

*Greenlawn Baptist Church
Columbia, South Carolina
July, 2025 Newsletter*



Message Series Explores Psalm 23 as a Guide to Who God Is



Who is God?

How does God relate to those who love and trust Him?

How can this relationship change my life?

These may be the most important questions a person can ask. Amazingly, deep and powerful answers to all these questions can be found in the six verses of Psalm 23. Beginning July 13, Pastor Dee will present a series of messages that will explore the depth of meaning of this most beloved of the Psalms and apply it to the believer's understanding of who God is and how God relates to His people. Messages in this series will offer five revealing insights taken from Psalm 23 to build a believer's understanding of **"Who God is to Me."**

My Shepherd—the one who cares for me and provides for my every need.

My Companion—the God who takes each step of life's journey, even the darkest and most difficult, with me.

My Host—who offers me the peace of His protection and a nourishing feast of grace, even in the presence of my enemies.

Message from Dr. "Dee" continued

My Hope—the one who is constantly pursuing me with His goodness and mercy.

My Home—the God with whom I will dwell forever at the end of my earthly journey.

This message series offers you a great opportunity to invite others to come with you to worship. Think especially of those who struggle to experience God's love in a personal way. As always, recordings of these messages will be available on our church's YouTube channel. Join us as we study and share the Psalmist's life-changing testimony of "**Who God is to Me.**"

Tuesday Bible Study Continues in July

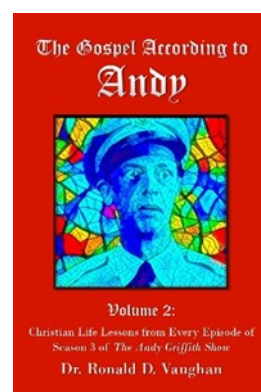
Join us on Tuesdays at 10 in the Choir Room as we continue our study of Matthew 18 and the truths it offers us for **Living as God's Family**. If you can't attend in person, our Bible study is now livestreamed on the Greenlawn Facebook page.

Update from the Church Revitalization Committee

The Revitalization Committee continues to meet weekly and is presently focused on two important steps in our efforts to bring a season of new growth to our congregation. First, the committee is working with a website designer to bring a fresh up-to-date look to our church's web page. Most people seeking a church will begin by researching churches online. Our website is often our first opportunity to make a positive first impression. Secondly, the committee is creating a new operations manual designed to help a church of our size do our work more efficiently and effectively. The new operations manual will be presented to the church for approval when completed. Pray for our group as we continue the important work of preparing the way for a brighter future for our church.

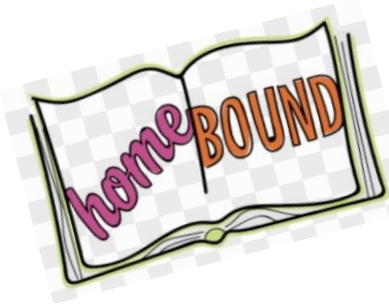
Dee Vaughan Takes Us Back to Mayberry

Our interim pastor has completed another volume in his book series, *The Gospel According to Andy*. **Volume 2** draws Christian life lessons from each episode of Season 3 of *The Andy Griffith Show*, including a number of fan favorites: *Mr. McBeevee*, *Man in a Hurry*, *Barney's First Car*, and *The Darlings are Coming*. The book can be ordered from [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/dp/1644800000) and a few copies are available in the church office.



Gifts for the New Sanctuary Piano Will Still Make a Difference

If you have not yet given to this cause, your gift will still make an important difference. Our finance committee agreed to match the funds raised by the congregation with funds from our church's endowment to complete this purchase. The gifts we receive beyond our goal will allow us to use less of our church's savings to buy the new piano. Make your gift using any envelope and mark it "Piano." Thank you for playing a part in this new beginning for our worship service.



