

Our church family **MATTERS**

On call this weekend

In case of an emergency call
Blue Bryan @ 243-7377

Homebound Member of the Week

Margaret Bennett
Greenville Place #85, 2006 Pelham Road Greenville 29601

Because He Gave, We Give . . . January 17

Budget Receipts	\$ 4,003
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$31,983
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$18,105
Lottie Moon	\$ 9,584

Happy Birthday for January 24-30

* HOMEBOUND MEMBER

25. Will Traynham
28. Steve Campbell, Scotty Johnson
29. Bob Lee
30. Judy Whaley, Adam Cartee
31. Bob Whaley, Lorra Sharp



Happy Anniversary

30: John and Kellee Vernon

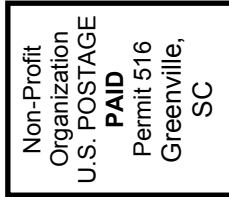
Family Night Supper . . . January 27

To make or cancel reservations, you must call the church office by **Tuesday noon**. If you do not cancel your reservation by Tuesday noon, you are obligated to pay.

At the present time we are not equipped for walk-ins on Wednesday nights. Please make sure your name is on the list if you wish to eat.

Menu: All you can eat Taco Night with rice and beans, apple empanadas

Kitchen Helpers: **Red Team**



NORTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH

633 Summit Drive
Greenville South Carolina 29609

Return Service Requested

Ministers for January 24-30

Deacons of the Month: Don Calvert, Walt Green, Perry Folk

Preschool Ministers: Dan and Bonnie Burgess, Season Foster
Robby and Tiffany Bannister

Children's Church: Judy West, Rhonda Capparelli, Almena Simon

Wednesday Preschool Ministers: Pam Waters, Susan McClure

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

Sound/Video/Camera: John Folk, Debbie Hudson, Adam Cartee

Counter: Bonnie Arey

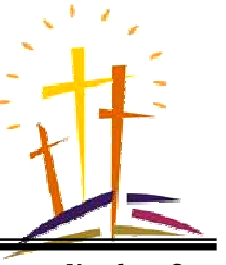
Church Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson
Minister of Education /Students: Blue Bryan
Interim Worship Leader: Sherilyn Ammons
Financial Assistant: Brenda Whitaker
Ministry Assistant: Anne Beaver

Custodian: Tommy Murray
Pianist: Patti Nance
Interim Organist: Karen Beason
Hostess: Tammy Wallace

The Gate Post

Northgate Baptist Church
Pastor, Dr. Barry Jimmerson



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Grow in Christ!

Learn How to

- love the Lord and serve Him in a meaningful way
- follow the Lord and live your life in accordance with His will and Word.

Join a discipleship class at Northgate that guides new and renewed believers to a more mature walk in Christ.

Adults

Men's Fraternity meets each Sunday at 6:00

Experiencing God meets Wednesdays at 6:30

Financial Peace meets Wednesdays at 6:30

Classic Christianity is taught each Wednesday at 7:00

Parent Fuel: For the Fire Inside Our Kids meets on Wednesdays at 6:00

Children

Team Kid meets each Wednesday at 6:30

Preschool

Care and Ministry Wednesdays at 6:30

Youth

Experiencing God Sundays at 6 p.m.

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Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

We have all been taken back with the massive disaster in Haiti as well as our own personal losses at Northgate. Sometimes we feel overwhelmed with grief that goes along with the burdens of life. One thing (other than my faith in God and His Word) that helps me to cope with such loss is to look at disaster and heartache in the scope of history. One such story is the story of Dresden, Germany, during World War II.

Dresden was the seventh largest city in Germany during World War II. It lies just west of the Polish and Czech Republic borders. Dresden was not a highly strategic city in Nazi Germany's war machine; however, it did have rail lines that ferried Nazi soldiers to the Eastern front and some factories that supported the Nazi war effort which, in the eyes of Allied leaders, made the city a legitimate military target. In one of the most controversial acts of the war, the British and American Air Forces bombed Dresden on February 13 and 14, 1945. The controversy centered not on the bombing of military targets such as the rail lines and factories (they had been bombed previously in the war); but that the civilian population at the city's center was bombed horrendously so late in the war when the war's outcome was no longer in doubt. The population of the city was swollen with refugees fleeing the approaching Russian Army to the point that no historian knows just how many people were in Dresden at the time of the bombing. Estimates of the casualties range from 35,000 to 500,000 killed. To make matters worse, many of the bombs dropped were incendiary bombs creating a firestorm that literally melted the streets and removed the oxygen from the air. Scientists and historians estimate that the surface temperature at the city's center reached eighteen hundred degrees Fahrenheit. In all, through three main waves of bombings, over 3,300 tons of bombs were dropped on that city.

It is easiest for us to simply resign the tragedy of Dresden to the horrors of war, but the reality is that each one of those killed had loved ones. The same heaviness of heart lies with us now as we try to grasp the mass devastation in Haiti, a nation already severely impoverished and the personal loss of several of our families and friends. Losses like these transcend our ability to understand and we are left with the only answer we have. **Isaiah 55:8 – "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.**

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

Blessings in Jesus,

**GROW Team G begins
Monday, February 1 at 6 p.m.**



Northgate's Got Talent!

For preschool - adults!
Show Northgate your talent on Saturday, February 13. Sign up by Sunday, February 7 with Blue Bryan or Tina Jimmerson to showcase your talent. Talent performances must be Christian based. Tickets will be available for purchase soon. Adult tickets are \$10 and children-under-twelve tickets are \$5 for lasagna, salad, bread and dessert. Treat your valentine to a fun-filled night at Northgate.

We are trying to conserve the resources God has given us. Therefore, if you would like to receive your Gate Post by email instead of snail mail each week, call the church office and let us know. If we do not hear from you, there will be no change in how you receive your Gate Post.

Women on Mission

WMU ladies are reminded of their meeting on Tuesday, January 26 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Choose one to attend.

Ordinance of the Lord's Supper

We will observe this ordinance on Sunday, January 31. Following the service, everyone will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a meal. Please bring a vegetable and dessert or salad. The church will furnish the meat.

If you missed sessions 3 or 4 of GROW Training, you may make them up on Sunday, January 24 or 31 at 9:30 a.m.

Would you like to join the Summit Drive PTA? If so, just bring \$5 to the church office. Summit Drive is our partnership school.

Thank you, Northgate
for giving 97% of the 2009 church budget.

Haiti Relief Efforts

Funds are being accepted at the SC Baptist Convention. In the memo line write *Haiti Earthquake Victims*. 100% will go to assist victims. Mail donations to SC Baptist Convention Disaster Relief, 190 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia SC 29210.

Our nursery is growing and we need more loving arms to hold and rock our new babies during Sunday School each week. If you would like to help us love our preschoolers, please see someone in the nursery department or call the church office.



Cottage Prayer Service
Sunday, February 7 @ 5 p.m.
In Fellowship Hall

Church conference is January 27 at 6:30 p.m.



Super Bowl Sunday

Super Bowl Sunday is February 7. We will not have a *souper bowl* meal but we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items and money for the Eastside Crisis Center. Help the less fortunate in our community.

Join a discipleship class!

Christian discipleship is the process by which disciples grow in the Lord Jesus Christ and are equipped by the Holy Spirit to overcome the pressures and trials of this present life and become more and more Christ-like. This process requires believers to respond to the Holy Spirit's prompting to examine their thoughts, words and actions and compare them with the Word of God. This requires that we be in the Word daily—studying it, praying over it, and obeying it. According to Scripture, being a Christian disciple involves personal growth.