

# Missions Rally

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## Overview of Organizations

1. **Samaritan Health Clinic:** Offers free health services in Pickens County, including dental work and general healthcare.
2. **United Christian Ministries:** A food pantry providing broader support for those in need.
3. **Connie Maxwell Children's Home:** Provides care for children without parents.
4. **NAMB Jail Ministry:** Bringing the gospel, hope, & compassion to incarcerated inmates of the Upstate
5. **Flourish Adoptions:** Supports mothers making difficult decisions regarding adoption, and working with families and children.
6. **Sleep in Heavenly Peace:** Focuses on ensuring no child sleeps on the floor by building beds for children.
7. **Piedmont Baptist Association:** A partner organization for local churches.
8. **Pickens County FCA:** Connects student-athletes with Christ.
9. **Piedmont Women's Center:** Supports women who have faced various challenges.

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### 1. [Samaritan Health Clinic](#)

- **Mission:** Provides outpatient healthcare services to uninsured residents of Pickens County with limited income.
- **Services Offered:**
  - Primary care
  - Dental services
  - On-site pharmacy
  - Specialist referrals through Access Health
- **Statistics:** In 2024, 161 referrals were provided.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
  - Roles Needed: Both clinical and non-clinical volunteers.
  - Onboarding Process: Varies based on the role; Spanish speakers may be fast-tracked.
  - Clinic Hours:

- Medical Clinic: Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
  - Dental Clinic: Open by appointment.
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## 2. United Christian Ministries

- **Mission:** Provides emergency assistance for basic needs.
- **Services Offered:**
  - Food and clothing assistance
  - Rent and utility assistance

### Food & Clothing Assistance

- **Year-Round Food Drives:**
    - Churches often focus on food drives during the holidays, but there is a need for continuous support throughout the year, especially from January to August.
    - Example: The "Jelly Girls" from one church provide jelly every month. Other groups could focus on specific items like peanut butter or saltines, which are always in demand.
  - **Clothing Assistance:**
    - Partnership with Miracle Hill allows for the collection of clothes, sheets, and shoes. Miracle Hill provides \$20 gift cards for clients in exchange for these donations.
  - **Volunteer Opportunities:**
    - Volunteers are needed for organizing and stocking on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Regular volunteers have set roles, making it challenging for one-time volunteers.
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## 3. Connie Maxwell Children's Home

- **Background:**
  - A 132-year-old ministry with campuses in Greenwood, Maulden, Chesterfield, and Florence, South Carolina. Plans to expand to Charleston.
  - Provides residential care, foster care licensing, family care, and crisis care.
- **Residential Care:**

- Children are privately placed and integrated into local public schools. Cottage parents manage daily activities and transportation.
  - **Foster Care and Family Care:**
    - Licensing Christian families for foster care to address the need for homes for 3,000 children in the state.
    - Family care offers a three-year program for single parents to prevent family separation.
  - **Engagement Opportunities:**
    - Prayer and Awareness: Encouragement for Sunday school classes to pray for the ministry, leadership, and families involved.
    - Material Support: An Amazon needs list is available for specific donations. Gift cards are collected to support foster families.
    - Christmas Initiatives: Christmas wishes and a Christmas store allow children to receive gifts and shop for family members.
    - Giving Tuesday: A significant fundraising day with matching donations, encouraging churches to give in November.
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## **4. Greenville County Detention Center**

- **Role of the Chaplain:**
  - Our chaplain, endorsed by the North American Mission Board, provides spiritual support to inmates awaiting trial.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
  - Approximately 100 volunteers teach the Word of God in the jail. Opportunities exist for one-on-one and small group teaching.
  - Sunday school teachers can extend their teaching to the jail setting.
- **Bible and Literature Distribution:**
  - The church provides Sunday school literature for inmates to study. Bible drives have been conducted to supply inmates with Bibles.