Betty Templeton has been a member of Greenlawn for 46 years. During that time Betty has been an active member with service as her purpose. When she was able she always supported WMU projects. She hosted a stuffing the shoebox party to support The Samaritan Purse project. She hasn't let her health keep her from helping fill the boxes. She helped out by separating items for the shoeboxes. She wanted to support the thrift sale, so she donated items as well as getting someone to bring her to the sale.

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Please continue to reach out with cards and phone calls to

Our Homebound Members

What Homebound member have you
sent a card or made a phone call?





Monday, August 4th at 9:00AM

Join us for **Prayer Walks** at Burnside Elementary School watch for date and time for Meadowfield Elementary. We would appreciate any and all to walk with us at either of the schools. Even if you do not want to walk you can join us at the beginning or the end and just prayer for these students and teachers. We normally walk inside the schools so you are not out in the heat or sun. We will also at this time take the teachers items that we have collected.

Christmas in July

Join us on Wednesday, July 30th at 5:30 PM for ICE CREAM or Sundae's??



We will be putting shoeboxes together and enjoying free ice cream and fellowship. We will also put of the teachers items from the bins together to give to them on 8/4/25. If anyone is willing to make home-made ice cream that would be great!! You may also bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share.

Christmas in July is also a time to share about our missionaries. Some of our Summer Missionaries serving at Connie Maxwell are Sydney Mikkelson from Anderson University and Tania Peterson from Francis Marion University. In New Orleans Ella Edgerton from First Baptist, Spartanburg, Brea Asala from Anderson University. Remember these students as they serve during their summer break. These students are taking the love of Christ to communities near and far.

Items needed for Teachers: Dry Erase Markers, Lysol Air Sanitizer, Tissues, Copy Paper, Sharpened pencils, hand sanitizer, notebook paper, crayons, wipes, post it notes, etc. Bins are located in choir room, children's building, Patrick building and vestibule for your items.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

These are items that are needed for the 150 shoeboxes - Watch for summer sales on some of these items.

LIST:

Money to purchase soccer balls and pumps

Play Doh

Cookie cutters

Yo-Yo's

Calculators-solar powered

Blue and black pens

Glue sticks

Small coloring books to fit the box

Pencil sharpeners

Supporting our Local Community Schools



For Teachers Supplies

WMU is sponsoring a church-wide mission project for back to school items for teachers.

There are bins located in the choir room, Patrick building and vestibule for any of the items listed below that we will present to both Burnside Elementary and Meadowfield Elementary Schools. We will deliver these items to the teachers during our Back to School Prayer Walks. You may start purchasing and bringing your items as you shop.

List of suggested items: Kleenex Tissues, post it notes, wipes, disinfecting spray, hand sanitizer, dry erase markers, pencils, crayons, notebook paper, copy paper.



Bins are located in office area entrance, Vestibule, and Patrick building.

For the food bank we are asking that the first Sunday of each month that everyone bring different items for the food bank.

1st Sunday in July -bring peanut butter and jelly

1st Sunday in August—bring spaghetti, Noodles and spaghetti sauce

1st Sunday in September—Breakfast items.

Each month we will try something a little different in order that we have food to give out as needed and to the food bank.



THIS SUNDAY 7-6-25

Freedom Sunday Celebration!

Invite family and friends as all are welcome.

Join us for Worship at 11:00AM, followed

By luncheon. Heart Epochs Church that meets following our Worship Service will also join us for lunch.

WELCOME to GREENLAWN!

Lester Furr joined Greenlawn
on 6/22/2025



From the Mail:

I want to thank my wonderful Church Family for the many birthday cards and phone calls , I received. It brought much joy to my day.

God Bless, Love Betty Templeton

Dear Greenlawn Baptist Family, Thank you for your support and care at the passing of our father, Mac McFarland. We appreciate the expressions of condolence and the cards as the church family reached out to us. Please know that Dad and Nancy loved their church family. We know Dad enjoyed visiting with the home-bound ministry at Easter. Thank you for keeping him in your thoughts and care. Warmest Regards, Peyton, Dana and Brad -
The McFarland Family

YOUTH NEWS

The youth and Youth Committee express our deep gratitude to our congregation for your support and prayers for Greenlawn's first ever Camp Greenlawn.

