenlawn Baptist Church on 1/19/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).**



## HUGE Thrift Sale

**April 27th 1:00-5:00**

**April 28th 8:00-1:00**

The Alice Thompson Group has made a space in the outdoor garage for your larger items. We are accepting all items for the Thrift Sale at this time. The drop off dates are: January 13, January 27, February 24 and March 10 from 9:00-11:00 am.

# Rob Baggett's Beat

## The Path to Self-fulfillment

When I was a seminary student, way back in the last century, I had a friend, Owen, who liked to point out that many of Jesus' appeals to follow Him, serve Him, be His disciple were essentially appeals to selfishness. He would quickly go on to give examples to shore up his opinion. Some examples:

"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."  
John 8: 31-32

"Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am gentle and lowly of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11: 29-30

"And you can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of time." Matthew 28:20

"I have come that they may have life, and that they have it more abundantly." John 10:10

Of course, Jesus always tied his promises to our following Him without reservations. Perhaps his most complete statement, one that is explicit about the costs of discipleship, has been described as the least manipulative offer in history:

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?'" Matthew 16: 24-26

We have to look hard at these verses to find "what's in it for me?" But still, the basic appeal is to self-fulfillment. Yes, you first have to give your life, your desires, hopes and dreams to God, but in doing so, you save your life.

One of my favorite passages for getting what I want is also in Matthew. In Matthew 6:33, Jesus says "But seek first His [God's] kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." In living out this verse, I have learned that God will give us everything that we truly need if we remember to make His kingdom and the values of His kingdom our first priority.

I have also learned that anytime I forget and start to believe that any person, achievement or possession is going to set me free, give rest to my soul, be a comforting presence at all times or make my life more abundant; I get into trouble.

Perhaps, that is why Jesus warns us in strong terms:

"Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Matthew 10:37

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6: 19-21

As we go into this New Year, let's remember to give God and His kingdom first place in our hearts because no possession, no achievement and no relationship can satisfy our longings. It is foolish and unfair to expect them to. So, don't search for self-fulfillment. Search for God and He will fulfill you in ways you cannot imagine, on earth and in heaven.

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."  
1 Corinthians 2: 9

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

We are planning a trip to Columbia Children's Theater on January 27 at 3:00 to see Mulan. We will meet at the theater. The cost is \$5.00.



Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat was a big success. It worked out really well that the trunks were right behind the Fellowship Hall. We passed out some Children/Youth calendars and I talked to quite a few guests. We had a lot of volunteers (too many to name) from set-up, trunks, games, food and clean up. The kids seem to enjoy the games and trunks and I think they all went home with plenty of candy. Thanks especially to the people that donated candy. We used almost all of it down to the last piece. Barbara Lucas

# 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)"*

## WMU NEWS

Thank you to all who donated to the Christmas gifts for the veterans at the Veteran's Hospital. Four members of the Connie Hammond/Florrie Rentz Group visited the veterans. They were so happy and appreciative. One even had tears in his eyes. These 13 men do not have visitors who visit them so it was an honor to share Christ's love with them. The singing of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" put a smile on each face. Again, much appreciation to Greenlawn for honoring these men for their service at this special time of the year.

The WMU provided 16 dozen cookies for the International Student Picnic on November 3. We also provided a meal for Family Promise on November 28.

We completed 202 shoeboxes this year. Alice Thompson Mission Group used money from their annual thrift sale to pay the \$9 shipping fee for each box. With all your contributions, we were able to make Christmas a little happier for children all over the world.

We also completed 81 prisoner packets. We received this thank you from the South Carolina Baptist Convention:

"Thank you to everyone who made the 2017 Christmas Prisoner Packet Ministry a success!

25,266 packets assembled  
140 Volunteers to December 4<sup>th</sup>  
40 Associations participated  
Packets delivered to 23 facilities"

On assembly day, devotional and prayer books, Christmas cards and literature were added to the packets before they were delivered to inmates. We were also asked to pray for the inmates who have received our gifts, that this gift will touch their hearts and lead them to salvation.

We had our ingathering for Foreign Missions during the month of December. Our goal was \$2500. We collected \$1,611 through 12/24/17.

We are still asking for donations for the Food Pantry. Watch for sales and bring non-perishable items for our tubs in the South Wing.

The WMU Leadership Team will be meeting in January to plan activities for the new year.

### Coming up in February:

We will celebrate WMU Focus Week February 12-18. We are planning a breakfast on Sunday February 18. Mark that date on your calendar and join us at 9:00 am for breakfast. It's our way of thanking you for all the support you give us for our mission projects.



# *One Day Project*

Our One Day Project with the South Carolina Baptist Convention on November 7 was a huge success. We had sixteen from the convention who participated in our mission project with seven from our church. Several of our church members helped with the program. Phillip Jones did a ventriloquist act, Hydrick Gass, our trumpeter, played and Bob Knox led our singing. We began with patriotic songs. When we asked for requests, the first one was Silent Night. A small group was able to go on the hall and sing and visit with patients. With your help, we were able to take several bags of disposable razors and body wash for the nurses to dispense as needed. We gave each veteran a small gift bag and a personal thank note from those attending. The director of missions brought a photographer along to get pictures of our project to share at the convention that night. After the program, the group from the convention toured the Spouse House. They were very impressed and took pictures there. During the convention that night, a note was read from one of our group giving a testimony of what he shared with one of the veterans.

