



Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Have you noticed that the Dogwood trees are beginning to bloom (a sure sign of Spring)? As I have been enjoying the beauty of God's nature this week, I have been impressed and refreshed by the patterns of change that God instituted in His creation. Things are beginning to change; but change doesn't come without its challenges.

According to Clark Cothorn of Tecumseh, Michigan, the U.S. standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is four feet, eight and one-half inches. Why such an odd number? Well, it seems that American railroads were first built by the British and that's the way the British built their railroads in England. But why did the British adopt that particular gauge? Because the people who built the pre-railroad tramways used that gauge. And the people who built the tramways used the same gauge that had been used for building wagons. So, why were wagons built to that scale? Because with any other size, the wheels did not fit the wheel ruts on the roads. So, who built these wheel-rutted roads? The first long-distance highways in Europe were built by the Romans for the benefit of their armies. Those ruts were first made by Roman war chariots and four feet, eight and one-half inches was the width a chariot needed to accommodate the rear ends of two war horses. Cothorn added, "Maybe 'that's the way it's always been' isn't the great excuse some people believe it to be."

Isaac Newton's First Law of Motion states, "Everything continues in a state of rest unless it is compelled to change by forces impressed upon it." Change is inevitable, inescapable and invaluable. Where would we be without change in our lives?

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

Blessings in Jesus,

Bany



Parent-Child Dedication
May 11



Tickets are \$20. All proceeds will go toward the youth mission trip this summer.

Parents Night Out

Call Tina Jimmerson to take advantage of some free babysitting this Friday night from 6 - 8 p.m. for children birth through grade 5.

New Mailboxes Are Ready

Have you checked your church mailbox yet? Slots are now labeled for pastor, youth/children pastor, music/worship leader, secretary, custodian, men's ministry, women's ministry, deacon chairman, church clerk, FAITH Team, SS director, children's church, WMU, Brotherhood, GA director, RA director, library, transportation, technology (sound/audio), JOY Club, senior adults, Nominating Committee, Grounds Committee, and Building Committee, When mail, information, literature, etc. comes to the office, we will place it in the proper mailbox slot. If you are the chairman of a committee, etc, remember to check your mailbox each time you are in the church. If you feel your ministry needs a slot, contact the church office. Thanks for your cooperation.

Spring Fling
May 18 from 2 - 5



If you are a member of Northgate and are graduating this year, please contact Blue or the church office at 242-3805 this week.

We recently cancelled the church credit card at Bi-Lo. If you need to make a purchase at Bi-Lo, please come by the church office and get the church Visa card.

Please contact the church office if you need to reserve or use the Fellowship Hall, a classroom, the vans, table cloths, or any church property. As we grow, everything needs to be approved through the church office and placed on the main church calendar to prevent schedule conflicts and loss of church property. Let's be good stewards of God's property. Thanks for your cooperation.

WMU/WEM Spring Meeting

Thursday, April 24

6:15—8:30 at Laurel Baptist Church

Speaker: Jackie Neely, retired missionary to Zimbabwe and Cayman Islands

Tickets to salad dinner are \$10 and must be purchased by Friday, April 18. Contact Runette Sweatmon. Remember to bring non-food baby items for Greenville crisis centers.

All WMU groups (morning, night, and home mission) are invited to meet together on Tuesday, April 22 at 6 p.m. A light meal will be served. Come enjoy a program on life's disappointments by Sybil Farrow. Bring your husband, too!

Senior Adult Day Is May 4

Does money seem to be a source of struggle for your family?

God wants you to live and to live abundantly. (John 10:10) Find out more about it at the Financial Seminar on May 16 and 17. Contact Tina Jimmerson for more information and to register.



Cottage Prayer Meeting

April 20
at 6 p.m.



Associational VBS
Clinic

Tuesday, April 29 at 6 p.m.
Rocky Creek Baptist

Our church family **MATTERS**

Homebound Member of the Week

William Reynolds
Myrtle Beach Manor - Rem. Unit
9547 Highway 17 North, Myrtle Beach SC 29572

Nursing Home Resident of the Week

Esther Cothran
402 Dellwood Circle, Greenville SC 29609

Because He Gave, We Give . . . April 13

Budget Receipts	\$ 11,355
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$160,530
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$155,197

Happy Birthday for the Week of April 20-26

* Homebound Member

- 20. Ashley Agnew, Nathan Hamilton
- 21. Violet Shehan, Mat Wallace, Donna Dill, April Thibeau, Bonnie Burgess, Blue Bryan, Luke Ross
- 24. Betty Agnew
- 25. Kathe Walker, Carolyn Finch, Jonathan Sherrill
- 26. Barbara Lollis
- 22. Tom and Almena Simon
- 24. Bill and Shirley Bishop
- 25. Keith and Amy Gaines

Christian Sympathy Is Extended to

Marvin Lollis on the death of his aunt, Laverne Walls on the death of her nephew, and to Bill Bishop on the death of his brother and step-brother.

Family Night Supper . . .Wednesday, April 23

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: Chicken Pot Pie, Rice Pilaf, Cinnamon Apples, Triple Chocolate Cake, Bread, and Drink

Serving Team: Judy West, Rhonda Capparelli, Jean Outz, Pam Waters

Reservation Attendant: Lewis Barker

Northgate Goal	\$7,500
Received to Date	<u>\$6,805</u>
Needed to Reach Our Goal	\$ 695

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Return Service Requested

Ministers This Week

Every member a minister

Deacons of the Month of April: Warren Peden
Glenn Walls, Tom Simon

Preschool Ministers: Jered and Katie Nisky, Warren and Allison Peden, Nick and Laurel Shaler

Children's Church: Jamie and Teresa Brazell, Mills Hunter

Wednesday Ministers: Joan Taylor

Ushers: Robby Bannister, Chasie Bearden, Mills Hunter
Harry Cunningham

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk/Steve Todd

Monday Counters: Evelyn Bradey, Peggy McGinnis

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

Northgate Baptist Church
 Pastor, Dr. Barry Jimmerson

*Loving God, Loving People...Here, There, and Everywhere
 Helping one another develop healthy, growing, and
 productive relationships with God, family, and community.*

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Happy Birthday to Me!

If you are a lady and you have a birthday (and, yes, we all have one . . . admit it or not!), then you are invited to celebrate. Come to a birthday party in your honor this Saturday from 1:00 until 3:30 in the Fellowship Hal.

If you had a secret sister last year, you will find out who has been so nice to you this year. If you would like to participate next year, this is the time to join.



*Yes, it's your party, you can cry
 (and laugh and celebrate) if you want to!*

*You can even eat all the cake you want
 and nobody will tell!!!*



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