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1. **Aftercare**

Julie McGraw

Aftercare is a Westminster mission that provides support to our mentally challenged community. Aftercare solicits and collects from the Congregation gifts of men and women's cloths, gently used coats & jackets and personal care items. These items are used to celebrate birthdays and special prizes for monthly bingo. At Christmas, members are asked to support an individual Aftercare person by furnishing personal care items found on their Christmas Wish List.

2. **Amazon Mission Fellowship**

<http://amazonmissionfellowship.org/>

Mark Creasap

Amazon Mission Fellowship is an organization dedicated to establishing and fostering sister relationships between US and Peruvian churches and to establish and oversee US and Peruvian church partnerships and be consistently committed to their growth and evangelical mission. Currently oversees 7 Peruvian /American Church Relationships, including Westminster's sister church in Santa Clara.

3. **Boys & Girls Club of the Upstate**

<http://bgcusc.org/>

Lee Arsenault

Greg Tolbert - President

Boys & Girls Club mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those that need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. Programs include Character & Leadership Development, Education & Career Development, Health & Life Skills, The Arts, and Sports & Fitness. Children who are members of the Club:

- score higher on school standardized tests
- 49% fewer school absences than their peers.

4. **Carolina Pregnancy Center**

<http://www.carolinapregnancy.org/>

Marilyn Miller

Alexia Newman, Director

Carolina Pregnancy Center is a non-profit, pro-life, non-denominational organization that is committed to providing compassion, information, and support to anyone facing the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy. Services include: free pregnancy tests, crisis pregnancy counseling, ultrasounds, miscarriage Bible studies, pre and post abortion counseling, parenting classes, adoption referrals, mentoring programs, loan closet for maternity and baby clothes.

5. **Children's Advocacy Center**

<http://cacsp.org/>

JoAnn Bristow

Suzy Cole - Executive Director

The Children's Advocacy Center of Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union opened in 1996 as a nonprofit organization to provide services to children who have been sexually and / or physically abused. CAC provide services that start the healing process through assessment, treatment, education, and community partnerships.

6. **Christmas in Action**

<http://www.ciaspartanburg.org/>

Claude Saleeby

Christmas In Action's vision is to be a force in preventing substandard housing in the Upstate by rehabilitating homes of the elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged homeowners. Repair projects focus on improving the safety and security of the homeowner, including repairing electrical wiring, leaky roofs, constructing wheelchair ramps, and handicap accessible bathrooms. Since its inception, over 650 homes have been repaired. This summer, a team from Westminster sponsored a local home.

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7. Come Closer

Mitch Dawes

Come Closer exists to unite believers for the purpose of leading Spartanburg to a life in Christ. During one mission week / year, volunteers offered Kids Clubs to children from 5 city apartment complexes. Kids Clubs include free food, games, crafts, and Bible lessons. Activities have included making weather resistant mats for the homeless, distributing free clothes and food, delivering Bags of Hope to single moms, etc.

8. Church Planters Training, International – Ukraine

Glen Covington
Rich Correll - Director

Over the last 25 years, CPTI has traveled to every corner of Ukraine, across the eleven (11) time zones of Russia and Central Asia, Romania, Albania, Hungary, and Georgia. CPTI has helped to establish 1,989 new churches. 12,137 baptisms and 49 drug rehab homes. Since 1992 Rich Correll has displayed Christian leadership by CPTI's earnest missionary work in this area of the world.

9. CRU – Campus Ministry

www.cru.org
www.upstatecru.com

Olynda Stretcher
Mark Bouchillon: Missional Team
Leader - USCUpstate

Helping students come to know Jesus, grow in their faith, and then go to their families, their communities & all over the world to tell others about God's love. CRU staff members help students and faculty build spiritual movements on their campuses which last long after they are gone. CRU staff serves as coaches and guides. **WPC Specific CRU Project:** Freshman Survival Kits are a tool that CRU has used for 21 years to reach incoming freshmen. The support of WPC will fund this project on the campus of Converse College. Kits contain "free stuff" as well as multiple tools that expose students to the gospel. At a later date, staff and students meet one on one to talk more about a relationship with Jesus Christ. CRU was founded in 1951.

