

2018 2018 Season of Prayer

For State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering
For State Missions, Missions Education, and Great Commission Living

Leaders Guide Missions in 3D

Scripture: ³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-to the glory and praise of God. ¹²Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel." Philippians 1:3-12 (NIV)

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Music: Congregation: "I Am Resolved," *Baptist Hymnal*, 2008, page #378, *The Baptist Hymnal*, 1991, page #301, *Baptist Hymnal*, 1975, page #177, *Baptist Hymnal*, 1956, page #216, "Footsteps of Jesus," *Baptist Hymnal*, 2008, page #550, *The Baptist Hymnal*, 1991, page #483, *Baptist Hymnal*, 1975, page #325, *Baptist Hymnal*, 1956, page #362, "Satisfied with Jesus," *Baptist Hymnal*, 2008, page #622, *The Baptist Hymnal*, 1991, page #472, *Baptist Hymnal*, 1975, page #455, *Baptist Hymnal*, 1956, page #436

Contemporary: "When We Pray," Tauren Wells, "Different," Micah Tyler

Music for Children: "Whisper A Prayer"

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INTRODUCTION

What do you think about when you hear the term "3D"? My mind immediately goes to movies and getting a special pair of glasses, so I can see not only height and length on a flat screen but depth also. The glasses allow me to see like I see every day.

3D is about depth perception, and in Paul's prayer for the Philippians in Philippians 1: 9-10, he prays for their love to be plentiful, to result in knowledge, and to view the inner parts of something with understanding so they could see clearly or discern what is best.

As you experience Missions in 3D, may you discern or recognize how God is leading you to pray with a new depth of perception. The missions work presented includes "discernment, diversity, and discipleship" and requests for your prayers to abound in love as you gain knowledge and insight.

CHURCH PLANTING

STARTING A CHURCH

How does a church get started? It does not just happen. God plants a vision in someone's heart that is either accepted or ignored. In 2015, a vision of planting two churches was placed in the heart of pastor Hank Williams. He presented this vision to his congregation at Boiling Springs First Baptist Church. According to Jay Hardwick, Church Planting Team Leader for the South Carolina Baptist Convention (SCBC), "the church prayed, gave, and prepared to see this vision realized, in order to discern what God wanted."

Rev. Williams said, "Every year since then the church began each year with twenty-one days of prayer and fasting." In 2017, God began to place in the heart of Mitch Williams and his wife Lauren a call to plant a church. At that time, Mitch was in the college ministry at Spartanburg First Baptist Church. Doubts filled their minds; they feared they might be too young. However, an assessment retreat with the North American Mission Board (NAMB) in the summer of 2017 helped to confirm their call.

An additional assessment with the South Carolina Baptist Convention (SCBC) also confirmed the call and led Cliff Marshall, Church Planting Strategist, SCBC to say, "I am excited about Mitch as a person and what he is going to accomplish. He is sent out from a strong church." Yes, the vision of Boiling Springs First Baptist Church to plant a church and the call of Mitch Williams, who happens to be the pastor's son, came together, and Boiling Springs First became the sending church for this church plant. This sending church provides financial support, will minister to the new church, and will help it to develop. There will be accountability between the two entities. Some of the families in Boiling Springs First Church will get involved in the church plant and be part of it, and "the church will get over-the-top excited," says pastor Williams. The South Carolina Baptist Convention church planter training for Mitch and Lauren was led by Walt Tanner, pastor and church planter of Capstone Church in Fountain Inn and Josh Bradley, South Carolina Baptist Convention Start Team and planter of Element Church in Woodruff. Cliff Marshall led the assessment process and served as a mentor to Mitch and Lauren throughout the entire process.

Where will the church plant be located? Mitch and Lauren felt Greenville was a city in which they would like to live because it was community-driven. Cliff connected them to the Greenville Baptist Association, who showed them several areas. It was the I-85 and I-385 corridors to which they felt called. Greenville Baptist Association also connected them with supporting churches - Brushy Creek Baptist Church in Easley and Locust Hill Baptist Church in north Greenville County. Mitch's former church, First Baptist, Spartanburg also joined them.

Accepting the responsibility for lead pastor training was Origins Church, a newer church which was planted in 2008, and pastor Matthew Elrod. Starting in January 2018, Mitch began walking beside this church and the pastor as "planter in residence," which includes setting up and tearing down for services, being a part of community or small groups, attending elder meetings, and taking part in monthly Love the City events, such as one-day help in schools or a block party. Sometimes other church plants in the city partner together for these events.

Wanting a fresh name that reflected the diverse culture in the area of the church plant, "The Fold" was chosen as the name for this future church. Mitch says, "John 10 speaks of sheep of this fold, anyone part of the kingdom of God, believers." "The Fold" began with Mitch, Lauren, and three other members of the core staff going alongside them. Sunday gatherings and the official church launch was in August 2018.

The gifts given through the Janie Chapman Offering have provided financial resources for Mitch and Lauren during their residency at Origins Church and will provide ongoing funding in the beginning stages of "The Fold's" ministry in Greenville. New churches like "The Fold" all over South Carolina are being blessed each month as a result of South Carolina Baptists giving faithfully to the Janie Chapman Offering.

Church planting is critical to all that we do to build God's kingdom. Jay Hardwick says, "At the heart of church planting has to be evangelism and disciple-making, reaching new people with the gospel." Reaching new people with the gospel is central to the ministry of Mitch, Lauren and all those partnering with "The Fold."