The following note was received by Sharon Davis from Lisa in Darlington, SC.

“Sharon, such a joy and blessing to serve along side Greenlawn. Praise the Lord for your ministry to our country’s best! Blessings to you, Lisa.”





# One Day Project (Continued)





# Welcome

## *New Members*



Judy Tillou  
Her address is:  
2420 Saxon Shore Road  
Columbia, SC 29209



Linda Gibson  
Her address is:  
612 Robinhaven Court  
Lexington, SC 29073

# Emily's Post



*Thank You!*

The members of Greenlawn Baptist Church want to thank the Cagle family for their thoughtfulness and kindness in distributing Fruit Bags at the Christmas Eve Service. It brought back a lot of fond memories from the past. Again, thank you and Happy New Year.

The Homebound Committee is honored to be able to visit each member of the our homebounders. We took 16 fruit baskets as we visited each person in November. In December we were able to deliver beautiful poinsettias to each one. We were able to purchase the poinsettias through the designated account in memory of Billy Hammond, brother of Jackie Stone. A recording of parts of the children's musical were shown to many of the members. It put smiles on their faces. The visits bring so much joy to the members of the committee. We have added Lois Peake to our group. FYI: New addresses:

Tootsie Perry  
The Blake at Woodcreek Farm Room 201  
385 Spears Creek Road  
Elgin SC 29045

Dot Poe  
Country Wood Nursing Center  
1645 Ridge Road Room 110  
Hopkins, SC 29061

Lois Peake  
7218 Coachmaker Rd  
Columbia, SC 29209

Wanda Stanley is in room 605 at Brookdale Senior Living Solutions

January/February Birthday of the Homebound, please remember them with cards.

Betty Ruiz      January 10

Jim and Mary Revels appreciate all the Christmas cards that were sent to each of them. Jim loves cards and will hold them in his hands for a long time sensing the care and connection. At times he seems a little less responsive, but he is still very cognizant and has enjoyed an elementary school choir who came to sing and various activities at Rice Estate. Mary visits every other day and volunteers there a lot too. A Christmas visit is anticipated from their Grandson Ian Singleton who is now stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



## January Birthdays

1/02	Evelyn Causey
1/07	Richard Jordan
1/09	Betty Rye
1/10	Betty Ruiz
1/11	Nathan Boulet
1/12	Jordan Mathis
1/24	Wayne Sanders
1/26	Rachael Ladele
1/30	Jim Hamilton
1/30	Janie Elrod

## February Birthdays

2/01	Cade Love
2/01	Billie Ruth Hilyer
2/03	Sandy O'Daniel
2/06	Frances Grant
2/09	Mary Griffin
2/09	Vickie Ladele
2/10	Pat Hamilton
2/13	Ina Minter
2/17	Carol Waters
2/20	Ned Teague
2/21	Kathryn Mathis
2/24	Frances Lanier
2/24	Gail Hornsby
2/25	Tanner Griffin
2/26	Mary Revels
2/27	Mike O'Daniel
2/29	Kelly Boulet



# JANUARY



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CB=Children's Building  
CR=Conference Room

P=Parlor  
PR=Prayer Room  
PB=Patrick Bldg

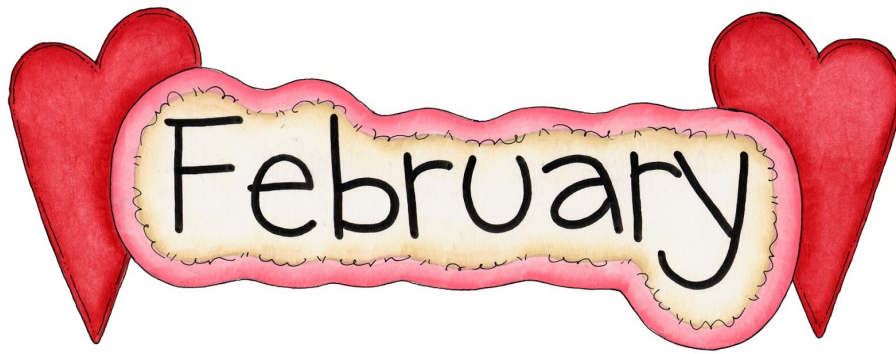
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	1 New Year's Day Office closed	2	3 6:15 Children/Youth Missions & Music	4	5	6
7 8:45 Deacon's Meeting, Room 108, PB 9:00 Public Relations Comm. Meeting, Peggy Gainey Classroom	8 4:00 WMU Council Meeting	9 9:00 Needlers	10 5:30 Wednesday Night Supper 6:15 Children/Youth Missions & Music	11	12	13
14 9:00 Church Council, CR	15	16 7:30 Men's Breakfast, Lizards Thicket, On Beltline 11:00 Connie Hammond-Florrie Rentz Mission Group 6:00 Finance Committee Meeting	17 5:30 Wednesday Night Supper 6:15 Children/Youth Missions & Music	18	19 LifeLine Screening All Day	20
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9:45 AM Sunday Morning Bible Study  
11:00 AM Worship  
5:00 PM Hand Bell Practice

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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