10. Faith for Fathers

www.faithforfathers.org

Claude Saleeby
Jonathan Bright - Director

Faith for Fathers strives to empower dads to lead their families in order to leave a legacy that honors God. **Faith for Fathers** goal is to help dads leave a Godly legacy and create opportunities for fathers to intentionally lead their children to be the young men and young women God created them to become. **Faith for Fathers** reaches dads through schools, churches, clubs and places of employment in the Spartanburg and Greenville area.

11. Global Teams

Pete Arsenault
Jeff Krouse - Director

Jeff Krouse and his team have embarked on a five-year project to translate the entire Bible for Muslims. Jeff has spent extension time in Pakistan. This team translates the Bible into the most prolific language dialects with team members located in India and Egypt. This year the translated Bibles are being distributed.

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12. Gordon-Conwell Theological

<http://www.gordonconwell.edu/>

Paul Petersen

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary seeks to develop Christian leaders who are thoughtful, globally aware, spiritually mature and ready for a broad array of ministries. Campuses located in Boston, MA, Charlotte, N.C. and Jacksonville, FL.

13. Greater Spartanburg Ministries

<http://www.greaterspartanburgministries.org/>

Anita Geiser

Greater Spartanburg Ministries is a faith-based organization that's dedicated to helping those in need in our local community. GSM provides emergency assistance to the folks of Spartanburg County who are experiencing a time of crisis. Feeding the body and feeding the soul, GSM's goal is to provide care ministries and to connect people to the local church. Ministries include: prison chaplain, food distribution, clothing distribution, heating/cooling assistance, fire victim's assistance, and the Resale Store.

14. Habitat for Humanity

<http://www.habitatspartanburg.org/>

Manning Lynch

Local chapter founded by First Presbyterian, Fernwood Baptist, and Westminster. It is an ecumenical Christian ministry that changes lives by building decent, affordable homes in partnership with Spartanburg County families in need. At the time of closing, the homeowner assumes a no interest mortgage to purchase the property. Have built over 90 houses in Spartanburg since its founding in 1987. The goal of Habitat for Humanity Spartanburg is to "eliminate poverty housing and homelessness, and to make decent housing a matter of conscience in our community."

15. Hope Center for Children

<http://www.hopecfc.org/>

Christine Hammond

Formally known as the Spartanburg Children's Shelter & the Ellen Hines Smith Girls Home. Hope Center provides home visitation and abuse prevention, emergency shelter for children removed from abusive homes, long-term residential care for foster children, and family reunification support.

- Over 45 abused or neglected girls referred to their residential program per year.
- Over 150 abused or neglected children referred to their emergency shelter per year.
- Provide over 50 families annually in-home intensive support with their Family Strengthening Program.
- Provide in-home assessments to over 650 high-risk families per year.

16. Kukura Neshungu Institute

Kingsley Martin

The Kukura Neshungu Institute is a Welfare Organization that operates in Marondera, Zimbabwe in the care and development of severely physically and mentally handicapped children. The Kukura Neshungu Trust oversees the operations along with and AIDS Orphanage – Musha Wevana.

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17. Mission Peru

Greg Dominick
Stephen Garland, Pastoral liaison

Partner with our sister church in Santa Clara, Peru and Pastor German Rios Garcia. Mission Peru was established in 1999. Westminster funded and helped build the sanctuary, pastor's home and Sunday School building. MP is a hand's on mission sending congregational missionary volunteers every year. Programs and projects provided are children's Bible School, water filters, sewing projects, sanctuary building and refurbishing and Bible study.

18. Mission Far Eastern – Kusters

www.cru.org/city

Chris McGarr

CRU supports missions on six continents. Supported by CRU, Kusters seeks to partner with individuals, churches, and organizations to mission to an ever growing immigrant population arriving in America. James & Kari Kuster who have been missionaries in East Asia are now discipling in Indianapolis to a growing immigrant population located there. Other missions supported by CRU is Athletes in Action®, Campus Crusade for Christ & The JESUS Film Project®

19. Mobile Meals of Spartanburg

<http://mobile-meals.org/>

Steve Carmichael
Jayne McQueen - President

Mobile Meals of Spartanburg glorifies God by providing nutritious meals, services, and fellowship to the frail and homebound citizens in Spartanburg County. Over 1,200 volunteers deliver these meals five days a week. MM delivers approximately 1500 meals each weekday to frail and homebound citizens in Spartanburg County.

