



We have been examining an article written by Dr. Will McRaney, Jr. entitled, "5 Ways to Overcome a Fear of Witnessing." We have seen that he listed four common fears that often inhibit our witness for Christ. Those fears are: rejection, failure, loss of relationship and lack of knowledge. Appropriately, he also presented remedies.

Dr. McRaney wrote that the first thing we must do is to **"Recognize that fear is natural, although we are seeking to live in the power of the supernatural."** Another of his suggestions was, **"We can recognize that fear is not from God but a tool of Satan."** The suggestion we considered last week was, **"Love will disperse fear."** This week, we will consider his next suggestion to help us overcome fear in witnessing: **"Fear should drive us to a greater dependence on God."** Dr. McRaney wrote, "Remember, evangelism is about God, who chooses to use us. Reliance upon the Holy Spirit in prayer is always the position to maintain. We are never stronger than when we have bowed our spirits in dependence upon God to do what we cannot."

Sometimes we forget the incredible importance of prayer in evangelism. Salvation is God's work and prayer is our lifeline to God; therefore, prayer is vital for evangelism. Allow me to challenge you to pray for the salvation of an individual, prepare yourself to share the gospel through your testimony (by the way, if you are having a hard time with your testimony, maybe you need one) and then expect God to provide opportunities for you to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the person for whom you have been praying. Prayer is a privilege and a very powerful tool. Without it we should be afraid to witness for Christ!

For a biblical example of prayer in evangelism, simply read **Romans 10:1-3** – **"Dear friends, my greatest wish and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved. <sup>2</sup>I know they love God, but they don't understand <sup>3</sup>what makes people acceptable to him. So they refuse to trust God, and they try to be acceptable by obeying the Law"** (CEV).

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

Blessings in Christ,

*Bary*



**GROW Team W  
Monday @ 6:00**



School has begun for another year. Please be careful in school zones and watch out for others. Pray for our students, teachers, parents, and school administration as they begin a new year of learning with our children.

### Greeter Training Session

All greeters, including deacons and ushers, are asked to meet for an important training session in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 28 at 4:30.



### Wednesday Nights

Help is needed on Wednesday nights for the fellowship meal time. You can either come early and serve or stay after the meal to help clean up (no dish washing). We would like to have enough teams so you would only have to work once every five to six weeks. Contact Judy West to join this ministry.

### 633 Worship

Sunday, August 21 @ 6:33 p.m.  
Everyone is invited, especially youth

### Baby Shower



You are invited to a baby shower given by Judy Rothfuss and Judy Whaley on August 21 from 3:00 - 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall honoring Gary and Heather Kirby and their soon-to-be new addition. They are registered at Babies-R-Us.

### Shepherd's Gate Ministry

We have several ladies who minister each week to abused ladies at Shepherd's Gate. They are beginning to take donations to purchase Christmas gifts for the ladies. If you can give to this ministry contact Debby Folk or Linda Hardesty.

**August 24 is Art Night:** Kids, don't miss this! David Ammons and Kelly Hall will be leading this fun session.



Come to our church-wide Labor Day Picnic on Monday, September 5 from 4:00 - 9:00 at Paris Mountain State Park. Get to know your church family

better while having fun and enjoying hot dogs! The church will furnish the hot dogs and we are asking you to bring a side-dish to go with them. Make your reservations by calling the office or by filling in the form in the bulletin. We need to know approximately how many hot dogs to prepare.

### A New Discovery Class Has Begun

The new session of Discovery Class which began last Sunday will continue during the Sunday School hour for two more Sundays, August 21 and 28. This class is designed for anyone and is required for all new members at Northgate. You don't have to be a member to attend.

### Called Business Meeting

There will be a called business meeting on Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30 to approve the Nominating Committee Report for next year.

### Childcare at Northgate

Childcare/supervision at Northgate for birth - 18 years of age must be done by Northgate members who are on our list of approved workers. To be on the list, you must have an approved background check done by Northgate. If you will be working next year in Sunday School, Wednesday nights, music, missions, special events or trips, please come by the church office and sign a form giving us approval to do a confidential background check.

### Please Note

We do not include birthdays or anniversary dates for people who are listed on our computer system as non-resident. Non-residents are those members who live out of town or those for whom we have no address.

Our church family **MATTERS**

**In Case of Emergency Call:**

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

**Our Homebound Member of the Week:**

Grady Watson  
Greenville Place Apt. 24  
2006 Pelham Road, Greenville SC 29615

**Giving to the Lord:**

August 14  
Budget Receipts                      \$ 8,690  
Budget Required YTD                \$340,461  
Budget Received YTD                \$288,074

**Happy Birthday August 21-27**

24: \*Alberta Odom, Pat Foster, Jackie McCown, Trisha Green  
25: Pat Derrick, Lacey Moore  
26: Wyatt Traynham, Barry Kerr, Braylin Hunter  
27: David Cornish, Teresa Porter

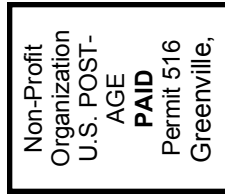
**Happy Anniversary August 21-27**

23: Nick and Laurel Shaler  
27: Wyatt and Carol Tranyham

**Fellowship Meals**

**Will Begin Again After Labor Day**

We will use the same permanent Wednesday night meal list from last year. If you do not want to be on the list, you must call the church office and remove your name. If you want to add your name to the permanent list, please let us know soon.



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Return Service Requested

**Ministers This Week**

Every member a minister

**Deacons of the Month:** Jack Dill, Joey Hall, Will Moore  
**Preschool Worship:** Jered and Katie Nisky, Laverne Walls, Danette Hunter, Pam Waters, Almena Simon  
**Preschool Sunday School:** Ruth Harrison, Lou Jean Barker  
**Children's Church:** Blue and Heather Bryan, Tina Jimmerson  
**Wednesday Ministers:** Ted Garner, Chasie Bearden  
**Ushers:** Jamie Brazell, Markus Heinis, Nick Shaler, David McClure  
**Sound/Video Projection:** John Folk, Steve Todd, Kristopher Newman  
**Counter:** Bonnie Arey

**Church Staff**

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson  
Minister of Students and Children: Blue Bryan  
Minister of Childrem/Preschool: Ruth Harrison  
Worship Leader: Richard Hendricks  
Financial Assistant: Brenda Whitaker  
Ministry Assistant: Anne Beaver  
Custodian: Tommy Murray  
Pianist: Patty Nance  
Interim Organist: Karen Beason

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**Week of Prayer**  
for Northgate  
Begins this Sunday

Brochures will be in your bulletin Sunday morning to guide your prayer time next week. We will be praying for each of the five core functions of Northgate, and for the deacons, church leaders, and staff. Be sure to get a brochure Sunday.

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