

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**September 7, 2025 - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM**

Prelude		Organist
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Brian Ayers
Message in Song		<i>“Worthy of the Calling”</i> The Celebration Choir
Word from THE WORD		Rev. Charlie Crews
Songs of Praise	Hymn #600	<i>“When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder”</i> <i>“By Our Love”</i> Congregation
Message in Video		<i>“A Vibrant Unity”</i>
Message in Song		<i>“People Need The Lord”</i> Mrs. Carol Bunch
Message in Word	<i>“The Beauty of Unity”</i> Psalm 133:1	Pastor Paul Noe
Hymn of Invitation		Hymn #597 <i>“Let It Be Said Of Us”</i>
	Closing Prayer	

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
**September 7, 2025 - 6:00 PM**

Welcome, Scripture Reading, & Prayer		Rev. Charlie Crews
Songs of Praise	Hymn #560	<i>“Oh, How I Love Jesus”</i> <i>“I Lift My Hands”</i> Congregation
Message in Video		<i>“Fresh Off The Vine”</i>
Message in Word	<i>“Authentic Chritianity”</i> Matthew 7:16	Rev. Brian Ayers
Hymn of Invitation		Hymn #433 <i>“I Surrender All”</i>
	Closing Prayer	

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**DEACON:**

8:30 AM: Steve Lanham  
11:00 AM: Allen Simmons

**FOREIGN MISSION FIELD:**  
*Columbia*



**SERVICE PERSONS OF THE MONTH**



Lt Col Mark O'Driscoll, USMC



Lt Col Jamie Wilmoth, USAF

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome new members Monica Overstreet, and Chris and Nan Burns into the fellowship of the Sweetwater Baptist Church.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Today at 4:30PM  
Room WC105

**MENS BIBLE STUDY**

Monday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30PM  
Room B108

**NEELY MISSION GROUP**

Wednesday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM  
Fellowship Hall  
Bring a small door prize to share.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary today were placed in celebration of the August 30, 2025 wedding of Dr. Kimber Byrd and Dr. Tannor Byrd.



**ROWAN DAVIS**

with the IMB  
Sent from South Carolina  
Serving in North Africa Middle East



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**  
Guest Speaker Next Sunday (9/14)  
**Alex Nsengimana from Rwanda**



Hear How God Used an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox to Change Alex's Life

**BACK TO MAYBERRY**  
**SENIOR LUNCH & MINISTRY FAIR**  
Thurs., Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM-1:00PM  
at Clearwater FBC  
Please call the Assoc. Office  
803-648-0204 to **RSVP**.  
Meet in front of our church at  
10AM to carpool..

**JOYOUS SENIORS LUNCHEON**  
Friday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:45AM-1:00PM  
Sweetwater Baptist Family Life Center  
Please call the Church Office  
803-279-2821 to **RSVP**.

**THIS WEEK:**

**JANIE CHAPMAN WEEK OF PRAYER** (SEE INSERT)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

FIFTH SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE  
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE - 8:30AM (WC)  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45AM  
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - 11:00AM (FLC)  
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00AM (WC)  
MISSION KIDZ - 6:00PM-7:00PM (FLC)  
YOUTH BIBLE STUDY - 6:00PM-7:00PM (C202)  
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE - 6:00PM  
(Worship Center)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHES CLOSET  
(DONATIONS) 1:00PM-4:00PM  
FOOD PANTRY (BY APPOINTMENT) 2-4 PM  
CLOTHES CLOSET (SHOPPING) 2:00PM-4:00PM  
MENS BIBLE STUDY - 6:30PM (B108)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

NEELY MISSION GROUP - 10:00AM - NOON (FH)  
AIKEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHOIR  
1:00PM-2:00PM (Choir Room)  
KIDZ CHOIR - 6:00PM-7:15PM (WC 103)  
FAITH & FUN (YOUTH) - 6:15-7:15PM (FH)  
MIDWEEK SERVICE - 6:30-7:15PM (Worship Center)  
CELEBRATION CHOIR REHEARSAL - 7:20PM  
(Worship Center)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

SENIOR ADULTS "BACK TO MAYBERRY" RSVP

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

CHAPEL PRAYER TIME - 6:00AM (Chapel)

**VITAL STATISTICS FOR 08.24.25**

**Attendance:**

8:30AM Morning	189
Sunday School	255
Children's Church	15
11:00AM Morning	212
Total Worship for AM	416

**Finance:**

Budget Goal Per Week	\$31,252.90
Budget Given This	\$28,050.43
Budget Goal YTD	\$1,093,851.37
Budget Given YTD	\$1,076,073.79



**2025**  
**Sweetwater**  
**Offering**  
**Goal:**  
**\$10,000**

**Season of Prayer for**  
**State Missions**  
**September 7-14, 2025**

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**Sweetwater**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**



# Neely Mission Group



Attention Ladies!

