

In the Pews: Interfaith workshop on environmental issues in Greer

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An interfaith workshop on Creation Care will be Oct. 24 in Greer. The workshop is hosted by the Center for Humans and Nature, Upstate Forever, Wofford College and Audubon South Carolina.

The workshop will be from 2 to 6 p.m. at the City of Greer Municipal Complex, 301 E. Poinsett St. The event is free, but registration is required.

The keynote speaker for the workshop is Rusty Pritchard, president of Flourish and former editor of Creation Care, the magazine of the Evangelical Environmental Network. Pritchard will discuss "New Evangelicals, Old Evangelicals and the Care of Creation."

Other scheduled speakers include Trish Jerman of the S.C. Energy Office, who will explain the SCEO's ConserFund Loan Program and other resources available to non-profits. Professional HVAC engineer Wade Crow will discuss improvements that can be made to existing church buildings; Rabbi Yossi Liebowitz will discuss Temple B'nai Israel's efforts; Tamera Warren and Chequita Jones of Bible Way Church of Atlas Road in Columbia will address how to set up a "green team," and Upstate Forever's Brad Wyche will discuss environmental challenges and opportunities.

The workshop will end with an announcement by Wofford College Chaplain Ron Robinson about the formation of a South Carolina Chapter of Interfaith Power and Light.

Contact Shelley Robbins to register or for more information at 864-327-0090 or srobbins@upstateforever.org.

CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION AWARDS \$200K IN GRANTS

Twenty-nine ministries have received grants totaling \$200,000 from the S.C. Christian Foundation.

Grants were awarded Sept. 28 at the foundation's seventh annual Celebration Banquet.

Ministries that received grants this year: Divinity Care Facility — \$1,670; His Way at Work — \$2,200; Elder Source Senior Ministries — \$3,000; Hope Remains Youth Ranch — \$3,000; Salvation Army — \$3,000; YMCA of Greater Spartanburg — \$3,000; Ellen Hines Smith Girls Home — \$3,910; Greater Spartanburg Ministries — \$4,000; In You Ministries — \$4,000; Campus Outreach — \$4,250; Impact Sports International — \$4,600; Campus Crusade — \$5,000; Challenge 2011 — \$5,000; Church Builders Tabernacle — \$5,000; Homes for Life — \$5,000; PK Outreach — \$5,000; SCBEST — \$5,000; Spartanburg County District One Released Time — \$5,000; Spartanburg District 2 Released Time — \$5,000; Child Evangelism Fellowship — \$6,700; Hannah's Hope Ministries — \$7,600; SPIHN (Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network) — \$9,360; The Journey — \$10,000; Miracle Hill Rescue Mission Spartanburg — \$10,000; Mobile Meals — \$10,000; Jump Start — \$15,000; Spartanburg Fellowship of Christian Athletes — \$15,000; GracePointe Ministries — \$16,800; Truth Ministries — \$22,910.