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Most of the staff are living in apartment buildings near the church area. Pray that God will give them connections in each of these buildings.
- Pray for strong partnerships with church planters, existing churches, associations, and new church plants.
- Pray God's provision for the church plant and for the gospel to penetrate lostness.

reSTARTing A CHURCH

Sans Souci Church is in an area of Greenville that is changing. Mills have closed, and now there is a diverse population of Hispanics, African-Americans, Caucasians, and Asians. Young couples are moving to the area. Sans Souci, established in 1926, was ministering to the community through a food pantry and ministry with children, but membership had declined, and average attendance had dropped to about thirty people.

Under their interim pastor's leadership, the church contacted Brookwood Church for assistance. Brookwood had in mind planting a new church but instead, began discussion with Sans Souci. Brookwood contacted James Nugent, Church Health Team, South Carolina Baptist Convention, to help them understand the process of replanting a church. Sans Souci needed a pastor with a new vision for the church. The church needed to focus not on self and people coming to them but on sharing with the community.

As Brookwood Church prepared Sans Souci, a committee was formed with members from both churches, along with James Nugent. According to Nugent, the committee agreed Sans Souci would do three things: (1) do ministry in the neighborhood, (2) prepare to call a pastor, and (3) make changes inside the church to do more effective ministry (better way to do Children's Ministry, declutter the Worship Center, and clean up flower beds outside).

In January 2017, a three-year partnership was formed. Brookwood provides part of the pastor's salary as well as funds for outreach in the community. The assistance is on a decreasing scale each year. Brookwood has not only assisted financially, but has also come along side Sans Souci as many members have helped with church repairs, community outreach, a worship team, prayer, and encouragement.

Funds from the Janie Chapman Offering provide assistance for reSTARTs such as Sans Souci. Needed materials for reSTARTS and leadership development opportunities for staff members are possible because of the Janie Chapman Offering.

Brookwood helped them search for a pastor, one who was a church planter or reSTART pastor. Mike Hepola, missions pastor for Brookwood, was involved in the process and knew that Lenny Miller, Associate Care Pastor for Brookwood, was feeling led to preach and teach the gospel again. After he preached several times at Sans Souci the church called Miller, who felt that was where God was leading. Mike Hepola's son, Cameron, is now leading the blended worship at Sans Souci.

What is happening now at Sans Souci? The congregation has grown from 30 to 100 in the year since Miller was called. Their goal is to grow another 100 in 2018. Several things have contributed to the growth. The pastor started small discussion classes to study Flickering Lamps: Christ and His Church by Henry and Richard Blackaby. Brookwood Church provided every member with a book to read.

There is a new desire to love and help their neighbors. Members talk about sharing and loving people with whom they come in contact. Postcards are sent out alerting the community to new classes and new events. On Wednesdays, the entire community is invited to classes about divorce care, healthy marriages, etc. coupled with a free meal. Persons come for the meal or classes or both. Sitting by a homeless person may be a business person figuring how he can love, help, and encourage.

One of the ways Sans Souci is serving needs is through providing a community Thanksgiving meal. Miller said, "People come to the church not because they have a financial need, but because they want to be a part of a church that cares about the community." Before Thanksgiving 2017, the church walked the streets and gave out invitations for a free Thanksgiving meal. Donations by members and the business community helped them feed 652 people. Members are excited, and friends are inviting friends, which is leading to new people coming to the church. The church sent postcards to every home in a three and one-half mile radius of the church and through a survey found that 1,000 people had looked at their new website

in one month. The website, started several months before, stated who they are and why they exist. The members changed their mindset and their actions in relating to people. The community reacted by changing its mind about the church.

The church is determining each day where God wants them to go. When qualified teachers can be found, plans include classes for job training, GED certification, and moving people to next level jobs.

reSTARTing a church is a vital part of the church planting team. Jay Hardwick says, "reSTART is a picture of the gospel because something that was dead is alive again." Sans Souci is an example of a church coming to life again, and sharing God's love and life in their community.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray members will be sensitive to know God's will and have the courage to follow Him.
- Pray cultural barriers will continue to be broken down, and the church will be a reflection of the races within the community.
- Pray the church will know how God wants them to use their large facility and how to keep up with repairs.

CHURCH SENDING

SENDING WORKERS

As a college student, Bryant Sims went to Boston for six months to start two campus ministry groups. He never intended to go back, but God had planted seeds in his life during that time. In July 2016, Sims, now pastor of First Mt. Moriah Church, Greenwood, returned to Boston as a part of a vision trip. Since then, he has led at least four vision trips to Boston. These trips give pastors and church leaders the opportunity to meet church planters, to hear why they are in Boston, and why they chose church planting in Boston. The hope is that partnerships will develop between South Carolina churches and the Boston church planters.

South Carolina has over 2,000 Baptist churches and 200 of them are partnering with a church plant somewhere. Twenty-five to thirty churches are partnering in Boston, but many more are needed. Boston is a very expensive city, and church planters there need eight to ten churches who will commit for ten years to plant one church. Real estate is impossible to buy, so church plants are renting space in struggling churches and synagogues.

On the 2016 vision trip, Sims met Brandon and Miriam Allison from Odessa, Texas, and immediately fell in love with them and saw their passion for their community, known as Saugus. The Allisons did not have any partners for TrueVine, the church they had planted, so to survive, Brandon was working at Dunkin' Donuts, and Miriam was teaching in the public school and gymnastics at the YMCA. Sims felt his church could partner, and he also felt led to secure other partner churches. Since then, four churches have committed to partner, but four other churches are needed for TrueVine Church.

