

Greenlawn Baptist Church Columbia, South Carolina



November/December 2015 Holiday Edition Newsletter

30 Years of the Spouse House

The Emily Lee Mission Group says THANK YOU to all of our church members who stopped by during the renovations of the Spouse House to say hello and to Thank the Home Depot employees. Also, Thank You to all the church members who participated in feeding these workers during the renovation and also to all who attended our Rededication and Celebration of the 30 years of the Spouse House. If you missed seeing the renovated Spouse Houses, you may ask one of the Emily Lee Mission Group members to take you on a tour.

On the back of the program for the Rededication and Celebration of the 30 years of the Spouse Houses was a list of businesses and also individuals who helped us, not only monetarily, but with discounts or borrowing of items. If you are in need of a service from these businesses, let's try and use them as a Thank you for their help.

There is no way to ever Thank the Home Depot Foundation nor their employees for the amount of work that was done for us. However, if you can visit their stores when in need of items, I am sure they would appreciate it even though they never ask for return favors. The employees who actually did the work took either vacation days or took their days off to work on this project. Home Depot's mission is to help our Veterans who have served our country and fought for our freedom.





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 25th at 7:00 p.m. The service will be held at Asbury, which is located off of Leesburg Road, and Dr. Cagle 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 25th.

| November 29 th | First Sunday of Advent – Hope Christmas Post Office Begins | |
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| December 6 th | Second Sunday of Advent – Peace Ingathering for Foreign Missions | Advent |
| December 9 th | 6:00—7:20 p.m. Youth & Children Led Worship Practice | Worship Schedule |
| December 13 th | Third Sunday of Advent – Joy 11:00 a.m. Youth & Children Led Sunday Presenting: "Christmas Is Jesus" Cantata | |
| December 19 th | 4:00—6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Cantata Rehea | arsal |
| December 20 th | Fourth Sunday of Advent – Love 11:00 a.m. Adult Choir Christmas Cantata Christmas Post Office Ends | |
| December 24 th | 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service | |



Christmas Post Office

The Christmas Post Office will run Sunday, November 29th thru Sunday, December 20th. 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!

Golf Tournament 2015

Thank you to the following businesses for sponsoring holes and/or donating prizes.

Business Donors

Woodley's Garden Center – Gift Certificate Linda Headley of Hair Center – Gift Certificate Edward Jones – Gift Basket Trader Joe's – Bag of Goodies Albert's Deli – Gift Certificate Dixie Diamond – Ball Caps for each Golfer Huk Company – Shirts and Hats Re/Max Advantage – 2 Gift Baskets Target – Gift Card Beech Creek Golf Course – 4 Gift Certificates for 18 Holes of Golf

Hole Sponsors

Re/Max Advantage Dixie Diamond Leigh Leventis Pizzeria Opa John Whitaker of Edward Jones Greenlawn Sunday School Classes & Members



Total Funds Received \$ 4,045

Thank you to our generous church members who reached out to the community to ask for sponsorships, who sponsored teams or individual players, who made baked goods for prizes, and to the following for their contributions to the golf tournament.

Monetary Donations

Open Forum Sunday School Class Stewards for Christ Sunday School Class Iris Brakefield Art Coogler Fraser Creech Maude Jordan

Prize Donations

Sharon Davis Phill and Ann Stroud Scarlette Smith

We would like to say a special thank you to the Fort Jackson Golf Course, Steve's Deli for donating the sandwiches, Eastside Printing for making the signs, and to those that worked the Golf Tournament.

M&M NOVEMBER EVENT

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

WHEN: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th

WHERE: GREENLAWN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

TIME: 11:00 AM



<u>COST</u>: \$7 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 is willing to answer gardening questions, too.)

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).

As an extra bonus, Joy will be giving away door prizes!

Please call Ann (788-3936), Norma (776-1655), Jane (776-7251), Frances (834-5637), or Jackie (776-1931) to make your reservation by <u>November 8th.</u>



Bridget's Blog

We are gearing up for a great retreat this year and I'm so excited to be able to head to the beach with you all.

Upcoming Events:

November 6th—8th Fall Beach Retreat

Christmas Post office begins November 29th Help us deliver cards on Sundays and Wednesdays. All money received will help towards your Unidiversity Trip.



Sunday, December 13th at 11:00 AM—Children/Youth Led Worship Practice during Sunday Morning Bible Study



Sunday, December 13th at 4:00 PM Mission Activity and Christmas Party. Details to come soon!

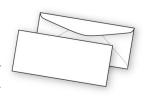




The fall is an exciting time for the WMU. In addition to our regular projects, we have been busy collecting items and preparing the Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes and Prisoner Packets. We are very happy to report that we exceeded our goal for Samaritan Purse shoeboxes. With your generous help, we were able to complete 160 shoeboxes. Last year we did 152. Thank you to everyone for your generous support. Without your help, we would not have been able to

meet our goal. The shoeboxes are stacked in the vestibule ready to be delivered. Special thanks to the Alice Thompson Mission Group for paying the postage for our boxes. They will use the money they made from the Thrift Sale to cover the cost of shipping.

