

## Season of Prayer 2017

For State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering  
For State Missions, Missions Education, and Great Commission Living

# Churchwide Observance Pray, Proclaim, Permeate

**Scripture:** <sup>2</sup>“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup>At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison - <sup>4</sup> that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.” Colossians 4:2-4, ESV

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**Pray** as your church prepares to observe the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions, Missions Education and Great Commission Living. Remember the following:

- ~ **Pray** for your church and the offering goal
- ~ **Inform** the church of ministries that benefit from the offering
- ~ **Share** information about Janie Chapman

## Promotion and Communication

**People will give if they know where their money is going. How can the information be communicated? Consider these suggestions:**

- ~ Ask your pastor if he would allow the WMU director or missions leader five minutes for a time of “missions moments” to share about the Janie Chapman Offering.
- ~ Encourage the pastor to promote the offering from the pulpit. This will be a tremendous help to the success of meeting the goal.
- ~ Give a brief infomercial about the offering.
- ~ Present a Janie Chapman offering skit. A skit is provided with this document. Or consider enlisting someone to write a skit for this special observance.
- ~ Show a video segment from the state missions DVD during each service that occurs during the Season of Prayer for State Missions and show “reruns” of the segments throughout the entire month.

As we think about involving the entire church in this mission support endeavor, an important thing to remember is to encourage missions giving at an early age.

- ~ Create an offering bank for each older preschooler and child using a clean frosting container. Decorate the outside with scrapbook paper or let the preschooler or child draw his or her own picture. Cut a slit in the frosting cup lid. Encourage preschoolers and children to save their coins (money) for the missions offering.

It is also important to encourage and teach the importance of giving to state missions for students.

- ~ Modify the design of the bank for youth to represent something which is more appropriate for their age level – a mason jar that can be decouped or decorated with sequins and beads, or a cardboard bank that can be decorated with that student's favorite things (pictures, hobbies, etc.) so that the bank is identified as belonging them.

### Suggested Visuals

- ~ Prepare an outline of the state of South Carolina for the church to see. This can be a cut out board or a map on a poster board or paper.
- ~ Add 'feet stickers' to the map for each \$100.00 given to the offering. Identify how many footprints are needed to reach your church goal.
- ~ Place a picture of Janie Chapman in the sanctuary in a high traffic area either in a frame with some of the 2017 Season of Prayer for State Missions materials or as part of a special display (picture available at [www.scwmu.org](http://www.scwmu.org) or [www.scbaptist.org](http://www.scbaptist.org)).
- ~ During the Sunday offering time, have a special time for preschoolers, children, and youth to bring their offerings to the table, **proclaiming**, through their example of giving, that they have an important part in serving by giving.
- ~ Prepare paper dolls and place around the church in various areas. Print the names of the churches, church plants, or ministries featured in the Season of Prayer for State Missions Prayer Guide on them. Encourage church members to take one and pin it in a visible location and pray specifically for the needs mentioned. The pattern for the paper dolls can be found at <http://www.auntannie.com>. After arriving at the site, type "paper dolls" in the search window and instructions for making the paper dolls will be available.

### Suggested Trip

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Chapman served the First Baptist Church of Anderson, South Carolina for a number of years. Janie Chapman is buried in Old Silver Brook Cemetery in Anderson, South Carolina. A day trip to visit the grave site of Janie Chapman may encourage interest in the Janie Chapman Offering.

### The Main Thing

**Pray** for the lost in South Carolina and the many people who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. Scripture says we are to pray steadfastly, being watchful with thanksgiving. Pray for those who have answered God's call to go and share and be His hands and feet as they serve.

**Proclaim** God's Word any place you go, whether it's in the supermarket, department store or at a Backyard Bible Club. Shout it from the rooftops wherever you go!

**Permeate** your community with the love of Jesus. So many living in the state of South Carolina do not know Jesus Christ. This is our time, our opportunity to listen to where God would send us. Get involved in your community, whether it be at school as a volunteer helping children learn to read better, or on the ball field talking with other parents. Where is God calling you to serve?