TrueVine is loving the community and reaching people for Christ. They meet for worship in an Episcopal Church building, where they also have Parents Night Out and play groups for preschoolers. The church members also volunteer for community events, paint buildings in public parks, pick up trash, and do anything else that is needed. Now the community feels loved and the church is respected.

The church is made up of many young adults and young children and is ethnically diverse. Caucasians, African-Americans, and English-speaking Hispanics and Cambodians comprise the majority of the congregation.

In February 2017, the Allisons were invited down to First Mt. Moriah Baptist Church to help recruit people to go to Boston and become partners. Pastors and another person from a church were invited to a free barbecue luncheon to encourage them to learn more about Boston with the hope that their church would become a partner.

Churches were then encouraged to send two people from their church on a vision trip. These trips are another example of partnership, as funds from the Janie Chapman State Missions Offering provide hotel rooms. The North American Mission Board and the local church provide meals and volunteers pay their own air fare.

Bivocational pastors and full-time pastors are going on vision trips and their churches are partnering. First Mt. Moriah has committed one and one-half percent of their undesignated gifts for the partnership. First Mt. Moriah members follow TrueVine church leaders on social media to encourage them. They also added ten church planters in Boston to their

Christmas card list. These Christmas cards give great comfort to the planters who are not able to leave Boston to be with their families back home. Children and youth of the church make something special on Valentine's Day, Easter, Fourth of July, and Christmas to send to the children of church planters.

One of the first members of TrueVine was a Cambodian named Sopeep Bou. He had been in and out of foster care since he was four years old. His troubled life got him kicked out of school and later sent to prison. Before coming to TrueVine, he had accepted Christ, but had not been disciplined. At TrueVine, he grew spiritually and now lives his life for the glory of God. His service includes mentoring in the public schools and coaching at Sober House, a rehabilitation facility.

Other areas of Boston need church plants or have just started church plants. The North End, which includes about 30,000 people, has no gospel-preaching church. Sims entered a bakery there, and a server fell apart emotionally. Sims took the opportunity to share Christ with her. Who will be called to plant a church in this area?

In Charlestown, in the community of Bunker Hill, the dream to plant a church began several years ago. Years ago, JD and Natalie Mangrum investigated church planting in Boston but felt led to start Origins Church in Greenville instead. In 2016, JD went to Boston to see how Origins could partner with a Boston church plant. God used that trip to call the Mangrums to leave a healthy Origins Church and move to Boston. JD's skills to reach the city are needed to reach this tough neighborhood, known as the community where church planters go to die. Mt. Airy Church and the Greenville Baptist Association have partnered with the Mangrums. Long before services officially started at Christ Church in March 2018, the church was impacting the community.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for God to call more church planters to Boston and for ten churches to partner with each.
- Pray for four more church partners for TrueVine Church.
- Pray that husbands who are mocking their wives for going to church will be led to the Lord and become mature leaders in the church.
- Pray for church planters who are already in Boston and their partnering churches.

SHARING HOPE

"Churches, to be attractive, have to go to the community and be a blessing to the community," says Lee Clamp, Evangelism Team Leader, South Carolina Baptist Convention (SCBC). Williston First Baptist Church, led by pastor Steve Burnette, is doing just that. Soon after he became pastor in August 2014, thinking that schools touch everyone educationally, racially, and economically, he made appointments to visit the superintendent and principals. He asked, "How can we help you accomplish your vision? We want to share your vision and come alongside you and help you." He expressed the church did not want a "one and done" project but a deeper commitment and relationship, a ten-year relationship. The church wanted to be as Jesus said, "I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of." (John 10:10, The Message). Dr. Burnette added, "That life must be tangible. I feel like the church should be part of showing and bringing a 'more and better life than they ever dreamed of.' We do that by being a hands-on, servant people."

Reading Buddies was their starting point. They learned that children who do not learn to read by the third grade have a sixty-seven percent greater chance to end up in jail or on welfare. The first grade was targeted and 20 of the 100 members of Williston First Baptist committed to being a Reading Buddy. They have also recruited from other churches and now have 37 Reading Buddies who read with their first-grader once a week for thirty minutes. The children look for their new friends when the time comes because a relationship has been formed. Families may be visited, so the relationship has also extended to the families of the Reading Buddies.

The Reading Buddies ministry has had an impact on the school. Nancy Brady Wood, a teacher at Kelly Edwards Elementary School and coordinator with the church, did a study and found that reading scores have gone up thirty points since the Reading Buddies program began.

Karen Graves from Williston First Baptist took on the job of expanding the program to other churches. She involved

Virginia Buggs from Young Rosemary Church, who is also helping to expand the program to churches in the community. There are five churches who have heard the “Macedonian Call” from the school to come over, and the goal is to get ten additional churches involved. Karen and Virginia sought help through Melanie Ratcliffe, evangelism team, South Carolina Baptist Convention. Melanie provided training to extend their area of influence which now includes all of Barnwell County and Bamberg and Allendale County elementary schools. Letters have been sent to various schools and churches, and they continue to follow up with calls. The Town of Williston agreed to advertise on their marquee a request for volunteers to be Reading Buddies. Karen and Virginia have collected pencils, Clorox wipes, and Kleenex to give to first grade teachers and a few second grade teachers.

