



Day Seven

Multi-Ethnic Ministry

The Janie Chapman State Missions Offering supports the work of our multi-ethnic strategist and provides training resources for pastors around the state who are reaching people from various backgrounds like the Haitians who are members of First Baptist Haitian Church in Anderson and their pastor, Adony Seizeme.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for members as the immigration climate seems to become more harsh and hostile. They are worried about what this climate will mean for them.
- Pray for a facility that the church can meet in on a weekly basis that will fit their needs. They are currently meeting in the Saluda Association offices and have already outgrown the space.
- Pray that God will continue to provide the pastor with a strong vision for the church to work towards as they work to reach the Haitian community in Anderson and in other parts of the state.



Day Eight

People Groups

Churches are declaring God's glory among the nations by reaching peoples of all nations inside South Carolina and to the ends of the earth. The State Missions offering provides training in Literacy Missions, helps train churches to identify and engage unreached people groups in South Carolina, and prepares missions teams to make disciples cross culturally around the world.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for English as Second Language ministries that are meeting needs and sharing hope with peoples from over 60 different nationalities in our state.
- Pray for churches to send their people to unreached pockets in South Carolina to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for workers to go to the 2.8 billion people in the world today who have no Gospel witness among them.

Who Was Janie Chapman?



In 1902, Janie Weston Chapman was elected the first president of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to South Carolina Baptist Convention. She was the wife of a prominent upstate pastor, J.D. Chapman. In 1937, WMU's state missions offering was named

"The Mrs. J.D. Chapman Offering for State Interests" to honor Mrs. Chapman's strong missions leadership. In 1985, the name was changed to the "Janie Chapman Offering." The permanent logo of South Carolina Woman's Missionary Union's Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions, Missions Education, and Great Commission Living appropriately combines the symbols of WMU and South Carolina.

The torch, which gives the logo its defining focus, was taken from the permanent insignia of Woman's Missionary Union. It symbolizes the taking of Christ, the light of the world, to the world. Placed within the outline of South Carolina, it symbolizes the task of all South Carolina Baptists to take that same light to our state.

The double fish head, which provides a shield upon which the torch and the state are placed, also comes from the WMU insignia. Early Christians used this sign to assure fellow believers that they were followers of Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior (the first letters of which, in Greek, form the word fish). Here it reminds us that, like those early Christians, we are to be imitators of Christ and take to our state God's message of salvation and hope.



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**PRAY, PROCLAIM,
PERMEATE.**

Colossians 4:2-4

**State Goal:
\$1,700,000**



Day One

Slater Baptist Church

Slater, South Carolina

Slater is a restart church serving in the Upstate. Janie Chapman funds enable Slater Baptist to have opportunities to share the gospel and train and develop new leaders. They are reaching the community through prayer, worship and community engagement. Through the addictions class, Slater is seeing lives changed and transformed.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray that the lost in Slater will be reached with the Gospel.
- Pray that Slater will reach those struggling with addiction through their addiction ministry.
- Pray for God to raise more disciple makers in the community.



Day Two

Cross Community Church

Beaufort, South Carolina

Cross Community Church launched in Beaufort in January 2017 with 360 adults and children in attendance. In the first service, they saw four professions of faith. Beaufort County is significantly unchurched and is one of the fastest growing counties in the United States. Beaufort is also home to two military bases. They were recently able to commission one of their Marine pilots as a missionary on his upcoming deployment to serve as a lay chaplain while he is away.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Cross Community as they minister in a community that is rich in church history, but in the midst of steep and steady spiritual decline.
- Beaufort is home to two military bases. Pray for them as they walk with a large number of military families through the unique daily challenges of serving on active duty in the armed forces.
- Pray for the community as they prepare for explosive growth over the next decade with the arrival of a new port in nearby Jasper County.
- Pray that Cross Community could become a catalyst for spiritual awakening and church planting throughout the Low Country.



Day Three

Neema Kiswahili Baptist Church

Spartanburg, South Carolina

The Swahili church started in late 2016 with the vision to make disciples. They are reaching people who have moved to the USA from refugee camps in Uganda and Tanzania. They have seen the hand of God upon the church as the number of believers has increased tremendously. This month, the church has been fasting and praying. God has answered the prayers and they have seen the results, which are beneficial both spiritually and physically to the church members.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for those who have lost family members due to the civil war in Congo and are now refugees in the USA.
- Pray for jobs for people that would free them up on the weekend so they can be in church.
- Pray for church equipment: guitars, PA system, stationery and Sunday school material.



Day Four

Reconcile Community Church

Greenville, South Carolina

We seek to spread the message of reconciliation to our friends, neighbors, communities, and beyond so that all people can experience life with God. Reconcile Community is located in a fast-growing, highly diverse and underserved area of Greenville. We have been able to work with the local elementary school and high school to build relationships and share the Gospel with students! We are excited to follow up with some of these students and their families this summer and get ready to engage the schools again in the fall! This summer, our missional communities will come together as one each week. We are using this time for Gospel training, team building and outreach.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for a Gospel-centered, community-oriented, and mission-driven church to be planted.
- Pray for gospel opportunities and spiritual growth.
- Pray for safety in the community.



Day Five

Disaster Relief

Disaster Relief trains and mobilizes volunteers to respond to local, regional, and national disasters with the goal of providing help, hope, and healing to those facing physical, spiritual, and emotional difficulties. The state missions offering supports the training of volunteers and covers the cost of expert facilitators who lead training workshops.

Prayer Requests:

- That volunteers may be trained and ready to respond when a disaster occurs.
- For long-term recovery efforts that continue in South Carolina from the 2015 Flood and Hurricane Matthew.
- For volunteers as they minister to the needs of disaster victims.



Day Six

Send City Partnerships

South Carolina Baptist Convention led vision and missions trips to four metropolitan areas in North America this year to form partnerships with church planters. The state missions offering supported vision teams going to the Send Cities in 2017.

Prayer Requests:

- For Boston: that one of America's oldest cities will experience a revival of churches multiplying rapidly.
- For Detroit: for new churches working among Arabs, South Asians, Hispanics, and African Americans.
- For Cleveland: to experience a Gospel comeback as churches unite to reclaim the city.