A new year of Neely Mission Group will begin in September. Our first monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10th at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be planning our monthly activities so don't miss it! Please bring a door prize to share and as always, invite others! Mark your calendars and never miss a meeting:

## Neely Mission Group Meetings for 2025-2026

### 2025

September 10th  
October 8th  
November 12th  
December 10th

### 2026

January 14th  
February 11th  
March 11th  
April 8th  
May 13th



## Day 1

### Camp McCall Launching Staffers on Mission

Camp McCall, SCBaptist's missions camp for boys, is known for equipping campers and staff to live missionally both locally and globally. Camp McCall doesn't just teach missions to its campers, it actively sends staffers on short-term trips, many funded by the Janie Chapman Offering.<sup>SM</sup> These short-term experiences have helped launch missionaries like Aiden B. and Wesley G. into longer terms of global ministry. Aiden and his wife Hannah now serve in Oslo, Norway, helping to plant a church and train believers. Wesley ministers to international university students in London, discipling and sharing the Gospel. Both were encouraged and equipped to pursue missions through their time at Camp McCall.

Pray for:

- Aiden and Hannah as they work with local Believers to see the church in Oslo, Norway grow.
- Wesley as he disciples international students in London, that many would come to faith.
- Camp McCall as they continue to equip and mobilize campers and staffers to live on mission.



## Day 2

### Grace Bible Church Church Planting in the Lowcountry

In the least church area of South Carolina God is at work through church planting efforts like those of Geoff Lawson. After completing a residency at First Baptist Church Hilton Head, Lawson planted Grace Bible Church in Bluffton. The residency equipped him with vital pastoral skills and a strong support network. Since launching in September 2024, the church has already baptized four new believers and begun outreach in their community. Their goal is to build relationships in the community, reach the lost, and create disciples. The Janie Chapman Offering helps fund ministry efforts of Grace Bible Church and other church plants as they reach their communities with the gospel.

Pray for:

- Grace Bible Church to continually have open doors for ministry in their community.
- new believers to grow in their faith and become active in sharing the Gospel.
- more people to respond to God's calling to plant churches in this part of our state.



## Day 3

### Ministry to International Students USC Baptist Collegiate Ministry

Thousands of international students travel to attend USC each semester—many stepping foot in the U.S. for the first time. Carolina BCM saw an opportunity to help these students feel welcome but also to help reach the nations beginning in Columbia. Through funds from the Janie Chapman Offering and partnerships with local churches, Lindsay Venters and her team are able to coordinate weekly lunches for international students as well as ongoing ministry. Church members provide needed supplies, offer car rides, host students for meals in their home, or simply sit and share a conversation. All of these efforts plant seeds of the Gospel in the lives of students from around the world which often lead to life-changing encounters with Jesus.

Pray for:

- BCM leadership as they seek to build relationships and share the gospel with international students.
- God to work in the hearts of international students to make them receptive to the gospel.
- God to give boldness to believing international students when they return home to share with family and friends.



## Day 4

### Church Revitalization Cohorts Pee Dee Baptist Association

The Janie Chapman Offering helps to fund cohorts connecting pastors around our state who are engaged in church revitalization. One of these RE Cohorts was launched in the Pee Dee Baptist Association and has already proven helpful in encouraging pastors and reaching communities. Joshua Hilton and Jacob Orr are partnering to bring Gospel renewal to their rural community. Their churches now host joint youth services, outreach events, and community worship nights. Despite challenges facing rural churches, they are seeing lives changed, students baptized, families reached, and hope restored. Their story highlights how cooperation and shared mission are revitalizing churches and impacting the next generation.

Pray for:

- churches across South Carolina to continue finding encouragement and support through RE Cohorts.
- continued unity and fruitfulness among churches in the Pee Dee Baptist Association.
- Joshua and Jacob as they seek to lead their churches well and reach their community with the gospel.