Williston First Baptist has also been generous in showing love to the teachers who “battle moral, poverty, and society needs,” says teacher Wood. A Christmas party was planned for the teachers. Along with snacks and words of thanks to the teachers, the church was able to provide \$50 gift cards from Walmart. Funding was provided for every teacher to buy supplies needed for their classroom. Another time, chair massages by a therapist were enjoyed by the teachers and staff of Kelly Edwards. A breakfast was provided for the teachers on opening day at school. The church also reached students and families as they provided space in their church and a meal for two hundred people to celebrate a “Night with the Stars.” The stars were the students who passed state testing, and they were allowed to bring two guests each.

Training for those churches who want to partner with a school (Reading Buddies is just one way churches can partner) is provided by funds from the Janie Chapman State Missions Offering.

“Gospel conversations with children and families occur naturally as they build a relationship with the students,” writes Lee Clamp. Burnette shared that he asked his student if he knew what Christmas was about. The student replied, “presents and Santa Claus.” Burnette asked if he would like to know what Christmas was really about. The opportunity was there to share about Jesus. A Daddy-Son Fishing Event sponsored by the church also provided an opportunity to share Bible truths with family members present.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray that every school will have a church that loves on and invests in it.
- Pray for the reading level of the children to increase and for them to come to know Jesus because of Reading Buddies who “come in acting like Jesus.”
- Pray teachers will be encouraged and supported by loving churches.

STRENGTHENING CHURCHES

Casa de Alabanza (House of Praise) Church had been meeting about five years in the original worship area of Poplar Springs Church in Moore, South Carolina. As Poplar Springs went through a period of transition, the Hispanic Church prayed for the mother church. Two years ago, Dr. Dale Roach was called as the pastor of Poplar Springs, and the church worked on the mission and vision of the church and where God was leading them. The new mission statement, “Connect upward with the Lord. Connect inward with fellowship. Connect outward with the world around,” led them to look around and discover how to do this. The obvious place to begin was to connect with the church that had been meeting in their building. Roach and Scott McClellan, Worship and Discipleship Pastor at Poplar Springs, invited Pastor Angel Mariana and his wife to meet with them for lunch. Pastor Mariana feared his church might be asked to leave the building where they were worshipping. Instead, he received news that brought him to tears. Poplar Springs wanted to connect with Casa de Alabanza.

And they have connected! There are 1,600 Hispanic/Latino people living within a ten-minute drive of the church. A Valentine Banquet, sponsored by Poplar Springs, brought around 100 Hispanics to hear the gospel presented, many hearing the gospel for the first time.

On Easter Sunday, congregations joined together for worship and baptism. Roach stood alongside Pastor Mariana as he baptized his first Hispanic convert. They sang songs familiar to both congregations and they sang them in both English and Spanish. Hispanic interpretive dancers provided worship, and choirs sang together.

Another event, a barbecue, brought the churches together to hear Dr. Chuck Lawless, professor at Southeastern Seminary, who encouraged prayer, and to hear Pastor Mariana. Also, there was praying for empowerment for the churches.

Worship services at the Hispanic Church are held Sunday afternoon with about 40 in attendance and also on Tuesday evening with about 55 present. Work schedules prevent some from coming on Sunday. Bible study and discipleship training are needed. The Janie Chapman Offering will help provide these materials and provide evangelism training.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray that Poplar Springs will provide layers of the discipleship process for Casa de Alabanza and Poplar Springs Baptist Church.
- Pray for the right space of time for small groups from the Hispanic Church to meet for discipleship training.
- Pray the Poplar Springs and Casa de Alabanza congregations will be equipped and willing to use their spiritual gifts to be involved in connecting outwardly with the world.

STRENGTHENING CHURCHES

The Journey Internship Program was the vision of Cory Singleton, Worship and Creative Pastor, The Journey Church, as he thought about the close proximity of the congregation to Charleston Southern University.

The Worship Intern program is for students who have already acknowledged a call into ministry. The design is to refine their worship leadership skills while also advancing their spiritual journey. For students, the realization that ministry is as much about personal growth as it is about professional success, would be a new concept. The program enhances their spiritual walk and then brings application of this maturity to their worship ministries. They are now in an environment that allows for personal growth, skill development and leadership enhancement.

On Mondays the interns are part of staff meetings and learn about making decisions for the church. Tuesdays are for leadership development and assessment, and learning the ministries of the church. The remainder of the week is spent working with a staff member in a hands-on experience in the area of interest, such as worship, pastoral care, children or youth ministry.

The Janie Chapman Offering funds the worship internship with other resources funding the other internships. The Journey Church's vision is to "develop and deploy disciples."

The internship program began in the summer of 2017 with four interns and grew to six in the summer of 2018. There are plans to add interns in the fall of 2018 and spring of 2019.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray God will continue to raise up college students that are hungry to take the gospel to the whole world.
- Pray God continues to awaken students to the call and plan for their lives.

CONCLUSION

Have you gained knowledge and insight into missions happening here in South Carolina – through **Starting, Sending, Sharing and Strengthening**? Is your love overflowing for those leading these missions efforts to spread the message of Jesus Christ? Do you have a new depth perception of the discernment of God's will, diversity of outreach, and efforts of discipleship that are taking place in South Carolina? Continue to pray for these and other missions work in South Carolina, and give so the work can expand. Be thankful daily and be "filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:11)

Procedures for All Ages

1. Read **Missions in 3D**.
2. Pray for guidance as you prepare and lead this season of prayer. Pray for those who will participate.
3. Obtain resource items needed. If your church has none of the materials listed on page 18, contact South Carolina WMU at the phone number or email address found in the section entitled “For more information . . .,” item #C, page 18.
4. Study the plan for your age-level.
5. Gather resources and materials for each activity.
6. Enlist others to assist you.



