

Season of Prayer 2017

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

Promotion Skit for Janie Chapman State Missions Offering

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Enlist two Acteens or students for this skit. Ask your pastor if you can have a few moments before the morning service or in a Wednesday evening service to present the skit.

Mary: State Missions, Janie Chapman Offering - what does all of this mean?

Sue: It is missions that happens in South Carolina.

Mary: But who does missions in our state?

Sue: Missionaries - men and women who have felt God calling them into full-time mission service. They are directly involved in helping to meet the needs – physical and spiritual of people throughout our state. South Carolina Baptists, like you and me, support them.

Mary: How do we support them?

Sue: We support them through our prayers and our offerings which support their ministries. Mrs. Watson asked that we make several sets of paper dolls with the names of the churches, church plants, and ministries on them to place around the church. Church members will be asked to remove a doll and pray for that missionary and for their prayer requests.

Mary: That sounds like a lot of fun!

Sue: Offerings given for Janie Chapman go directly for missions work in our state.

Mary: Is that the offering we give in the fall?

Sue: Yes. Every Southern Baptist church in our state is encouraged to observe the week of prayer for state missions and the missions offering for our state. This year our church-wide goal is _____ (include amount for your local church).

Mary: That's a lot of money! How will all this money be used?

Sue: Portions are given to assist with Disaster Relief Training. Some of our associations receive a percentage of the money. New church plants, the Heart4Schools initiative and many others also receive some of the funds. I need to tell my mom about the Heart4Schools initiative. She is a former teacher and would be great at this.

Mary: I didn't know that there were so many people we could pray for or there were so many ministries to which we could give our monies! No wonder the Janie Chapman offering is so important.

Sue: That's right, Mary. The list goes on and on. We have a prayer guide and a short video that explains briefly about the work of the ministries and how to pray for them.

Mary: I haven't thought about how much money I'm giving to the Janie Chapman offering. After hearing about the work that is going on in our state, I'm going to see about earning more money so I can give more.

Sue: I know what you mean. I'm going to give more from my babysitting jobs. I'm glad I can give so others can "go and tell." Or more importantly, so people can hear about, and know how to have, a relationship with Jesus.

Sue: Well Mary, I think we need to get busy cutting paper dolls for Mrs. Watson.

Mary: Great! I know where the supplies are. Let's get busy!