

From our Pastor



Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ.

Did you know that the time changes to Daylight Savings Time one week from Sunday (March 9)? Did you know that Easter is only four Sundays away (March 23)? Soon flowers and trees will be

blooming, Spring will be here and we will be surrounded by a symphony of new life!!

As we begin to enjoy the changes of Spring, I thought I would share with you the direction that God is leading me in the coming weeks. But before I share my plans, I want to express my appreciation to you, my wonderful church family, for the encouragement and support you have provided over the past several months. Additionally, I praise God for the sound preaching of Blue Bryan, Ron Davis and Joe Hayes, Jr., over the past three weeks.

This Sunday, March 2, we welcome my friends Vince and Brenda Tharpe to Northgate as they bring their ministry "Art Alive" to our morning service at 10:45 and a special evening service at 6:00. Beginning March 9, I will have the privilege of once again preaching at Northgate!!! We will take a careful look at the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53 in four messages over three weeks. After Easter, we will continue our study of the first three chapters of Revelation.

Change is coming and it is going to be good!!!

I look forward to growing with you in Sunday School and worshipping with you in church.

Blessings in Jesus,

Leadership Council meets
March 4 at 7 p.m.



Pray
Daily

- ◆ for the person God has chosen to be our Worship Leader.
- ◆ that our hearts will be prepared
- ◆ that our church will be ready to accept this person with open arms.

Dear Church Family,

The student ministry has decided to participate in a mission trip to St. Louis, MO July 5-13, 2008, through M-Fuge, a Lifeway camp. Our students will be the hands and feet of Christ as they visit nursing homes, work in food pantries, work with children at Backyard Bible Clubs, work on people's houses, and creatively share the Gospel through performances. This camp has the potential to move students to a deeper level of commitment in their relationship with the Lord and then to greater service.



I was fortunate enough to come to Northgate right before last year's mission trip. I was blessed to see how that trip was not only a youth trip but a church-wide mission trip. You supported our students by giving your time, energy, prayer, and financial gifts. I trust that God blessed you through your giving. We were blessed by you!

My desire is that this mission trip would be a church-wide mission effort. There are two major ways that you can partner with us in ministry. The first and most important way is prayer. Begin praying now that the students would be obedient to God as He calls them to sign up for this trip. Begin praying for St. Louis and the people to whom we will share God's love. I will communicate more requests through the Gate Post in the future.

The second major way that you can support us is financially. We will be doing a series of fundraisers that will give you an opportunity to contribute. Here are a couple that are beginning now: 1. Friday Night Chick-Fil-A dinner at Hampton Village in Taylors. Pick up your forms in the church office, eat at Chick-Fil-A in Taylors on Friday nights and 20% of what you spend goes to the student mission trip. 2. Odd jobs for missions. Please contact me or the church office to let me know of any odd jobs that need to be done around your home and our students will be on their way. You just make a donation for their mission trip.

There will be other financial opportunities to contribute through fundraisers, so keep your eye on the Gate Post for updates. Please note that ALL donations are to be made to Northgate Baptist Church NOT to the individual student. We will make sure they get the credit.

Thank you for your partnership.



Contact
Jered Nisky
by
March 7



St. Louis, Missouri
July 5-13

A non-refundable
deposit of \$50
is due
by March 12.



Saturday,
March 15
10:00 a.m.

Come and enjoy our egg hunt, egg toss, relay race, pictures with the Easter bunny, and other games and prizes. There will be a scavenger hunt for kids in grade 4 and up.

Soft, pre-wrapped candy is needed for the Egg Hunt. Please bring some to the Nursery area. Thanks.



WMU Annual Meeting

The 2008 WMU Annual Meeting will be Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15 at Fairview Baptist Church in Greer. Our own Susan Maxwell Booth, missionary to Canada, is among the program guests. If you would like to make reservations for Friday lunch (deadline is March 1) or need more details, contact Runette Sweatmon or Elsie Crainshaw.

Pray daily for these missionaries during our March Emphasis for North American Missions



• Daniel and Marta Caceres are serving in Oklahoma where they plant new churches and train leaders of local churches. Pray for continued good health and for ethnic and language barriers to be broken as they reach out to Hispanics in Oklahoma.

• Dewey and Kathie Aiken serve as Mission Service Corps missionaries and manage a retreat center in Vermont where they equip and encourage churches and leaders to reach their unevangelized state. Pray for them as they attempt to break through trust issues with the people of Vermont in order to share the good news of Christ.



Our church family **MATTERS**

Homebound Member of the Week

Yvonne Almeida
10 Meadow Crest Circle, Greenville SC 29609

Nursing Home Resident of the Week

Lola Pinson is a resident at Sterling House. Her mail should be sent to her daughter's home, in care of Linda Moseley, at 114 Clairewood Court, Greenville, SC

Christian Sympathy Is Extended to

Patty Doornbos on the loss of her brother (David Simpson)

Because He Gave, We Give . . . February 24

Budget Receipts	\$10,716
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$85,616
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$69,086



March 2-9

Happy Anniversary to:

7. Jim and Betty Agnew

Happy Birthday to:

2. Bob Parker, Eddie Poag,
3. Tommy Latham, Janeen Stephens, Karen Metz
4. Terry Tumblin, Judy West
6. Ruth O'Donnell
7. Katie Jeter, Todd Whitaker
8. Cathy Finley, Evelyn Pugh

Family Night Supper . . . Wednesday, March 5

Make or cancel reservations by Tuesday noon by calling the church office. If you do not cancel your reservation, by **Tuesday noon**, you are obligated to pay.

Menu: BBQ chicken, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, banana pudding, bread and drink

Serving Team 2: Eunice Graham, Melissa Lawton
Marian Huskey, Ted Garner

Reservation Attendant: Frances Gregory

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Return Service Requested

Servants This Week

Every member a minister

Deacons of the Month: Walt Green, Mills Hunter,
Will Kirby

Preschool Volunteers: Robby and Tiffany Bannister
Dan and Bonnie Burgess, Teresa Howard

No Children's Church

Wednesday Preschool: Rhonda Capparelli

Ushers: Frank Black, Walt Green, Perry Folk, Ken Hall

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk/Ryan Richards

Monday Counters: Sarah Phillips, Nancy Williams

Church Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson
Minister of Students and Children: Blue Bryan
Interim Minister of Music: Joel Duncan
Financial Assistant: Brenda Whitaker
Ministry Assistant: Anne Beaver
Custodian: Tommy Murray
Pianist: Patty Nance
Organist: Pat Cannon
Hostess/Food Service: Tammy Wallace



The Gate Post

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633 Summit Drive
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Helping one another develop healthy, growing, and*

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This Sunday

10:45 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

Be here Sunday to welcome Vince and Brenda Tharpe of Art Alive Ministries to Northgate.

We will worship together as they present the gospel of Christ through chalk art, contemporary Christian music, and special effects. You will want your entire family, your neighbors and your friends to experience this unforgettable time of worship with you.

All ages will enjoy this worship experience. Therefore, there will be no children's church. Bring your children to worship with you.

A love offering will be taken for the Good Shepherd Happy Children's Home in Africa.

Visit www.artalive.org for more information on the Tharpes and their ministry.