ADULTS - Candace Capps, WMU Director, Marion Baptist Church, Marion, Writer

Items Needed and Set Up:

- Obtain a DVD player and the 2018 Season of Prayer for State Missions DVD.
- Secure a large screen TV or wall that can be used like a screen.
- Secure an area (a Sunday School class or church fellowship hall) that can be set up like a drive-in movie theater. Set the room up with groups of chairs of 4-6 together like a ‘car.’ Each ‘car’ should have a speaker stand with it.
- Provide speaker stands. These can be as simple as a large dowel rod attached to small block of wood. Attach the prayer requests to a shoe box or piece of cardboard and attach it to the dowel rod.

The idea is to have multiple ‘cars.’ After each ministry area is highlighted, have each ‘car’ pray for that ministry. Prayer requests are included about each ministry in the *Leaders Guide*. Print out those prayer requests prior to the meeting. Provide copies of the Week of Prayer guides also.

Display:

Using the clip art included in the resource section on the DVD to make posters of the emphasis areas.

Concession Stand:

This is a drive-in movie theater, so offer items you would find at a movie theater. Suggested items include: popcorn, nachos, various types of candy (M & M, sugar babies, gummy fruit candies, etc.) and soft drinks. If your budget will allow, provide hot dogs, hamburgers or pizza.

Before the Meeting:

Missions in 3D: Discernment, Diversity, and Discipleship is the theme for this year’s Janie Chapman State Missions Offering. Discernment is a perception in the absence of judgement with a view to obtain spiritual direction. Diversity is to have a range of different people, ideas, cultures or things. Discipleship is a follower of Christ whose actions actively involve making more disciples.

The emphasis for this study is prayer. Prayer is a personal conversation with God. Therefore, before you begin preparations for presenting the information in this year’s study, pray about how you and/or others will present the information. You may enlist your church WMU leadership team and/or church staff to join you in prayer.

Read the *Leaders Guide* and watch the DVD. Decide which videos you will use. If you are not able to show videos, another option would be to enlist people to 'act out' the missions stories. This could be done in several different ways. One is to provide a copy of the ministry description that is included in the mission study to someone who will then retell the story as the missionary. If possible, allow the person to view the selected ministry video on the DVD. This will give them even more information on the missionary and ministry. A second option would be to enlist multiple people and have one to be the missionary highlighted in the missions story and the other would be a reporter. The idea is to have the reporter to interview the missionary. A sample script of each of these ideas is provided.

Whether you plan on showing the DVD or having someone 'act out' the missions stories you may want to consider having a short intermission between each ministry area highlighted. These intermissions maybe a time for restroom break or to encourage people to visit the concession stand.

During the Meeting:

Welcome everyone to **Missions in 3D**. You may have commercials or make announcements before the 'movie' begins. For example, "the concession stand is open," "information about the offering goal for your church," "prayer guides," etc. Show the DVDs you selected, stopping so each 'car' can have their prayer time in between videos. If you chose the other option, follow the same process.

Close by thanking everyone for their participation and reminding them that the Janie Chapman Offering will help support these and many other missions opportunities in South Carolina. Have envelopes available for each person to take with them. Close in prayer for the offering and that your church will reach its goal.

Additional suggestions:

Make a connection with a local school or school teacher from your church who could use some books for their classroom. Ask attendees to bring a book to the study. The idea is that the books are the 'price' for getting into the movie. At the same time encourage your church members to partner with area teachers to go read to their students.

If someone is interested in the Boston Church Planters Wives Prayer Partnership they can get more information or sign up to be involved by contacting the state WMU office.

If the children of your church will also be participating in the mission study, you can collect large boxes and have the children decorate them like a car and then sit in the car during the presentation. It would be best if the children could decorate their car several days prior to the study (idea from Pinterest).

SCRIPT FOR INTERVIEW

Reporter: Good evening and welcome to (insert name of your church). This is Susie Missions coming to you today from Greenwood, South Carolina. I am here with Bryant Sims the pastor of First Mt. Moriah Church. Thank you, Mr. Sims for taking the time to speak and share with us tonight.

Bryant: I am excited to be here Susie and talk about our ministry to Boston.

Susie: It is my understanding that First Mt. Moriah's mission to Boston began after you went on a vision trip to Boston.

Bryant: That is correct Susie. As a college student I was in Boston for 6 months to begin two campus group ministries. I never planned on returning to Boston, however, God had other plans. In 2016, I returned to Boston as part of a vision trip with the North American Mission Board's Send Cities initiative. Since that time, I have led approximately four vision trips to Boston.

Susie: What is the purpose of the vision trip?

Bryant: During the trips pastor and church leaders are given the chance to meet church planters in Boston. We currently have 25-30 churches partnering in Boston, but more are needed. The desire is for a church in South Carolina to see the vision of the church planter and partner with them.

Susie: When you say partner with a church planter exactly what does that mean?

Bryant: Boston is an expensive city. A church planter may need eight to ten churches to assist them just to plant one church. Real estate is impossible to buy, so church planters must utilize the space of a struggling church or synagogue by renting space. Churches can send people to help with special events in which the church planter is engaged. They can connect with church members on social media to encourage them. Members can send Christmas cards to the church planter and their family. Many times, church planters are unable to go home for Christmas to visit their families. GA, RA, or CA groups could send special items on holidays or birthdays to the children of the church planter.