## **Bible Donation & Jail Ministry**

- **Changes in Bible Donation Process:**
    - **New Regulations:** The administration has changed the rules regarding Bible donations due to security concerns. Previously, churches could donate Bibles directly, but now only standard Bibles approved by the administration are allowed.
    - **Security Concerns:** Bibles could potentially be used to smuggle contraband into the jail, prompting the need for standardized versions.
    - **Gideons Partnership:** The Gideons provide approved Bibles at \$5 each for the full Bible and \$2 for the New Testament large print edition. Donations are sent to the Gideons, who then deliver the Bibles to the jail.
  - **Ministry Activities:**
    - **Inmate Requests:** Daily requests from inmates for Bibles, devotionals, and spiritual support are managed through a kiosk system.
    - **Prayer Groups:** Monthly prayer sessions are held for inmates, their families, and officers. Volunteers are encouraged to join.
    - **Christmas Outreach:** Donations of small gifts are collected for inmates during Christmas, accompanied by gospel sharing and caroling.
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## **5. Flourish Adoptions**

- **Mission & Services:**
  - **Founding & Mission:** Founded by adoptive moms to address issues in the adoption process, focusing on affordability, ethical practices, and support for birth families.
  - **Support Programs:** Offers lifetime counseling for birth moms and adoptees, support groups, and promotes open adoption.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
  - **Support Activities:** Volunteers can write letters, prepare prayer cards, and assemble postpartum care boxes.

- Events: Organizes a birth mom Christmas dinner and Mother's Day boxes to support birth moms.

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## 6. Sleep in Heavenly Peace

- **Bed Building and Distribution:**
  - Process: Beds are built and delivered by volunteers. Each bed costs \$250, covering all components.
  - Local Impact: The Pickens County chapter has built and delivered over 240 beds in 2024, with a current request for 21 more beds.
- **Volunteer Engagement:**
  - Bed Build Events: Sunday school classes can participate in bed builds, with a minimum of 10 beds per event. The assembly line is mobile and efficient.

## **Bed Construction & Volunteer Involvement**

- **Bed Construction Process:**
  - Uniform Design: All beds are built the same way, with the option to convert them into bunk beds by drilling holes in the bedposts.
  - Assembly Process:
    - Begins with sanding using battery-powered sanders.
    - Wood is transported between tables for different stages, including a "tap station" for drilling holes.
    - A "dunk station" uses vinegar and steel wool for staining, which also acts as an insect repellent.
- **Volunteer Participation:**
  - Age Requirements: Children as young as 10 can participate with parental supervision.
  - Public vs. Private Builds:
    - Public Builds: Open to the public and advertised via the Golden Volunteer app.
    - Private Builds: Organized for specific groups, such as company employees.
- **Material Needs:**

- Current Needs: Pastel-colored sheets are needed to match existing odd sheet sets.
- Recent Success: Achieved a goal of acquiring 300 mattress covers in 12 days through a Facebook campaign.

## Storage Challenges and Solutions

- **Current Storage Situation:**
  - Limited Space: First Baptist Easley provides storage but can only hold 25-30 beds at a time.
  - Backlog Issues: Builds have been postponed due to lack of storage space.
- **Potential Solutions:**
  - Additional Storage: Suggestions include renting a storage unit or utilizing personal spaces like basements or garages.
  - Current Storage Utilization: Materials are stored in a "golf cart room" in the gym basement, accommodating headboards, footboards, and mattresses.

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## 7. [Piedmont Baptist Association \(PBA\)](#)

- **Introduction to Chris Jordan:**
  - Director of Missions at the Piedmont Baptist Association.
  - Association Structure:
    - Part of the Southern Baptist Convention, alongside the State Convention and local churches.
    - Comprises 50 churches in the Piedmont Baptist Association.

## Overview of Association Activities

- **Purpose & Mission:**
  - The association exists to encourage leaders, equip churches, and engage the world with the gospel.
    - Encouraging Leaders: Monthly pastor staff lunches are organized at local restaurants to foster fellowship among pastors and staff members.
    - Equipping Churches: Provides training on Sunday school, ministry strategies, and mission partnerships.

- Engaging the World: Builds mission relationships and partnerships globally, assisting churches in international mission trips.
  - **Church Revitalization:**
    - Current State: 70-80% of Southern Baptist churches in South Carolina are plateaued or declining.
    - Objective: Develop strategies for ministry and partnerships between healthy and struggling churches.
      - Example: Brushy Creek aims to support a church in need to prevent closures.
    - Challenges: More churches are willing to partner than those willing to receive help due to pride and resistance to change.
  - **Disaster Relief and Volunteer Opportunities:**
    - Initiatives: Rebuilding disaster relief trailers and organizing volunteer efforts for events like the World Series.
    - Volunteer Needs: Assistance in rebuilding trailers and providing services during events.
  - **Supporting Pastors:**
    - Financial Support: Monthly raffles at pastor lunches to provide gift cards for pastors, especially those in smaller churches.
    - Encouragement: Opportunities to sponsor pastor lunches or donate gift cards.
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## 8. Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

