

MISSIONS MINISTRY

The late Mrs. Annie Mae Bowman organized the Mission Board in 1980 and served as its first president. The Board consisted of the presidents of the Senior Missionary and the Junior Missionary Societies, the Young Woman's Auxiliary, Annie Myers Circle and the Jones McClerklin Circle.

Collectively these organizations make monthly fellowship visits to Walters Retirement Home, Heartland of Columbia and Westside Residential Home. Westside residents' birthdays are celebrated each month. Periodic donations of clothing and additional supplies are made to Hannah House and The Family Shelter. Sponsors fresh pulpit flowers for the church each week. The Birthday committee celebrates birthdays of members on the Sick and Shut-in list.

Annual Activities: Valentine Fellowship, "Go Red for Women's Healthy Hearts," Joan White Scholarship, Father's Day Remembrance, "Christmas in July" SisterCare Project, College Outreach Day, Gladys Brown College Care Packages, "No Walls Ministry" (Outdoor Crusade), Monetary gifts to Senior Missionary members, and donations of food are made annually to The Pantry and Read Street High Rise; Sponsor Project Angel Tree and hold Bi-annual Voter Registration.

Additional activities are: Hosting monthly Gethsemane YWA Hope Ministry targeting the homeless; participating in the Gethsemane Baptist Missionary Association's activities and South Carolina State Educational and Missionary Convention's Congress of Christian Education and the State's Woman's Convention.

All mission organizations make monthly contact with the sick via cards, phone calls or personal visits, comfort bereaved families in whatever way necessary, participates in each other's projects/activities and work closely with other Ministries.

Each group holds periodic meetings and all organizations meet annually to sponsor a Mission Workshop, Prayer Breakfast, Mission Fellowship Tea and a Mission Day.

