

Season of Prayer 2023

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

Churchwide Observance



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Scripture: Mark 16:15 (CEV)

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

State Goal: \$2,100,000

Focus Areas:

- Strong: Daufuskie Island
- Serve: Refugees & International Teachers
- Share: Minority Collegiate Minister Development
- Send: Palmetto Collective
- Start: ID Downtown

Prayer:

- Pray to understand God’s will in determining how to prepare for the Season of Prayer.
- Pray that the leaders in your church truly understand the impact they can have as we all work together to reach the lost in our own communities in South Carolina.
- Pray for sacrificial giving from individuals at each church for the Janie Chapman OfferingSM.
- Pray that your church develops ideas to further its own outreach by utilizing the principles of the Janie Chapman Offering featured projects.
- Pray for the featured ministry leaders in the state of South Carolina to have help in their daily work and for their safety.
- Use the week of prayer guide to pray for specific ministries and ministry leaders.

Planning:

- Meet with the pastor and church leaders to brainstorm ways to develop a promotional strategy for the Season of Prayer and to set a church offering goal for the Janie Chapman Offering.
- Decide whether to have a speaker at your church. A list of potential speakers is available at janiechapmanoffering.org.
- With your missions leadership team, read the featured stories from the Leader’s Guide and watch the corresponding videos at janiechapmanoffering.org.

- Order and download resources such as offering envelopes, posters, resources, allocation sheets, and prayer guides from janiechapmanoffering.org/order-materials.
- Schedule the week of prayer for South Carolina state missions.
- List this special emphasis and any special activities on your church's calendar, website, and social media pages.
- Let everyone know how the Janie Chapman Offering has been used and the needs we have right here in our state.
- Encourage church leaders to have a round table discussion on what types of projects may be duplicated or replicated at your church.

Promotion:

- Make a display table or bulletin board with a picture of Janie Chapman (janiechapmanoffering.org) and photos from various Janie Chapman Offering projects such as the featured groups, disaster relief, etc.
- Use the bulletin insert available in the resource section on the website.
- Advertise special speakers or events as a public service announcement in area papers, newsletters, radio, social media, mailouts, etc.
- In addition to our children's sermon content, invite a special guest to share about the offering with the children (perhaps someone could dress up as Janie Chapman) and talk about missions work in South Carolina. Tell children about this guest ahead of time so they can get excited and share the news!
- Use social media to prepare the congregation and community for the Season of Prayer activities and the Janie Chapman Offering. Keep an eye on the South Carolina WMU Facebook and Instagram pages for shareable content.
- Create a visual to chart the offering's growth each week so the congregation can see the amount collected as well as the goal amount. Brainstorm ideas that use items found in South Carolina such as a banner, peaches, seashells, or pictures of palmetto trees to visualize this chart. Be creative!
- Have a celebration planned if you meet or exceed your goal!

Preparation:

- Download featured Janie Chapman Offering videos to share during church and in small groups such as Sunday School classes, missions meetings, home groups, etc.
- Have everyone commit to memorizing Mark 16:15 (CEV) and plan times to recite it together.
- Distribute prayer guides to everyone (including shut-ins).
- Place offering envelopes in strategic places such as bulletins, pews, classrooms, welcome centers, bulletin boards, etc. Make sure you have ordered plenty of these!
- Invite a guest speaker to share more information about the Janie Chapman Offering and the impact of your gifts. A list of speakers is available at janiechapmanoffering.org.
- The Children's Sermons provided on the resource page could be used during children's church or incorporated during the worship service.
- Provide the handout or the link to the Family Missions Page for each family in your church.
- Suggest incorporating the Sermon Outline, sharing stories from the Leader's Guide, or playing the Season of Prayer videos during a Sunday message.
- Remind missions groups such as Acteens[®], Challengers[®], Youth on MissionSM, RA[®], GA[®], Children in ActionSM, and Mission Friends[®] that they have presentations to download from the website.
- Meet with music leaders and brainstorm how to incorporate the following special music in the plans for the Season of Prayer:

“People Need the Lord,” Baptist Hymnal, 2008, p. 359, *Baptist Hymnal*, 1991, p.182.

“Grace, Love, and Fellowship,” *Baptist Hymnal*, p. 661.

“His Mercy is More,” Getty. Keith and Kristyn.

“Here I Am to Worship,” Hillsong Worship.

“In Christ Alone,” Getty, Keith and Kristyn and Allison Krauss.

“The Goodness of God,” *Believe For It*. Winans, CeCe.

“Does Anybody Hear Her,” Casting Crowns.

Children’s Music:

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands,” *Baptist Hymnal*, 1991, p.346.

“My God is So Big,” Go Fish-My-God-Great Music for Kids!

WHAT’S NEXT for Your Church?

- Develop a follow-up strategy after the Season of Prayer for your church to duplicate or replicate an existing project or develop a new project. Consider applying for a grant through the Janie Chapman Offering. There are mission fields everywhere in South Carolina!
- The Leader’s Guide has projects the featured ministries provide such as welcome baskets, participating in the NextStep process for leadership development, church planting, opportunities for college students in the Palmetto Collective, etc. Take these ideas or let the suggestions give your church ideas for missions opportunities in South Carolina!