## Day 5

### Summer Internships Shelby Totherow & Josh Self

Through SCBaptist's summer internship program, students like Shelby Totherow and Josh Self discovered their callings while serving at Utica Baptist Church. Shelby, a marketing student, used her skills in social media and found a passion for discipleship, which led to further ministry work after graduation. Josh, initially a finance major, confirmed his call to worship ministry, gained hands-on experience, and now serves as Utica's Technical Director. Both interns saw their lives and futures shaped by the experience. Supported by the Janie Chapman Offering, these internships are empowering churches to train the next generation of ministry leaders while energizing congregations.

Pray for:

- Josh and Shelby as they continue to discern God's calling on their lives and pursue ministry opportunities.
- more churches to develop opportunities for the next generation to be discipled and trained for ministry.
- more students to choose to spend their summers serving in churches and being equipped for ministry.



## Day 6

### Foster & Adoption Grants The Samson Family

The SCBaptist foster and adoption grants, funded by the Janie Chapman Offering, are helping families say "yes" to adoption by removing financial barriers and providing vital support. Vijay and Latha Samson, after losing their son, felt called to pursue adoption and welcomed Chelsea, a preteen, into their home. With love and support from First Baptist Columbia, and help from the grant, Chelsea has flourished and recently chose to be baptized. The Samsons have recently adopted another daughter, Layla. Their story highlights how SCBaptists are living out the Gospel by supporting other believers, caring for vulnerable children and encouraging others to open their hearts and homes.

Pray for:

- the Samsons as they continue to grow together as a family and seek to honor God in all they do.
- more families to be obedient to God's call to be involved in foster and adoption.
- churches to provide tangible support to families who are caring for children through adoption and foster care.





## Day 7

### Catalyst Program Preston Bishop

The Catalyst Program, supported by the Janie Chapman Offering, equips college-aged students and young adults for ministry through hands-on experience, mentorship, and community. Since 2022, 74 participants have trained in areas like evangelism, worship, and youth ministry. Preston Bishop, a former Catalyst, now serves as a youth pastor, crediting the program for his spiritual and practical growth. The initiative not only fosters ministry skills but also builds connections that support church collaboration and leadership development. As churches across South Carolina face a leadership gap, the Catalyst Program is shaping the next generation to meet that need with Gospel-centered impact.

Pray for:

- Preston as he continues to grow in ministry skills and seeks to faithfully serve God in his role as a youth pastor.
- Catalysts to grow in wisdom, faith, and clarity as they discern their callings and serve in ministry.
- the mentors and ministry leaders who invest in these students during the program.



## Day 8

### Outreach to Muslims & Arabs York Baptist Association

Northside Baptist Church in Rock Hill partnered with Pastor P, a Christian from the Middle East, to reach the growing Muslim and Arab population in South Carolina. Through the York Baptist Association and the Janie Chapman Offering, Pastor P launched an outreach effort, training churches to engage Muslims with the Gospel. Eight churches have received training, leading to meaningful conversations and five conversions to Christ. Pastor P and local leaders aim to plant an Arabic-speaking church. This ministry highlights the need for churches to meaningfully engage with the nations in their backyards. God is at work in powerful ways among the Arab and Muslim populations in our state.

Pray for:

- God to provide more opportunities for believers to interact with Muslims and Arabs in their communities.
- more Christians to recognize the need to reach this international population with the gospel.
- Pastor P and other local leaders as they seek to plant an Arabic-speaking church.

## Who was Janie Chapman?

In 1902, Janie Chapman became the first president of South Carolina Woman's Missionary Union<sup>SM</sup> (SC WMU<sup>SM</sup>) and served for 22 years. She was an advocate for missions and served as a pastor's wife in the Upstate. Janie was said to be a person of strict discipline with inner strength and a gentle spirit. She did her work well for the Lord. 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." Through her dedication to her personal relationship with Christ and to seeing the lost reached with the gospel, she gave us an example of a woman who lived out this Scripture.

Each day of this prayer guide is  
accompanied by a more detailed story  
and a corresponding video.

To read full stories and watch videos, visit

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*Investing in the Kingdom*  
Philippians 2:4

**STATE OFFERING GOAL:**  
**\$2,220,100**