The camp was held June 23-27 and was located at Weston Lake. We had some wonderful speakers, including Dr. Dee Vaughan, Dr. Richard Moore, and others. We had fantastic field trips and special times back at the Camp with the focus on wearing the armor of God and following Jesus. It was a wonderful experience, and we are ready to plan next year's youth camp.

Come on Kids let's GO!!!!!!!!!!



CHILDREN NEWS



Vacation Bible School

Sunday 7/6/25 During Sunday School and Worship Time

Sunday 7/13/25 During Sunday School and Worship Time

Children and Youth ages 4 to high school

Meeting in Children's Building

Watch for more information regarding

A Back to School project sponsored by

Infinity Learning Academy on 8/2/25 on True Street

From 11:00am to 2:00 pm– this will be for our surrounding neighbors.

Our Youth will be helping with this. School supplies needed.

OPEN ARMS SCHOOL SUPPLY PROJECT:

As the new school year approaches our Sunday school class will be transitioning to a new mission project temporarily. We will be preparing school kits for kids in schools where many children's families struggle to provide these needed materials. Here is a list of supplies we will be collecting. We will resume our Blessing bag mission in the fall but will continue to keep some bags available with supplies we already have. Thank you for all your support.

Kits for Kids School Supplies: Notebook paper, pencils, pencil bags, erasers both large and pencil top, glue sticks, colored pencils, ruler, pencil sharpener, composition books, scissors, pocket folders.

Life Line Screening Special Offer for our Members

Have great news, Greenlawn Baptist Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening event on 8-4-2025. Life Line Screening is the premier provider of stroke and cardiovascular disease risk screenings since 1993. As the host of the event, Life Line Screening is extending a special offer to all of Greenlawn members for a screening package that enables you to get peace of mind or early detection.

Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?

*Life Line Screening will be here at Greenlawn Baptist Church on **Monday, August 4, 2025** offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. Please refer to the attached flyer to get more info about how you can sign up.*

There is no time like the present to take action!

Three ways to register:

- **Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 promo code HSCA001**
- **Online: <https://www.llsa.social/hzca>**
- **Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607**

Happy Birthday



7/1	Tray Stone	7/23	Jackie Griffin
7/2	Jordyn Boulet	7/24	Judy Tillou
7/3	Frances Cormier	7/25	Ginny Blackwell
7/8	Love Ladele	7/26	Donna Roberts
7/8	Betty Hoffman	7/27	John R. Dodson
7/9	Linda Gibson	7/28	Jasmine Nesmith
7/10	Max Reeves	7/31	Anthony Jordan
7/10	Lewis Scurry	7/31	Jameson Tripp
7/12	Aung Naing Win		
7/12	Joy Cameron		
7/13	Lien Van		
7/15	Rev. Travis Hoebe		
7/16	Jennifer Lundy		
7/16	Lawrence Brooks		
7/17	Michael Raines		
7/18	Carol Player		
7/22	Sabrina McKeown		
7/22	Houhannes Karapetyan		

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Calendar July, 2025



Building Codes:

FH - Fellowship Hall

P - Parlor

CB Children's Building PR - Prayer Room

CR - Conference Room PB - Patrick Building

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00AM Bible Study	2 6:30 Choir Practice	3	4 Happy 4th 	5
6 9:30 Choir Tune Up 9:45 Sun. Morning Bible Study 11:00 Worship VBS 9:45—12 Noon Freedom Sunday Celebration	7	8 10:00AM Bible Study 11:15 Deacon's Meeting	9 Choir Practice 6:30	10	11	12
13 9:00 Church Council 9:30 Choir Tune up 9:45 Sun. Morning Bible Study 11:00 Worship VBS 9:45 –12 Noon Baptism for Heart Epochs	14	15 10:00AM Bible Study 11:00 Connie Hammond Mis- sion Group	16 6:30 Choir Prac- tice	17	18	19
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Newsletter entries deadline is the
20th of every month