

*Important Dates*

- Sep 5, 12, 19, & 26: Food Pantry
- Sep 7, 14, 21, & 28: Men's Bible Study at the Barn
- Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 R.E.A.L. Meal Fridays
- Sep 11: Admin Mtg
- Sep 18: WMU & Men's Brotherhood
- Sep 21: Community Meeting at CFBC

• Oct 1– Sunday School Roundup  
Wear your western wear and join us for a cookout after church.

- Oct 7- REAL Meals Fish Fry Fundraiser

GED Training begins the week of September 11. See Lisa Smalls or Melanie Lott for more information.

Next GED Registration event will be held in October.

# Missions Update

Do you know how the South Carolina Baptist Convention uses the funds we send for **missions via the Cooperative Program?** Well, hold onto your socks—we've been involved in...

**The Finish Project**—striving to reach the 250,000 foreign born in our state to the unreached people groups.

**Missions Partnerships**—to encourage personal involvement in local, national and international missions—putting our words/claims into action.

**Neighboring**—reaching out to those living nearest us (our REAL meals is one of ours.)

**Disaster Relief**—Southern Baptists are often among first on the ground w/ relief efforts. The spiritual aspect is as important as the physical/emotional and as the latter are met, opportunities for the spiritual become apparent.

**Church Revitalization/Planting**—reaching families for Jesus.

**Collegiate Ministries/Summer Camps, Foster Care/Compassion Care**—all for the purpose of sharing the Love of God for this broken world so desperately in need of the healing touch of a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus.

**FYI**—2% of the funds go for

**administrative costs/overhead.**

### Blessing Box

This ministry was begun during Covid to provide staple food items for those in need to be accessed when the food pantry is not open. It is strictly reliant on donations of food-stuffs being put in as the Lord lays it on people's hearts, so those in need can be fed and blessed, while those who can, can give thus blessing others. Often food items are put in on Thursday/Friday and the box is empty by Monday morning. We know that several of the homeless stop by periodically. Please consider your involvement by seeking the leadership of the Lord. Every can helps!

-Submitted by Anne Turner

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## Music Ministry

Choir practice is at 5PM on Sundays in the Sanctuary. We are beginning to practice and prepare for the Christmas Cantata.

If you want to be a part of the program, please join us for practice. If you have any questions, please contact Perry Gaskins.

## State Mission Opportunity

In 1902, Janie Chapman became the first president of South Carolina WMU (SC WMU) and served for 22 years. Her personal motto was 1 Cor. 15:58, "So then, Christian brothers, because of all this, be strong. Do not allow anyone to change your mind. Always do your work well for the Lord. You know that whatever you do for Him will not be wasted." The State Mission offering was named after her in recognition of her commit-

ment to missions and in honor of her example of dedication to the Lord. **"Spiritual power is the greatest power...The object of our work is soul saving at home and abroad."**

We will be collecting the Janie Chapman offering in September. 100% of the funds are used to spread the Gospel within the state of South Carolina.

There are four special of-

ferings during the year that are strictly to undergird and build mission work— here are the plans for 2023-2024 church year.

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** (December-January)

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** (March-April)

**Tyner-Jackson Summer Offering** (June-July )

**Janie Chapman State Missions** ( September).

-Submitted by Anne Turner

## Restoration Journey

Recently we had two families come for food arriving well before our opening. They stated they didn't want to miss out on the Word and prayer. They generously assisted in unloading and stocking shelves, so we were ready to serve families promptly at 10 a.m.

A bit later, another gentleman drove down from Georgetown specifically to ask us to pray for a concern of his that had him in

tears. He had been in our community but due to Covid restrictions, being stranded elsewhere, losing his housing here, and being forced to re-locate to Georgetown returns periodically for the love of Jesus, the prayer, company and support we've provided for the last 6-7 years—it helps assuage his loneliness as he's not been finding the area as hospitable. After prayer, he shared another concern—so we prayed again!

This ministry continues to meet needs within our community, and we consistently see God at work. Thank you for your continued support—prayer, encouragement, donations (both food stuffs and financial). You're vital in assisting and joining us in reaching our community as the hands and feet of Jesus.