Prisoner Packets were also a success. We collected \$128 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 the Prisoner Packets. So far, we have completed 76 and hope to do 20 more for a total of 96. This will exceed our total of 94 last year. Thank you for your support of



this ministry. Our mission's program speaker, Chaplin James Majors with the Camille Griffin Correctional Institute, told us how much these packets were appreciated by the prisoners.



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. The gifts let them know that someone cares about them and appreciates what they have done for our country.

Ingathering for

Our Ingathering for Foreign Missions will be on Sunday, **Foreign Missions** December 6th and our goal is \$2,500. On Wednesday, December 16th, we will have supper at 5:45 followed by

our Missions speaker, Blake Hart who is the Missions Coordinator with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this event.

New WMU Booklets have been distributed to each Mission Group, along with a new Caring & Sharing List of Homebound Church Members. Each Mission Group is assigned names Thank you! from the Caring & Sharing list and periodically sends cards to these members. We would like to thank Ann Stroud for preparing the WMU booklets.



We have set the dates for our next Thrift Sale! May 20th 1:00—5:00 & May 21st 8:00—1:00 First Drop Off Day November 21st from 9:00—11:00 Due to the fact that we are using the storage building for office furniture from the flood, this drop off will be for small items only. Second Drop Off Day January 9th from 9:00—11:00



Thank you to the Hostess Committee for helping with the refreshments at the Spouse House Rededication and Celebration. Also, thanks to the ladies that provided the punch and cakes.

A special Thank you to the Emily Lee Mission Group for the beautiful flowers placed in my honor for the rededication and celebration event. ~Sharon Davis~

If you would like to write a thank you note to the Home Depot employees for all the work they did on the Spouse Houses, the store managers and their addresses are listed below:

Eric Tweddle - Lancaster Home Depot 1116 US Hwy 9 Bypass W Lancaster, SC 29720

Chase Knowledge - Rock Hill Home Depot 2815 Home Depot Blvd. Rock Hill, SC 29730

Shawn Schillinger - Lexington Home Depot 5600 Sunset Blvd. Lexington, SC 29072 Craig Gordon - Harbison Home Depot 5200 Fernandina Road Columbia, SC 29212

Tabitha Poteat - Sandhills Home Depot 285 Forum Drive Columbia, SC 29229



Church Directories

The remaining Church Directories will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. They can be picked up in the church office or call/email the office to make other arrangements. Donations for these directories are appreciated and will be applied to the Public Relations Committee's account. Thank you. The Children/Youth will be collecting warm clothing items and blankets for the homeless on Sunday, December 13th. If you would like to participate, please bring these items forth during a special time of invitation on the 13th.









John Malone's great nephew, Neil Riser Scott, passed away September 6th. He was 25 years old and had battled muscular dystrophy his whole life. Please continue to keep the Scott family in your prayers.

Betty Baker's sister, Patricia Warr, of St Simons Island, GA, passed away September 14th. Please continue to pray for Betty and her family.

Please keep Jim Lundy and his family in your prayers. His mother, Doris Lundy Gibbs, of New Bern, NC, passed away on September 15th.

Continue to remember Evelyn Causey and her family in your prayers. Her dad passed away September 19th. The services were held near Conway, SC.

On September 22nd, Mary Knox had surgery. It was successful and she spent several nights in the hospital. Please continue to pray for her as she begins to return to her normal activities.

Roseanne Dickerson had been having a few bad days, but is starting to feel better now. Please pray that she will continue to improve.

Please continue to remember the family of Bob McCarty in your prayers. He passed away on October 4th. His Funeral Services were held at Dunbar Funeral Home.

In mid October, Betty Ruiz spent some time in Baptist Hospital having tests run and also had hip replacement surgery. She is now at NHC Parklane in Room 202 receiving therapy. Please continue to remember Betty in your prayers as she recovers.

Love and Betty Ladele welcome prayers from our church family for their son David Ladele and his unit from Fort McEntire. They recently deployed to Kuwait. Love requests the promise of Psalm 121 be fulfilled upon them and the grace of God bring them home safely to their families in Jesus' name.

Psalm 121: "The Lord shall preserve you from all evil, He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth and even forevermore."

David Eugene Smith, brother of Scarlette Smith, had a heart cath at Palmetto Health Heart Hospital on October 27th. He had a stent put in and he has since returned to Mississippi. Please continue to pray for him as he recovers.

