



Family Missions Page

2008 Season of Prayer

For State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering

For State Missions, Missions Education, and Empowering Kingdom Growth

September 14-21, 2008

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Scripture: "Everything I do, I do to get the Good News to men. I want to have a part in this work." I Corinthians 9:19-23 (NLV)

Congregation Music (all selections *The Baptist Hymnal*, edition listed by year):

"Let Others See Jesus in You," *Baptist Hymnal*, 1956, page 348; *The Baptist Hymnal*, 1975, page 294; *The Baptist Hymnal*, 1991, page 571.

"Rescue the Perishing," *Baptist Hymnal*, 1956, page 207; *Baptist Hymnal*, 1975, page 283; *The Baptist Hymnal*, 1991, page 559.

"Break Out, O Church of God," *The Baptist Hymnal*, 1991, page 401.

Children's Hymn: "When I Pray," *The Baptist Hymnal*, 1991, page 460.

Solo: "People Need the Lord," *The Baptist Hymnal*, 1991, page 557.

"Go Light Your World," *Short Term Memories* (CD), Chris Rice, Author

Note: Obtain a copy of "Infusion", 2008 Season of Prayer for State Missions, Missions Education, and Empowering Kingdom Growth from *The Baptist Courier*, August 21, 2008 issue and the 2008 *Season of Prayer for State Missions Prayer Guide*. The information can also be found on the South Carolina WMU web page at www.scwmu.org.

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Introduction: Here are some activities to help your family celebrate state missions. There is an activity for every day of the week. Use these activities as they fit your schedule and interests. Adapt them to suit your family. Families can infuse our state with prayer and support for those who are attempting to infuse the lives of lost people with God's love and gospel.

Sunday, September 14th – The Season of Prayer for State Missions: Praying and Giving

As you begin this week of praying for missions in South Carolina, think of institutions in our state where people go for rehabilitation and or education. Think of annual events in our state where large numbers of people gather each year for fun and entertainment. Think of ministries where people who are struggling with health and safety issues go for help. Pray for the lost people who can be found in those places. Pray for faithful believers who will have opportunities to reach out to lost people in those places. Pray for pastors, teachers, missionaries, churches and church members who try to impact these missions fields for Christ. Use the 2008 Season of Prayer for State Missions Prayer Guide as you pray daily for the state missions personnel. Locate their places of service on a South Carolina map. Ask each family member to set a goal of the amount of money they will give to the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions, Missions Education, and Empowering Kingdom Growth this month. Set a family goal for this offering.

Monday, September 15th – Infusion through Community Ministries

Ministry Centers in our state demonstrate the gospel through meeting human needs. As people come to them for assistance, they are able to share how God provides for those who trust Him, and how Jesus can give them hope forever. Pray for God to prepare the hearts of lost people who go to those centers for needed services – that their hearts will be open and responsive toward those God uses to share His love and gospel. Pray for the Batesburg-Leesville Ministry Center and churches like Riverbluff Church in North Charleston who reach out to low income families through the Midland Park Center, to faithfully share Christ as they meet the needs of the people. Pray for other community centers of which you are aware and for the ministers and volunteers who bring help and hope to those who are hurting and need to hear about Jesus. Find out about centers in your area and think and pray about how your family might help them care for and share with people.

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Tuesday, September 16th – Infusion through Fair Ministry

Many of these men and women who set up state fairs live in very unpleasant circumstances. Jim Evatt, Church and Community Ministries Director in Saluda Association, leads the churches of that association to provide food, clothes, health kits, ministry and chaplain services to fair workers during the three days of set-up before the fair. As they minister they share God's love and provide Bibles and tracts. Pray for open doors and open hearts; for fair crew members to be receptive to the outreach efforts of these volunteers. Pray for more Christian volunteers to give their time to serve and share with the workers. Pray for God to break down physical and mental barriers and reveal the most effective and appropriate methods for volunteers to share the gospel with these workers. Pray for the fair workers to respond positively to the gospel message. Consider how you as a family might participate in this or similar mission action.

Wednesday, September 17th – Infusion through Homeless Ministry

There are thousands of homeless people living in our state. Some are homeless for reasons they could not control, like natural disasters. Even families become homeless. Columbia Metro Association has a project called "Homeless to Home," that partners with the city to place homeless families in permanent housing. Discuss what it might be like to live as a homeless family and consider how your family might reach out to homeless people near where you live. Pray for homeless families and individuals throughout South Carolina. Pray for God to pour His blessings on these people as He leads believers in reaching out to them. Pray for the churches and ministries that bring hope to these people to find effective ways to reach out and share the hope of an eternal home.

Thursday, September 18th – Infusion through Prison Ministry

Many of the men and women in prison are asking themselves questions about their lives and considering what their future holds. They struggle with heavy guilt and shame, wondering how they can survive in their current home. Christmas Packets from South Carolina Baptists, with the message of compassion and hope along with other things they need open their hearts to respond to the gospel presented by chaplains and volunteers. Pray for the prison chaplains and volunteers who visit and minister in South Carolina prisons. Pray for God to use the packets to soften the hearts of prisoners toward those who share Christ with them. Contact your local association, Tim Rice, Mobilization Strategist, South Carolina Baptist Convention or South Carolina WMU to find out ways your family can participate in the Prisoner Packet Project. You may contact Tim Rice or South Carolina WMU at (800) 723-7242 (in South Carolina) or (803) 765-0030 (in Columbia). Pray for the families of the prisoners to have open hearts to those who reach out to them, and consider ways you and/or your family might care for them.

Friday, September 19th – Infusion through South Carolina Missionaries

Use the 2008 Season of Prayer Guide each day and pray for the State Missions personnel listed. Pray for all of the personnel today. Pray for their families, their church families and how these should be involved in reaching the lost of South Carolina. As someone reads each missionary's name and place of service, talk about needs they might have and pray for them regarding those needs. Pray that God will reveal to these missionaries people's need and fruitful acts of compassion to be carried out in Jesus' name. Pray for God to send more workers into the many missions fields of our state to bring the good news to lost people and make disciples. Identify ways your family can encourage the missionaries supported by the Janie Chapman offering and/or ways you might help them witness to lost persons where they serve. Send them a card or e-mail, thanking them for their faithful service and encouraging them to continue in the Lord's work.

Saturday, September 20th – Infusion through My Family

Take a few minutes for everyone in the family to write a sentence prayer or an encouraging word for each of the other family members (help those who can't write) on small pieces of paper or index cards with the person's name at the top. Give the papers or cards that have been written to the appropriate persons. Have each person pray for the person next to them about their missions involvement. Discuss things God might be calling you or your family to do. If single, write a sentence and pray for another single believer you want to encourage. Pray about what you can give up each week and give the money it would cost to missions. Consider the Janie Chapman missions offering goal your family set and decide how much you will contribute. Write the check (to your church) or set the money aside for the offering.

Sunday, September 21st – Look Back and Focus

Remind one another about the ministries, missionaries and ideas about which God has led you to discuss and pray during the Season of Prayer for State Missions. Pray for God to release His Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of lost people in South Carolina and to bring a bountiful harvest, and to create a hunger for truth and a desire in them to know their Creator and purpose. If you've not already done so, give toward the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions, Missions Education, and Empowering Kingdom Growth as God leads. Pray again for the missionaries, ministries, and missions opportunities throughout the state. Praise God for all that He is doing through our missionaries, and ask God to bless them and the monies given to the Janie Chapman offering.