Susie: Can you tell us about one of the church planters that First Mt. Moriah is partnering with?

Bryant: I would very much like to tell you about the Allison's. I met Brandon and Miriam Allison on a 2016 vision trip. Their passion for their community, Saugus, was infectious. I felt First Mt. Moriah could partner with their church, TrueVine. The church is made up of many young adults and children. They are also an ethnically diverse congregation. First Mt. Moriah keeps in touch with the members of TrueVine in many of the ways I previously described. The desire of the church is to reach out to their community and disciple them.

Susie: Bryant, thank you so much for taking the time tonight to speak with us. Now, audience you may be saying to yourself that all this information is great, but what does it have to do with me? You have a list of prayer requests for the Boston ministry. Please take time to pray through those prayer requests. If any of the women would like to become a prayer partner to one of the Boston Church Planters' wives, all you need to do is contact South Carolina WMU. They would be happy to tell you how to become prayer partner with a Boston Church Planter's wife. Now let's enter a time of prayer for those prayer requests for Boston.

SCRIPT FOR MISSIONARY TESTIMONY

Good Evening! My name is Lenny Miller and I would like to tell you a little about the church I pastor, Sans Souci. Sans Souci church is in Greenville, South Carolina. The area around the church has changed drastically over the last several years. The mills have closed, and the population has become more ethnically diverse. Sans Souci is a well-established church having been founded in 1926, however due to the changes around it the membership of the church has steadily declined to approximately 30 people.

The church's interim pastor contacted Brookwood Church where I was the Associate Care Pastor. Brookwood was interested in either starting a church or helping with a church replant. Replanting a church means that an existing church is struggling in all areas and obtains help from the South Carolina Baptist Convention and a sponsoring church to re-establish itself as a vital part of the community. After preaching several times at Sans Souci and prayer by all parties I accepted the call to become the pastor at Sans Souci. The Sans Souci congregation has grown from 30 people to 100 in the year since I became their pastor.

Our members have a new desire to love and help their neighbors. Through mailouts we inform our community of events and classes we are sponsoring at the church. People are now coming to the church, not out of financial need, but because they desire to help the community.

Each day we are determining where God would lead us next. Thank you for allowing me time tonight to share with you about our ministry.

We have some prayer requests. If you would please look at the speaker stand at your car and find the prayer requests for Sans Souci. Take a few minutes to pray through these requests with those in your 'car.'



STUDENTS – Maryanna Hatcher, Youth on Mission leader, Lawtonville Baptist Church, Lawtonville, Writer

Overview: Students will learn about missions work in South Carolina, pray for missions, and be challenged to support missions in South Carolina through the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions, Missions Education, and Great Commission Living.

Before the session:

- Read the *Leaders Guide*, **Missions in 3D**. Watch the video segments on the State Missions DVD. Be prepared to share this information with your students.
- Gather supplies for **The 3D Games – Discernment, Diversity, Discipleship**

Gather the following items for **The Discernment Game**:

- Blindfold(s)
- Fruit flavored candies (example: Skittles, Starburst, Jellybeans, etc.)

Gather the following items for **The Diversity Game**:

- Paper
- Pencils

No items are needed for **The Discipleship Game**.

3D Hand Activity: Search Pinterest or another online source for instructions on how to draw a 3D hand. Provide the following supplies for each student:

- Paper to trace their hand
- Pencil
- Colored Markers
- Ruler

During the session:

Students will play three games and complete one creative art project to better understand the **Missions in 3D** focus.

For The Discernment Game, blindfold one or more volunteers. Give each volunteer a piece of fruit-flavored candy and see if they can discern the flavor. After several candies, ask students if it was difficult to guess the flavor without seeing the color or wrapper.

Give candy to all students to snack on while watching “The Fold,” or while presenting the information from the *Leaders Guide* about “Starting a Church.”

Pray for the prayer requests included in the *Leaders Guide*.

For **The Diversity Game**, give each student a pencil and piece of paper. Have students form groups of two. Allow about five minutes for the groups to list as many differences about themselves as they can (example: hair, eye color, shoe size, hobbies, etc.). After time is up, discuss with students the diversity found within your own group. Explain how even with our differences we can serve God, and through our diversities, He uses us to share His love.

Share the information from the *Leaders Guide* and/ or DVD on the “Boston Partnership” (Church Sending).

Pray for the prayer requests included in the *Leaders Guide*.

For **The Discipleship Game**, play “Simon Says.” After the game, discuss how discipleship is doing what God tells you and not what the world tells you.

Share the information from the *Leaders Guide* “Strengthening Churches.”

Pray for the prayer requests included in the *Leaders Guide*.

For a creative art project, give students the supplies listed above and follow the instructions below:

Here’s what to do:

1. Trace your hand and a bit of your wrist in pencil.
2. Using marker, draw a straight line across until you reach the pencil outline of your hand. Make a curve from one line to the next, then continue in a straight line.
3. Continue making lines until the whole paper is covered, always making the lines curve within the outline of the hand.
4. If necessary, when you’re finished, touch up and fill in any white spots that you missed.

Thank you to www.cometogetherkids.com for written instructions.

After completing their drawing, ask students to pray for God to give them a new depth of perception of missions opportunities and to use their hands to reach the lost in their community and across South Carolina.