20. Pathways Scholarships

John Manatis

Rev. Dr. Trey Kuhne is a licensed marriage and family therapist and pastoral counselor with Pathways Pastoral Counseling. Pathways is a support mission to assist members of Westminster and fellow Christians with life challenges. Christians are not immune from addition, grief, divorce, family upheaval, emotional stress.

**21. New Life Mission – India
Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship**

<http://www.pff.net>

Avi Lawrence
Cody Watson – Director PFF

Rev. Dr. Cody & Talulah Watson: Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship "For every people an indigenous church, For every church a mission vision." Cody and PFF takes this good news to South Asia, India (especially the state of Bihar), Nepal and Bangladesh. In support of PFF, Westminster provides support to **New Life Mission, India**. New Life is part of an expanding church planting network in Northern India. Rev M.K. Bharti is a key leader in the New Life church planting network in this region of India.

22. Seminary Assistance

Paul Petersen

Westminster allocates mission funds designated for seminarians in a continuing effort to help educate students for the work of the Church. Support is given to Seminary students from our congregation.

23. 721 Ministries Sam Hunter

<http://721ministries.org/about.html>

Scott Hubbard
Sam Hunter - Director

This organization seeks to awaken men into a living relationship with Jesus. Services include: Seeker Q&A meetings, Apologetics Training, Business Bible studies, speaking venues.

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24. Spartanburg BEST (Bible Education in School Time)

Perrin Powell
John Hopkins – Development Director

Also known as Release Time, BEST is an off campus, elective class that meets during the school day, and enables high school students with parental permission to receive Christian education as an elective credit that counts toward their graduation requirement. Has been offering Bible education classes in the Spartanburg area for 15 years.

25. SPIHN-Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network

Family Promise

Anne Martin – 541-7233
JoAnn Bristow 864-978-4879

SPIHN helps local families by providing temporary shelter, meals, and support services for homeless families. As part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, Westminster is teamed with seven other local churches. Each quarter Westminster hosts local homeless families in the church. This is a wonderful hand's on opportunity to "Serve Others" and there is a place for everyone. The coordinators for Westminster need people to provide food, oversee activities, and especially to spend the night during our week of hosting. If you feel called to this mission please contact Ann Martin.

26. Spartanburg Soup Kitchen

<http://www.helpthekitchen.org/>

Dan Dupler – 431-3214
Lou Sartor - Director

Located at 136 S. Forest St. Spartanburg. SSK serves the poor and homeless in Spartanburg County by sharing the love of God and giving them food for their bodies, kindness for their souls, and hope for the future. SSK serves over 500 free meals to the hungry people of Spartanburg each day. Six times a year Westminster volunteers serve Sunday lunch, every fourth Sunday of even calendar months. (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec).

27. St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic

<http://www.slfmc.org/>

Lynn O'Neal
George Bass – Board Member

Provides comprehensive health services to Spartanburg County residents who lack access to medical care and strives to be a model among faith based free clinics for the delivery of quality health care.

- Over 140 patient visits per week
- Over 2500 prescriptions per month
- Over 3000 lab tests and X-rays per year
- Over 150 surgical procedures per year.
- A waiting list of over 1000 new patients to be seen in the clinic

28. The Antioch Partners

www.theantiochpartners.org

Paul Petersen
Andrew Adair – Executive Director

The Antioch Partners is part of a strategic alliance of Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship and The Outreach Foundation. TAP is a missionary sending agency which partners with local Presbyterian churches in the U.S. to send out followers of Jesus to participate in God's mission in the world. WPC supports Andrew Adair.

