The Parsonage Committee brought a motion before the church during a special called conference on Sunday morning, August 20th. The motion was to replace the carpet in the 2 bedrooms and the living/dining room at the parsonage with the same vinvl plank flooring in the rest of the house. The cost will be \$7971 which includes removing the existing carpeting and laying the 1005 sq ft of flooring. Motion was approved.

VOTING on the proposed budget, church leadership and deacons will take place on Sunday, September 10th.

As we get ready to approve our new church leadership for the coming vear, here are a few thoughts from Charles Spurgeon concerning leaders:

A leader must set goals to accomplish the tasks that God has called him to

Competence in ministry is necessary for leaders to make progress in their service to Christ.

The best exercise of faith is one's complete trust and confidence in God. Leaders who trust in themselves display incredible ignorance about the source of true power.

The degree to which a leader embodies a positive attitude may go a long way in determining one's effectiveness.

A leader who has confidence in God is empowered to take self-initiative in ministry. "Be diligent in action. Put all your irons into the fire. Use every faculty for Jesus. Be wide-awake to watch opportunities, and quick to seize upon them."

Many spiritual leadership principles are timeless, regardless of social and cultural context.

A good leader is true to his theological convictions.

Leaders persevere.

Spiritual growth is the measure of a leader's continued impact on his followers.

September Crisis Center Needs Flour Corn Meal Baking Mix Jiffy Mix The Crisis Center is also in need of clean grocery bags, egg cartons & devotional literature. Leave items at the church in the "Cry Room" and we will deliver.

> ITEMS FOR CONNIE MAXWELL Due: Thursday, September 28, 2023 **At LBA Mission Center** Please bring at least 12 items of our assigned item **Paper Plates - Poplar Springs**

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- Jeremiah 17:7-8

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WHO WAS JANIE CHAPMAN?

In 1902, Janie Chapman became the first president of South Carolina WMU (SC WMU) and served for 22 years.

She was said to be a person of strict discipline with inner strength and a gentle spirit. She did her work well for the Lord. Her personal motto was 1 Cor. 15:58,

"So then, Christian brothers, because of all this, be strong. Do not allow anyone to change your mind. Always do your work well for the Lord. You know that whatever you do for Him will not be wasted."

She gave us an example of a woman who lived out this scripture. While she was president WMU celebrated their 25th anniversary and Janie wrote: "We do not want to live too much in the past-just an occasional reminder of the stalwart (courageous, strong) and true souls who dared to blaze new trails."

Janie often identified the purpose and power of WMU: "Spiritual power is the greatest power...The object of our work is soul saving at home and abroad."