Discuss how giving to the Janie Chapman Offering is an extension of our hands doing God's work in South Carolina. Read Philippians 1:9-10 and close with prayer.



**CHILDREN’S PROCEDURES – Libby Carter and Janet Webber, GA Leaders,
Hoffmeyer Road Baptist Church, Florence, Writers**

Before the Session:

Read “Missions in 3D” in the *Leaders Guide*. Be prepared to tell the story and share information about ways the Janie Chapman Offering is used.

Overview

Welcome to the Janie Chapman State Missions Offering. During this lesson children will learn about church plants, how churches are involved in community missions and internships. We will learn how important prayer is to these ministries. Prayer is the starting point of any ministry.

Bible Verse: Philippians 1:9 (NIV) - 9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight.”

Opening (10 minutes)

Complete this activity with children as they arrive.

SHARING HOPE

Craft: Making cards

Supplies

- Thank you note cards or construction paper
- Markers and/or crayons
- Stickers

As children arrive share that Williston First Baptist Church started Reading Buddies with their local school. They also reached out to the teachers. Share ways they showed God's love to the teachers and include that they wrote notes of thanks.

Have each child make a card(s) for teachers in your local school. The cards may say things like: "Thank you for teaching." "Our GAs (or RAs or CAs) prayed for you at church." "Jesus loves you." "Hope you have a good day." Pray for the teachers in your local school who will receive the cards.

Story (15-20 minutes)

CHURCH PLANTING - STARTING A CHURCH

What do you think of when you hear the word prayer? Is it one person talking and one person listening? Prayer is communication between us and God. In Paul's prayer for the Philippians, he prays for their love to be overflowing and that they understand what is right in God's eyes. We do this by reading the Bible for guidance and letting God's love show us the right direction to follow.

How does a church get started? It does not just happen. God helps someone see people's need to hear about Jesus. God called Mitch Williams and his wife Lauren to plant a church while he was working in the college ministry at Spartanburg First Baptist Church. People in other churches began to see the need too. The people at Boiling Springs First, where Mitch's father is pastor, saw a need. Jay Hardwick, Church Planting Team Leader for the South Carolina Baptist Convention (SCBC) said, "the church prayed, gave, and prepared to see this vision realized."

So they came together to start this new church. But where should the church be located? Mitch and Lauren talked to the Greenville Baptist Association, who helped them look for a place to start the church. The association also connected them with other churches that could help. Brushy Creek Baptist Church in Easley, Locust Hill Baptist Church in north Greenville County and Mitch's former church, Spartanburg First, all joined together to help start this new church.

Origins Church, which had been a church plant, allowed the Williams to work alongside them and learn about starting churches. Sometimes new churches must do things like setting up chairs, guitars, drums, tables, and take it down again after the service. They also learned how to help the people in the community by taking part in *Love the City* events.

When they tried to think of a name for the church they decided on “The Fold.” Mitch says that in the Bible Jesus talks about sheep. A sheepfold is a pen or shelter for sheep. So “The Fold” is a place for people who believe and follow Jesus and for people who want to learn more about Jesus.

Pray for “The Fold.”

CHURCH PLANTING ILLUSTRATION

Supplies

- Ice cream cones
- Potting soil
- Pack of seeds
- Water

1. Place soil in the ice cream cone and place seeds in the soil and gently water. You can take the ice cream cone home and plant it in the ground. The ice cream cone is biodegradable and it will dissolve into the ground. The plant must be kept watered and receive sunlight.
2. Say: “This activity helps us learn about a church plant. If you care for your plant with water, make sure it gets sunshine, and pull the weeds, it will grow. A church needs prayer to help the church grow. If we don’t pray, our church will stop growing, just as your plant does not grow if it does not get watered.”
3. The Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions provides help for new church plants like “The Fold.” The money from the offering may help find a good location for a new church plant and help support the new pastors’ work. It may also supply literature, help with items the new church needs to begin and help the people learn how to do things to help the church grow. It provides aid like training for Reading Buddies in local schools and support with community activities to let people know the church is there and cares about the people.

Experience (15-20 minutes)

Complete one or both activities as a group.

OLDER (Grades 4-6)

Game: Gather the Sheep

Supplies

- Cotton balls
- Wide mouth jar

1. The cotton balls will represent sheep and the jar is the fold. The object of the game is to get as many cotton balls as possible in the jar (or sheep in the fold).
2. Children will play in pairs. The child is given ten cotton balls (sheep) to get in the jar (fold). Place jar on the floor in front of the child. At the signal, the child will hold a cotton ball on his chin and try to drop it into the jar. The other child will give suggestions to help position them better to get the cotton ball into the jar. When all ten cotton balls have been dropped, count the ‘sheep’ (cotton balls) to determine how many ‘sheep’ got into the fold (jar). Repeat so the children can switch roles.

STRENGTHENING CHURCHES – THE JOURNEY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Music and Prayer Rocks

Supplies

- Rocks
- Paint
- Index cards with key words from The Journey Internship Program
- Praise hymns on CDs, if desired

1. Ask the children about each word on the index cards. For example, what is a college? Help them to understand it is a school after high school where you go to learn more to help you in your job. Then ask, "has anyone ever heard of an intern?" Then explain that it is on-the-job training for something you think you want to do as a career.
2. Share information from The Journey Internship Program.
3. Ask the children to suggest a praise hymn that they would like to sing together. (You may use a praise CD if needed.)
4. Have the children make a prayer rock. Let the children chose a rock and a paint color for their rock or they can just decorate their rock. Tell the children to remember to pray for the student interns and the churches where they are working when they see the rock.

