

Season of Prayer 2023

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

Children's Sermon 1



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Scripture: Mark 16:15 (CEV)

“Then He told them: Go and preach the good news to everyone in the world.”

Music:

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
My God is So Big

Materials:

Toy boat or picture of a ferry
Seashells
Bible with the theme Scripture marked.

Welcome:

Welcome the children with a smile as they arrive.

Introduction:

- We are celebrating the annual Season of Prayer for State Missions and collecting money for the Janie Chapman OfferingSM.
- Share Mark 16:15
- Did you know that we have people who tell others about Jesus here in South Carolina?
- These people are just like missionaries who live all over the world, but they tell people about Jesus here, in our state.
- Sing the song “He's Got the Whole World in His Hands.” Emphasize to the children that it is a big world and God wants all the people in the world to know He loves them.

Activity:

When you see a boat or shells, what do you think of? There is a church on an island that you have to ride a ferry to get to. This church is on Daufuskie Island, which is between Hilton Head Island, SC, and Savannah, GA. Daufuskie Island is only five miles long, but you have to plan your trip to visit ahead of time since the only way to get there is by taking the ferry.

Share the Story:

Rev. Clarence Edmondson traveled every Sunday by ferry to preach for nearly 20 years at First Union African Baptist Church on Daufuskie Island. The First Union African Baptist Church was built in 1881 by a group of freed slaves called the Gullah People.

Daufuskie Island is small, but the church has a blend of the past and present in culture and in worship. A portion of the island is where the rich and famous people live. There are nice resorts and golf courses on this part of the island. The rest of the island is different, though. The other part has dirt roads and fewer people travel there.

In 1994, a man from New England, Aaron Crosby, thought he was responding to a job opening on Hilton Head Island, but found out that the job was actually on Daufuskie Island. He moved to the island to work and while he was on the island, Aaron met his future wife. Later, in 2015, Aaron became the first Caucasian pastor of the church and the first pastor to live on the island. Aaron says, "One thing that connects our cultures is the Bible. I am just faithful to the Word of God."

What's Next? Aaron prays, "God will use this island to bless His kingdom with a restorative element as He draws others to Him in this quiet peaceful place."

Pray:

- That those attending the church will grow in their desire to go deeper with the Lord.
- That outreach efforts to the island community will be effective in reaching people with the Gospel of Christ.
- That God will use this island to bless His kingdom as a restorative element for many seeking peace and purpose.