29. The Haven

<http://www.homelesshelterdirectory.org/>

Susan Barrow

A family focused homeless shelter for women and families. The Haven provides services to families, single moms with children, single women and single dads with children. Services include: the shelter program, intensive case management services, daily living skills, and extended case management (for one year after beneficiaries exit the shelter for permanent housing).

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30. The Outreach Foundation – Tom Widmer

<http://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/>

Chris McGarr

TOF sends missionaries to Brazil, China, Cuba, Egypt and Zimbabwe. TOF is part of a strategic alliance of The Antioch Partners and the Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship.

31. T.O.T.A.L Ministries

<http://www.totalministries.org/>

Leigh Anne Carmichael
Traci Kennedy - Director

Total Ministries started in 1982 as Project Eat. Provides for basic needs to assist families in Spartanburg County who are facing a financial crisis. Services include: prevention of eviction/foreclosure, preventing loss of utilities, heating assistance, food pantry, and prescription medication assistance. Started by 12 Spartanburg churches, including Westminster. Total Ministries interviews over 4500 families/year for potential assistance.

32. Viking Football Breakfast

Steve Wise

The Spartanburg High School football breakfast is an effort to serve the local community, District 7, and the Spartanburg High School football team. This enables the Associate Minister, who serves as the team chaplain, mission directly to team members as he speaks to them about the Gospel and life. The breakfast is for the last game of the season and the playoffs.

33. WayPoint Church

<http://waypointcommunity.org/>
<http://www.eco-pres.org/church-planting/>

Phil Phillips
Wes Barry - Pastor

WayPoint Church is an ECO church plant in Charlotte, N.C. Located at 7804 Fairview Road. Pastor Wes Barry. Waypoint establish and supported by Westminster since 2012.

34. Westminster Saxon

Perrin Powell
Bessie Black - Pastor

Located on the north side of Spartanburg, **Westminster Saxon** serves the spiritual needs of their community. WPC provides assistance with teaching supplies, facility improvements and ministerial staff support.

35. Young Life (Central America)

www.younglife.org

Chris McGarr
Jeni McLane Barrantes - Director

Vida Joven – Young Life Central America is a Christian ministry whose mission is introducing adolescents in Central America to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. Countries include Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Nicaragua.

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36. Young Life (Local)

www.younglife.org

Steve Wise

Young Life is an outreach ministry designed to introduce unchurched youth to Jesus Christ. This non-denominational, international, parachurch organization is mainly involved with high school aged youth. Using relational ministry as its pastoral approach, a team of adult volunteers facilitate weekly meetings designed to promote fellowship and the proclamation of the Gospel. Westminster is also involved in Young Life with our Church Partnership program that shares our Youth Minister with Young Life. Presently, we are giving scholarship funds to help youth who cannot afford camp to be able to attend. Westminster has also begun a Wyldlife partnership. We also support the Young Life team in Central America.

37. Young Lives

Cathy Richardson

Young Lives is a Westminster mission that provides support and encouragement to teen mothers. This mission provides opportunities with summer camps, support sessions and Christian study.

38. Ecumenical Blood Drive & Parish Nurse
Judith McGrath – Parish Nurse

The mission of The Ecumenical Blood Drive is to come together as a community of churches on three designated Sundays in the year to donate blood to maintain the community's blood supply. (These Sundays are known as Blood Sundays. Six churches in our area join in this life-saving ministry. Each church hangs an identical banner and hosts a blood drive on common Sundays. The total number of units collected is credited to our joint effort.)

The roles of the parish nurse:

Integrator of Faith and Health, serving as a "translator" between faith and healthcare communities. With a knowledge base in both areas, many times the parish nurse can clarify issues and or reinforce the strong tie between faith and health. **Health Educator**, providing educational programs to the congregation such as health screenings and illness prevention. **Health Counselor**, providing individual health counseling services in the home or long-term care facility. **"Navigator"** or **"Advocate,"** assisting congregation members in finding their way through healthcare systems. **Referral Agent**, finding resources and making referrals to agencies, organizations and support services to improve the member's quality of life. **Developer of Support Groups**, initiating and organizing groups designed to assist the participants with a specific issue. **Trainer of Volunteers**, perhaps most importantly, recruiting and training volunteers to provide assistance.