

Northgate Family News

In case of an emergency call:

Barry Jimmerson @ 609-1845
 Blue Bryan @ 243-7377
 Ruth Harrison @ 380-7850

Our homebound member of the week:

Pete Bailey, Martha Franks Retirement Center,
 1 Martha Franks Drive, Laurens, SC 29360

Christian sympathy is extended to Charlotte Cameron on the death of her brother (Chuck Ping) and to Glenn Winchester on the death of his brother (Ray Winchester)

Thank you: We have received a thank you note from John, Sarah, and Elizabeth Folk

Our Giving for two weeks:

<u>February 20</u>		<u>February 27</u>	
Budget Receipts	\$ 5,634	Budget Receipts	\$10,752
Budget Req. Y-T-D	\$82,536	Budget Req. Y-T-D	\$92,853
Budget Rec. Y-T-D	\$64,785	Budget Rec. Y-T-D	\$75,537

Happy Birthday for Feb. 27 - March 12 (including last week)

27. Bobbie Godfrey, Anthony Zywiczynski
 28. Bonnie Arey
 1. Gail Peeler
 2. Bob Parker
 3. Tommy Latham, Janeen Stephens, Peggy Anthony, Karen Metz
 4. Henry Godfrey, Judy West, Anissa Henderson
 5. Thomas Dacus
 6. Ruth O'Donnell
 7. Chris Jones, Todd Whitaker
 8. Cathy Finley
 9. Evelyn Pugh
 10. Kathy Todd
 11. Mills Hunter
 12. Rose Shockley, Carolyn Wynn, Tony Brown, Kelli Merritt

Family Supper Meal on March 9

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 expected to pay.

Kitchen Helpers: Tom Simon, Anne Danciu, Ann Therrell, Alicia Henry, Del Sabeau, Barbara Lollis

Menu: Pork chops, yellow rice, broccoli w/cheese, pinto beans, millionaire pie

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Ministers for March 6-12

Deacons of the Month: Jack Dill, Joey Hall, Will Moore

Preschool Worship: Chasie Bearden, Warren and Allison Peden, Harry and Dawn Cunningham, Joan Taylor

Baby Room, Sunday School: Ruth Harrison, Lou Jean Barker

No Children's Church

Wednesday Preschool Ministers: Robby Bannister, Dan Burgess

Ushers: youth

Sound/Video/Camera: John Folk, Debbie Hudson, Kelsey Todd

Counter: Marian Huskey

Release Time: Jan Calvert, Barbara Lollis, Lou Jean Barker, Peggy Kirby

Church Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson
 Minister of Education /Students: Blue Bryan
 Interim Worship Leader: Sherilyn Ammons
 Minister of Preschool/Children: Ruth Harrison
 Financial Assistant: Brenda Whitaker

Ministry Assistant: Anne Beaver
 Custodian: Tommy Murray
 Pianist: Patti Nance
 Interim Organist: Karen Beason
 Hostess: Tammy Wallace

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

I have never read an article about the transatlantic slave trade like the one in the February 2011 issue of *Civil War Times*. The article is entitled, "Hell on the Water," and written by Ron Soodalter. February is Black History Month in our nation; therefore, I have devoted my articles in *The Gatepost* to this blemish on our nation's soul by referencing this moving article.