-Submitted by Anne Turner

## Men's Ministry

The men delivered shampoo, crayons, colored pencils and toothpaste to the meeting on August 21, 2023 at Wassamassaw. The September meeting will be held at Salem Baptist Church on the 18<sup>th</sup>. They

will be collecting canned fruit (metal cans only, please) and 6 pack boxes of Pop-tarts. If the box in the foyer is evidence, our church is working diligently to do our part in further-

ing the Gospel. These food-stuffs/hygiene/and school items will be included in the Christmas bookbags being taken to KY in early December.

- Submitted by Anne Turner

## Women's Ministry

We hosted a Missions Strategic Planning session on August 13 for all interested church members to look at where we are involved in missions, where is there overlap, and where do we need to focus, coordinate and communicate more effectively our efforts as we earnestly desire to

fulfill the Great Commission in our community, state, nation and internationally. An impressive list of activities was compiled, and it was decided that we would organize/group the projects as to effectiveness and purpose, returning with the findings by the

September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

One of the goals mentioned was the need to develop a coordinated calendar for the church so we could better pray about how/where and when we are individuals are to be involved in the various mission efforts.

-Submitted by Anne Turner

## REAL MEAL Ministry

This community ministry is continuing evidence of the Lord at work! It has now grown to 70+ meals being served each week. The opportunity for prayer is increasingly welcome and anticipated by both the families and the deliverers. Other needs are becoming obvious and are being addressed, such as the need for a wheelchair ramp for one gentleman to facilitate getting him out of his home for his frequent medical appointments. (This need will have been met, hopefully, by the time y'all read this.)

Volunteers are still welcomed and appreciated

whether as prep/kitchen help/servers/drivers/clean-up. The Community Garden has produced an abundance of okra. If you are interested, don your long sleeves, gloves and bring your scissors/knives, container and start picking! The meals program has a sufficiency in the freezer, and it would be sinful to let the bumper crop go to waste after God has blessed so richly. The okra needs to be cut nearly daily.

-Submitted by Anne Turner

Editors Note: Storage room has been relocated and new storage room for

the decorations is complete in front of the youth room. The hood has been purchased and the kitchen remodel will begin soon. The door will be relocated to where the window is in the first classroom on the right from the fellowship hall. Counter will be moved to the other side of the current doorway. The new gas stove and hood will be installed. Stay tuned for information on a Fish Fry Fundraiser Soon!

**Making It R.E.A.L.**



**Reflecting Emmanuel's Amazing Love**

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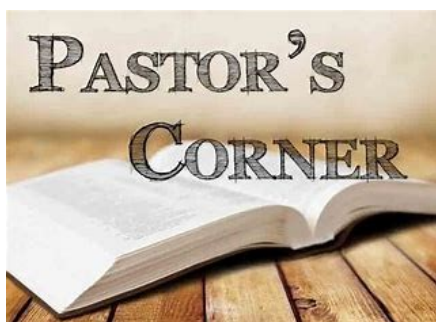
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### Music Ministry

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Greetings my CFBC Family: It's been 8 months since the Lord introduced us and brought us together for this "season" of ministry. You are a great group of folks.

We've done some laughing together and some crying together... because that's what family does. Romans 12:15 "Rejoice with those who rejoice and Weep with those who Weep". You are a gracious people.

Two Things: 1. I want to continue to encourage you - [Sunday School](#) (small group setting) is where that best takes place. Loving on, caring for and encouraging one another. If you're not in a class, get yourself connected as the [Sunday School](#) at CFBC comes back to life under the leadership of Mrs Helen Williams.

2. Give \$ to and get the job done on the parsonage! Cordesville needs a permanent pastor and he and his

## Pastor Search Committee

Funding has been secured and parsonage work will be underway shortly. As of Sep 1, \$5000.00 had been collected towards the project. We have begun to look at a candidate that has applied. Please continue to pray for unity and wisdom for the search committee, admin committee, and the Pastor and his family that the Lord is calling.

—Submitted by Melanie Lott.

family will have to have a place to live (there are no other options other than the remodeled parsonage). This needs to be priority #1. Your GIVING To the parsonage fund will not only expedite the plan but will save the church from having to borrow (any/much) \$\$\$.

While I love you all and am blessed to serve as your interim pastor, I am not who God is calling to serve CFBC. Keep praying, give \$ to the parsonage fund and get yourself and your family into [Sunday School](#) and watch this church Grow and Advance the Kingdom!

Blessings, Peace & Love!,  
Pastor Mark