

## Season of Prayer 2023

for Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions, Missions Education,  
and Kingdom ADVANCE in South Carolina

### Family Missions Page



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#### **Introduction:**

During this week, you will see WHAT'S NEXT for South Carolina Baptists and ways lives are being changed as we work together to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Read the daily prayer guide for State Missions and use it along with your Family Missions Page. This page is planned so that each day you have activities, stories, and prayer time. Please adapt it as needed for your family. For more information about the stories shared here, see the Leader's Guide and the videos at [www.janiechapmanoffering.org](http://www.janiechapmanoffering.org).

#### **Day 1**

Starting churches. Contact your associational missions office. Ask if there is a new church start in your area or other ways the Janie Chapman Offering<sup>SM</sup> helps your community. If there is a new church start near you, consider visiting or going on a prayer walk or bicycle ride together to pray for the new church or another ministry in your association. If you can't go to a site, go around your block and pray for the new churches that are starting.

**Pray.** Share the prayer guide information. One way the Janie Chapman Offering helps people in South Carolina learn about Jesus is by starting new churches. Thank God for those who are helping new churches reach more people with the love of Jesus.

#### **Day 2**

Heart4Schools. Several school districts in South Carolina need more teachers and some of those new teachers are coming from other countries. Either make a welcome card for one of the international teachers in your school or share your favorite fall produce (apple, pecans, greens, etc.) with an international teacher. You could also invite them to a meal at your house. Talk as a family about how you can share Christ in your community, especially at school.

**Pray** that God will help each of you share His love. Pray for your school, and the staff, teachers, students, and parents. Ask God to help His love be shared in your school and schools around the state. Pray that God will use Heart4Schools to lead other churches to be involved in helping our schools.

### Day 3

Refugees. Look up the definition of a refugee. Take four cans of food from the kitchen cabinet and mark them so that you will remember which food they contain. Then, take off the labels and use a marker to label them in another language (you can look it up on a computer). Without telling your family which food is in which can, have them look at the labeling and decide which they would like for dinner. Help them to understand that it is difficult for people to know what to buy when they come to South Carolina if they can't read English. Share how Tim and Jody Cross help churches know how to assist refugees who come to our state as they learn to shop, find jobs, sign up for school, and set up a place to live.

**Pray** that churches will be aware of refugees in their area. Pray that churches will also help refugees discover how they can make a home here and will be able to share about Jesus and His love for them.

### Day 4

Camp La Vida and Camp McCall receive funds from the Janie Chapman Offering. If you have been a camper at these camps, share what you did at camp. If you remember any of the missions experiences, share those as well. Singing is an important part of the fun at camp. Share your favorite camp songs with each other. If you haven't been to camp, share a song you have heard and visit some camp websites to see what happens at camp. Many children and students learn to love and follow Christ at camp.

**Pray** for God to use camps to tell others about Jesus and to teach that others around our state and the world need to know of God's love.

### Day 5

Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM). Search online for a local map and find colleges and universities in your area. Talk about things students study and sports they play in September. Wear your favorite team's shirt, cap, or colors, eat football-themed snacks, and play a game of paper football as you share about collegiate ministries. Instructions for making a paper football can easily be found online. Many colleges in our state have Baptist campus ministries where students can learn about God and learn what it means to follow Him. One of these campuses is Benedict College in Columbia. Last year, they started a new ministry to help share God's love on campus. They have already seen many students come to know Jesus and are training leaders to continue sharing the gospel.

**Pray** that God would help the BCM students at Benedict College to boldly share their faith with other students. Pray that more leaders would be equipped so that the ministry can continue to grow.

### Day 6

Movie night. Pop popcorn and gather your favorite movie night treats. Choose one of the Janie Chapman Offering videos, such as Daufuskie Island, and watch it as a family. Talk about what it would be like to live on an island without a bridge. What are some of the ways you think we could pray for the church and people of this island? Are there families from other cultures in your community? How can your family share Christ in your community?

**Pray** for this church as they continue to grow and for the new believers as they learn how to follow Christ each day.

### Day 7

Palmetto Collective. Palmetto Collective is sending college students and graduates to different areas of our state, country, and world to share about Jesus Christ. Share about Sara (one of the students from Palmetto Collective) and how she has moved to Los Angeles to help with a new church plant. She will work at a graphic design company and be able to share her faith with people she meets. Encourage the children to design a family graphic. Ask each member of the family to share

something that reminds them of the family that could be included in the graphic. Also, have each member of your family share an answer to the following question: If you could go anywhere in the world to tell someone about Jesus, where would you go?

**Pray** that students in Palmetto Collective will continue to go wherever God tells them. Pray that they will share God's love with others in South Carolina and around the world.

### **Day 8**

Disaster Relief. Talk about how sometimes people need help after bad storms happen. For example, when the electricity goes out for a long time people can get hungry. Disaster Relief trains people who volunteer to help feed those in the community who need help. Your family may want to pretend the electricity is off and work together to plan a picnic. Pay attention to the ways that it is harder to make a meal when there is no electricity. Draw a picture of your meal and your family sharing this experience. Explain that the Janie Chapman Offering helps prepare volunteers to serve when a disaster happens.

Talk about the ministries that you have learned about this week. List new ways you have learned that you can tell others about Jesus. What changes will you and/or your family make to participate in helping people in South Carolina? Will you commit to pray, give, and share here in South Carolina?

**Pray** for those who help teach others how to help in disasters. Pray that God will lead your family to share the love of Christ with others in your community this year.