Closing (5-10 minutes)

Guide your group to participate in this activity together.

Supplies

- Janie Chapman prayer guides
- Janie Chapman Offering Envelopes

The Janie Chapman State Missions Offering is used for many projects and ministries in South Carolina. Ask the children to share with you the ways they learned that the Janie Chapman Offering helps in South Carolina. After they mention an area, share a prayer request from that section of the *Leaders Guide*. Ask a child to pray for the request and continue to share each area as they are mentioned.

Close by praying that churches will continue to support our state missions offering, so more people in South Carolina and around the world will learn of God's love. Remind children to continue to pray at home and that they can give to the State Missions Offering. Give out offering envelopes and prayer guides to each child as they leave.



PRESCHOOL – Brenda Dempsey, Mission Friends Coordinator, Cleveland First Baptist Church, Writer

Books: Set out several Mission Friends Books or go to wmu.com and download the free I Like My Teacher book from the Mission Friends free downloadable section. Take turns letting one buddy show pictures to the other as a reading buddy would help a student learn to read. Tell preschoolers how church members go into schools and help students learn to read. Share Bible Thought, "Help one another." (Galatians 5:13).

Blocks: Have preschoolers build a school building. Talk about how churches here in South Carolina become buddies with schools to help students and teachers. Share Bible Thought, “We want to tell people about Jesus.” (Acts 4:20).

Puzzles and Manipulatives: Play Buddy Tag. Cut a pool noodle in half to use for game. Say: We’ll work as a buddy team in this game. One buddy will chase and try to tag one of you with a noodle. If you’re tagged, you hold hands with the person who just tagged you with a noodle. The person who tagged you will hand you the noodle, and you’ll work with them to tag others, handing off the noodle piece to the person you tag. Share Bible Thought, “We work together” (I Corinthians 3:9)

Art: Make a Buddy (Dog) Bookmark. You will need construction paper, popsicle sticks, wiggle eyes, and glue. In advance, cut out hearts for dog face, small black circles for dog nose, larger circles that will be cut in half for dog ears, and small red “U” shape for dog tongue. Glue heart upside down on Popsicle stick (so point is on top). Glue tongue, nose, ears, and wiggle eyes to heart to make dog face.

Group Time: Show the picture of Buddy, the dog as you tell the story.

Say: “Oh, I am so excited. I can’t keep my tail from wagging. Are you excited too? Let me see your excited face! My, you all look good. Today, we are going with church members from Williston First Baptist Church to Kelly Edwards Elementary School. We are all going to get to read with a first grader. I am going to sit real still and listen while the first grader reads to me. I do hope they want to read a dog story. Are you going to sit still? Let me see you practice. Good. Each reading buddy helps their student with reading and can also talk with the student. As they talk together, each reading buddy can share how that Jesus loves the first grader. Some buddies even get a chance to go visit their first graders home and share with their family that Jesus loves them too. The church members at Williston have had such a good time being reading buddies that they have gotten other churches from around South Carolina starting up reading buddy programs with their schools so that more students around South Carolina can learn to read and can hear that Jesus loves them. Do you know that when we give to the Janie Chapman offering for state missions that some of the money we give will help train more reading buddies? Isn’t that exciting?”

Stop here for three and four year olds. Ask: “What is a reading buddy? How do reading buddies share Jesus?”

Continue if you have kindergarteners. Say: “Wait! There are more exciting things about being a buddy. Williston First Baptist is not only helping first graders learn to read, but they are helping teachers and parents. They give teacher parties and give gifts to help the teachers with their classroom supplies. By showing kindness to the teachers, they can share how that Jesus loves teachers too. The church has also reached out to school families. They have special meals and events like daddy-son fishing trips so they can share Jesus with students and their families. Isn’t it amazing how being a helper can show people that Jesus loves them? Before we go, let’s stop and pray for the students, teachers, and all of the reading buddies.”

Ask: “What other things has Williston First Baptist done to show the school that Jesus loves them?”

Give each preschooler a Janie Chapman Offering envelope to take with them and encourage them to save their money for the offering.

For more information

- A) Invite a state missions speaker to your church. See the 2018 State Missions Speakers Bureau (sent to pastors and WMU directors) or contact Woman's Missionary Union, South Carolina Baptist Convention for assistance in enlisting a speaker (in South Carolina, at 800.723.7242, ext. 8524; or 803.227.6200).
- B) Have members read Missions in 3D. The information can also be found on the South Carolina WMU website at www.scwmu.org and the South Carolina Baptist Convention website at www.scbaptist.org.
- C) Obtain resources. Order forms for free resources: posters, prayer guides, Family Missions Pages and Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions, Missions Education, and Great Commission Living envelopes, were sent to WMU directors. The Season of Prayer DVD was mailed to pastors, ministry assistants and WMU leaders on the South Carolina WMU mailing list. In addition to the state missions video segments, the DVD contains printable copies of the prayer guide, Sermon Outline, Churchwide Observance, Children's Sermons, Clip Art Sheet, Family Missions Page, South Carolina State Missions Facts, Clip Art, Allocations Sheet, and History of Janie Chapman. If you do not have these resources, ask your WMU director to contact South Carolina WMU. In South Carolina, call 800.723.7242, ext. 8500 or 803.765.0030 or email us at wmu@scbaptist.org. If your church does not have a WMU director, call the state WMU office directly.