Carol Player had knee surgery on November 2nd. It went well and she did not need a knee replacement. She is home now, but please pray for a quick and easy recovery



We received the following note from Marian Temple, Velna Patrick's daughter:

Mama is doing okay. Some days are better than others. She is now on oxygen 24 hours a day, and still has a lot of congestion. We all appreciate all of the cards and notes from Greenlawn friends.

Please continue to remember Velna and her family in your prayers.

At the end of September, Edna Cotton had surgery to insert a tube to relieve pressure and improve her vision. It will take awhile for everything to heal and get results, but she is hopeful.

Wanda Stanley spent some time in Health South for therapy, but has now returned home. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Please remember the family of Bertha Mae Brogdon in your prayers. She passed away on November 4th. Her service will be Saturday, November 7th at 2:00 with a visitation at 1:00 in the Thompson Funeral Home Chapel.

Member News

Retired missionary and Greenlawn friend, Louise Lewis Hill, has written a book on her experiences. The book is *Lines Fallen in Pleasant Places* and can be purchased from Amazon.

Greenlawn's Needlers Group

Since last year, five members of Greenlawn Baptist Church have met once a month to visit as we crochet or knit articles to give cancer patients, add to Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes, sell at the church Thrift Sale, as well as for some personal uses. We are sort of a modern day "Quilting Bee" and I cherish the friendships we have fostered over some knitting needles and skeins of yarn.

Last year, we decided that a one day road trip was in order to explore some yarn shops along the Yarn Trail in NC. We had so much fun on our first trip that this year we expanded our visit to several days, which included staying in a cabin in Montreat, NC, visiting more yarn shops, and some fantastic restaurant experiences.

Time was spent sitting on the front porch of the cabin crocheting or knitting away and talk, talk, talking! In fact, after our first night sitting on the porch, one of the neighbors stopped us the next morning, as we were going out to explore, telling us that he had noticed "we were just having too much fun to be legal". We are already planning a trip next year and invite you to come and join us. When we began, I knew nothing about the needle crafts, but with much patience the more experienced in our group are bringing me along and you can learn too.



The Needlers visiting *Ten Thousand* Villages located in Montreat, NC.

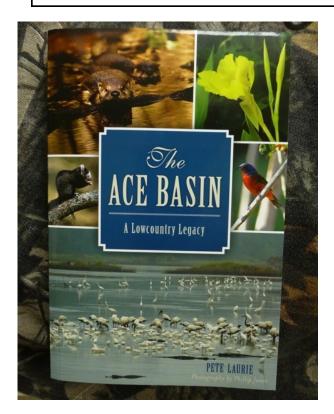
Photos and Captions by Phillip Jones



Be careful when walking in the woods and always wave a stick in front of you, or this could be wrapped around your face!

RECORD CYPRESS KNEE IN THE CONGAREE SWAMP

Keith Coffer and Charlie Davis measure the new record cypress knee at 82.5 inches, one of the tallest knees in the southeast and largest in the Congaree. Behind them is the famous Harry Hampton Tree.





My long time friend and co-worker, Pete Laurie, and I finished our first book on where we have worked for over 40 years Ace Basin, My Side of Heaven.



It's time to place your order for Christmas Poinsettias. They are \$13.50 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, November 11th.

In Memory Of:

In Honor Of:

Purchased By:_____

| Total Number | Ordered: | |
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Total Amount Enclosed:



Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls and beautiful plant. Remembering me in the loss of my father was appreciated. Evelyn Causey

To All Greenlawn Members,

Thank you all so very much for the prayers, cards, and phone calls during my mom's hospital stay and her passing. Also thank you for the beautiful peace lily as well. My family is adjusting to not having mom in our daily lives, but we know she is in a better place.

Tina Tripp and Family

Greenlawn Friends,

You could look the world over but never would you find a more loving, caring, faithful, close knit church as Greenlawn. I love and appreciate everything about it and everyone in it. So happy to be a part of it. Thank you all for so many cards and phone calls since the loss of my sweet, faithful, and gracious sister, Patricia Harrison Warr. Thank you for the beautiful dish garden (with rose buds included). I will certainly enjoy it for a long time.

Betty Baker

Dear Friends,

A big thank you for all that you did for me during my illness and surgery. Especially, thanks to my Sunday School class, my deacon, Jane Brooks, and pastor for the calls, cards, prayers and for those that sat with Bob during surgery. You're a special family and I thank my God for every remembrance of you. God bless you all. Mary Knox

Thank you to the ladies of the Mattie Sligh Class for giving up their Sunday School classroom so that I could move in and have a place to work. Bridget

Thank you to those who volunteered, baked, and donated this year to our Golf Tournament. It was wet, but still a success! Bridget

Thank you to Peggy and Tom Gainey for allowing our youth to stay in their beach house for our Fall Retreat. We are looking forward to our time there and are so thankful for a place to have it. Bridget and the Youth Thank you to everyone that donated funds toward the insurance deductible to repair our church bus. The repairs have been made and the bus looks great!