Mr. Soodalter wrote (p.55), "In August 1860, young sea captain Nathaniel Gordon ("Lucky Nat," as he was called) was apprehended on open waters just two hours off the mouth of the Congo River. Gordon was a native of Portland, Maine, who had completed at least three previous voyabges, and had just traded whiskey for 897 Africans – half of them children. After cramming them into the hold of *Erie*, a ship of only 122 feet, he was bound for Cuba's slave markets when a U.S. sloop-of-war sighted him by chance and ran him down. On first sighting the sloop, Gordon assumed it was a British ship and left his U.S. flag aloft. That resulted in *Erie* being boarded and seized, and Gordon and his two mates were subsequently taken under guard to jail, under federal indictment in New York. At first Gordon seemed headed for an easy acquittal. New York's courts had a long-standing reputation for showing leniency to slavers, and Gordon's backers had hired some of the city's most prominent attorneys, who were experienced in slave trade cases. Jailers often looked the other way as accused slavers escaped, usually to return to sea. Then too the U.S. attorney, James I. Roosevelt, had no particular interest in prosecuting slaving cases. And if all this were not enough, James Buchanan, president when Gordon was arrested, had gone on public record saying he would never hang a slaver. Apparently Nathaniel Gordon had nothing to worry about. Then came the 1860 election of Abraham Lincoln, and a strongly Democratic, Southern-leaning New York City found itself with a new Republican U.S. attorney, E. Delafield Smith, who entered office determined to put an end to the slave trade. Smith made Nathaniel Gordon his personal demon. Charged under the old 1820 Piracy Act, Gordon had a veritable "dream team" defending him, but the old arguments that had worked for decades to set slavers free no longer worked. It took more than a year and two trials, but Delafield Smith won his conviction and, from a Connecticut judge trying his first slave case, a sentence of death. Kindly though he was, Lincoln drew the line in the case of a slaver. As he eloquently put it, 'I think I would personally prefer to let this man live in confinement and let him meditate on his deeds, yet in the name of justice



Norma Cornish
February 18, 2011



Team G
Monday@ 6:00

and the majesty of law, there ought to be one case, at least one specific instance, of a professional slave-trader, a Northern white man, given the exact penalty of death because of the incalculable number of deaths he and his kind inflicted upon black men amid the horror of the sea-voyage from Africa.' "Lucky Nat" was hanged in New York City's prison on February 21, 1862. Within a year, there would be no more American slave ships plying the Atlantic."

You may read more about this subject in Ron Soodalter's book, *Hanging Captain Gordon: The Life and Trial of an American Slave Trader*.

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

Blessings in Christ,

Bany



Our Goal for North American Missions
\$5,000
Envelopes are in your individual packet.

The Celebration Choir will have an extra rehearsal this Sunday from 3:00 - 5:00 for their Easter music.

Choose a Class to Attend



- ▲ **The Book of Galatians:** Every Wednesday night at 7:00. Lead by Dr. Jimmerson.
- ▲ **Matthew in Focus:** Wednesdays at 6:30 in Room 206, lead by David McClure.
- ▲ **More Than a Carpenter Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 6:30 in Room 202, facilitated by Will Kirby.

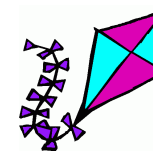
▲ **Life Lessons from Women of the Bible:** Class meets Wednesdays at 6:30 in Room 203. Facilitator is Heather Bryan.

▲ **Life Transformation Groups (LTG):** Contact Blue Bryan.

Women's Birthday Party

OK, ladies, here's your chance for an afternoon out with other ladies! Don't miss the fun and fellowship this Saturday, March 5 from 1:00 - 3:00. Cherrie Nettles will be the quest speaker. Secret sisters will be revealed at this time and new ones will be selected. Every one of us has a birthday, so come out and celebrate it!

It's a Great Time to Be a Kid at Northgate!



▲ Kids, come and bring your friends to Kids' Kite Day on Saturday, March 19 at 12:30. Enjoy a day of kite making, kite flying, and jumping in the bounce house. We will even cook s'mores over an open fire. We have a great day planned for our preschoolers and children. Don't miss it.

- ▲ Watch for info about our Egg Hunt on April 9.
- ▲ Ask Mrs. Ruth about filling out the Listener's Guide in the bulletin for the month of March (grades 4 and 5). You just might receive a prize!

Uccoming Events

▲ April 3: Concert by Rodrigo Rodriguez and Friends. Rodrigo, a classical guitarist, travels the world performing concerts. You can hear some of his music on his website.

▲ English as a Second Language Teacher Training is April 7-9 @ White Oak Baptist Church. A \$40 registration fee is due to the Greenville Baptist Association by March 24.



- ▲ April 9: Egg Hunt
- ▲ April 10: Friend Day and Baptism
- ▲ April 17: Easter Cantata