- **Mission and Impact:**
  - Objective: Invest in coaches and athletes to spread the gospel in schools.
    - Influence: Coaches have significant influence on youth, teaching life lessons through sports.
  - Current Reach: Engages with 1,200 to 1,500 students weekly across four high schools and five middle schools.
- **School Engagement:**
  - Huddle Times: Morning sessions providing breakfast and gospel sharing.

- Schools Involved: Easley, Pickens, Wren, Powdersville high schools, and Getty's, Dacusville, Powdersville, Pickens, Wren middle schools.
- **Outcomes:**
  - Authenticity: Students seek authentic experiences, finding truth in the gospel presented by FCA.
  - Salvations: In 2024, 122 students accepted salvation through FCA activities.

## Resources & Involvement

- **Distribution:**
  - Resources Provided: FCA distributes various materials such as bracelets, lanyards, and aims to include t-shirts. These items are intended to help kids feel connected and share their faith.
  - Bracelet Symbols: Each bracelet features four symbols that serve as a simple way for kids to share the gospel with their peers.
- **Ways to Get Involved:**
  - Prayer: A crucial support method due to challenges in accessing more schools.
  - Financial Support: Brushy Creek supports the role financially, but additional resources are needed for Bibles, breakfasts, and other materials.
  - Volunteer Opportunities: 'Character Coaches' are needed to adopt and support sports teams in schools, with opportunities available across various sports seasons.

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## 9. [Piedmont Women's Center](#)

- **Overview and Services:**
  - Background: Founded in 1991, with three clinical locations serving Greenville, Greer, and Powdersville.
  - Services Offered: Provides free services including pregnancy tests, limited OB ultrasounds, well-women visits, and STI screenings. Offers a plan and resources for mothers.
- **Volunteer and Group Involvement:**



- Volunteer Tracks: Eight individual volunteer tracks available, with about 140 volunteers currently.
  - Group Activities: Opportunities include participating in events like a 5k run, a gala, and organizing baby showers. Donations of diapers, wipes, and participation in baby bottle campaigns are encouraged.
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## Nick's challenge towards Community Engagement & Pro-Life Advocacy

- **Pro-Life Philosophy:**
    - Pro-Life vs. Anti-Death: Being pro-life by supporting mothers and offering alternatives, rather than just opposing abortion.
    - Community Support: Encouraging involvement in initiatives that support inmates, rehabilitation, and poverty alleviation.
  - **Encouragement for Class Involvement:**
    - Partnership Opportunities: We're encouraging our classes to partner with organizations that align with their values and capabilities.
    - Strategic Involvement: We suggest focusing on a few key partnerships rather than spreading resources too thinly.
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## Possible Action-Items

- Encourage Sunday school classes to connect with one of the organizations.
- Explore volunteer opportunities at Samaritan Health Clinic.
- Consider secondary partnerships with organizations like Samaritan Health Clinic for broader community involvement.
- Organize a year-round food drive focusing on specific items like jelly or saltines.
- Coordinate with Miracle Hill for clothing donations and gift card distribution.
- Encourage Sunday school classes to pray for Connie Maxwell and consider supporting their Amazon needs list.
- Plan for participation in Giving Tuesday with matched donations.
- Recruit volunteers for teaching and Bible distribution at the Greenville County Detention Center.
- Gather volunteers for monthly prayer sessions at the GVL jail.
- Organize a group to participate in the Christmas outreach for inmates.
- Coordinate with Flourish Adoptions to write letters and prepare care boxes.
- Plan a bed build event with Sleep in Heavenly Peace.
- Explore options for additional storage facilities.
- Consider organizing more private builds for interested groups.
- Identify and support a church in need for revitalization efforts.
- Recruit volunteers for disaster relief trailer rebuilding and event support.

- Collect gift cards for pastor support raffles.
- Encourage sponsorship of pastor lunches.
- Consider forming a partnership with one or more organizations discussed.
- Engage with representatives to gather more information and explore volunteer opportunities.
- Reflect on class values and capabilities to determine strategic involvement.