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We are nearing the end of 2015. If you would like to review your Contribution Statement before the end of the year, please contact the Church Office. Thank you.

November Birthdays

11/01**Carison Brogdon** 11/03 Stephen Jordan 11/03 **Emauri Singletary** Daniel Lawrence 11/0411/05Tom Gainey 11/05**Clyde Waters** 11/05Shirley Branham 11/07Phill Stroud 11/08Mary Dodd 11/09**Red Lanier** 11/09Scarlette Smith 11/14Edna Cotton 11/14Gene Mathis 11/18Johnny Brogdon Velna Patrick 11/1911/22Mac McFarland 11/22Craig Bacom 11/23Sara Brown 11/23Carolyn Peake 11/28Ann Patterson 11/30Patricia Davis



December Birthdays

- 12/01John Malone 12/01Mary Bacom 12/03Nancy McFarland 12/03Dot Poe 12/05Austin Andrade 12/05Teresa Baggett 12/07Josie Jackson Eugene Teague 12/0812/08Tina Tripp 12/10Pam Coffer 12/12**Iris Brakefield** 12/15Sara Andrews
- 12/17 Norma Hunt 12/18 Mariorie Sande
 - 2/18 Marjorie Sanders
- 12/18Ray Grant12/20Elizabeth Sn
- 12/20Elizabeth Smith12/20Bob Hearn
- 12/20Bob Hearn12/20Eddie Plave
- 12/20Eddie Player12/27Ann Cagle
- 12/27Ann Cagle12/29Steve Davis
 - Todd Griffin

Due to budget restraints, the church has discontinued the devotional Open Windows, but will continue to provide Reflections. Open Windows can be ordered by calling (800) 448-8032 or visiting www.lifeway.com. Thank you.

12/29

The Open Arms Sunday School Class is still collecting magazines for the VA Hospital. There is a box marked "VA" for this purpose in Room 108 of the South Wing. Magazines are taken to the VA at least monthly. Thank you.



SW=South Wing

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| 8 9:00 Church Council, SW 9:00 Constitution Committee Meeting, SW 9:30 Early Bird Choir Tune-Up 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Worship 5:00 Handbell Practice | 9 | 10 6:00 Finance Committee Meeting, SW | 11 Veteran's Day 6:00-7:20 Awana Clubs—Missions Night 6:30 Pastor's Bible Study 7:20 Sanctuary Choir | 12 | 13 11:00 M&M Event, FH Speakers: Joy and Claude Jackson | 14 Children's Trip to Clinton Sease Farm— Cost \$6 |
| 15 9:00 Children's Committee Meeting, CB 9:30 Early Bird Choir Tune-Up 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Worship 5:00 Handbell Practice 6:00 Church Conference, S | 16 9:00 The Needlers in Lexington | 17 7:30 Men's Breakfast, Lizards Thicket, Beltline 11:00 Connie Hammond -Florrie Rentz Mission Group | 18 6:00-7:20 Awana Clubs —First Thanksgiving Party 6:30 Pastor's Bible Study 7:20 Sanctuary Choir | 19 | 20 | 21 9:00-11:00 Thrift Sale Drop Off Day (Small Items Only) |
| 22 9:00 Public Relations Committee Meeting, SW 9:00 Handbell Practice, S 9:30 Prayer Committee Meeting, PR 9:30 Early Bird Choir Tune-Up 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Worship 4:00 Japanese Worship Service, SW | 23 | 24 9:00 Homebound Committee Fruit Baskets, FH | 25 No Awana 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service at Asbury | 26 THANKSGIVING DAY Office Closed | 27 Office Closed | 28 |
| 29 1st Sunday Advent-Hope 9:00 5th Sunday Fellowship 9:30 Early Bird Choir Tune-up 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Worship 5:00 Handbell Practice Christmas Post Office Begins | 30 | | | | | |

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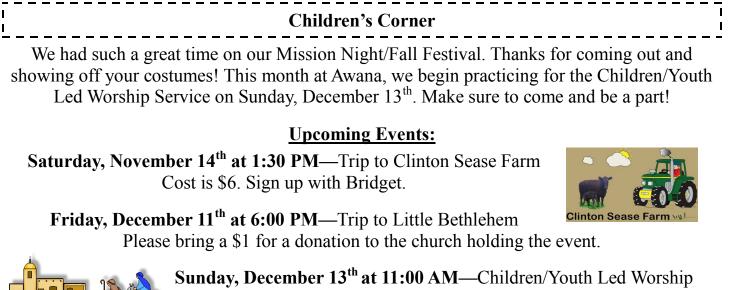
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Practice during Sunday Morning Bible Study

Bridget's Blog can be found on page 4.

