

From Our Pastor

Have you noticed that our culture is changing...quickly?! George Barna (a Christian market research firm) sheds some interesting light on cultural changes regarding American's worldview of God. In a 2009 report (www.barna.org/transformation), Barna informed us that few Americans have a "biblical worldview."

Following are some of his conclusions:

"Varying numbers of Americans embrace the different aspects of biblical worldview thinking. The survey found that:

- ◆ One-third of all adults (34%) believe that moral truth is absolute and unaffected by the circumstances. Slightly less than half of the born again adults (46%) believe in absolute moral truth.
- ◆ Half of all adults firmly believe that the Bible is accurate in all the principles it teaches. That proportion includes the four-fifths of born again adults (79%) who concur.
- ◆ Just one-quarter of adults (27%) are convinced that Satan is a real force. Even a minority of born again adults (40%) adopt that perspective.
- ◆ Similarly, only one-quarter of adults (28%) believe that it is impossible for someone to earn their way into Heaven through good behavior. Not quite half of all born again Christians (47%) strongly reject the notion of earning salvation through their deeds.
- ◆ A minority of American adults (40%) are persuaded that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life while He was on earth. Slightly less than two-thirds of the born again segment (62%) strongly believes that He was sinless.
- ◆ Seven out of ten adults (70%) say that God is the all-powerful, all-knowing creator of the universe who still rules it today. That includes the 93% of born again adults who hold that conviction."

These statistics prove that we have to be all the more diligent in being bold witnesses of the gospel of Christ. If our lives have been changed by the gospel, we need to be prepared to stand on that testimony and to communicate it to others. Fewer and fewer Americans appear to be true followers of Christ. Pray for revival.

Blessings in Christ,

Bany

**No GROW
This Week**



You Are Appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our VBS a success this year. Thanks to our VBS children and youth, to their parents and to all workers and teachers. We could not have done it without those who helped in the kitchen, helped paint the props, those who picked up decorations and helped decorate, those who made and donated sandwiches and other food, those who made monetary donations, those who helped with the outreach and follow-up, and everything else it took to make this a great week. We had the best VBS ever! Here are some of the statistics.

Enrollment: 120
Average attendance: 117
Offering: \$611
Not Northgate attenders: 28
Families not attending Northgate: 11
Possible professions of faith: 8
Adult workers/helpers: 38



Deacon Election

Deacon election is this Sunday, July 29. Northgate members will elect five (5) men from the list below. Please pray that God would reveal to you the men that will serve Northgate best for a three-year term. The candidates are Robby Bannister, Ted Garner, David McClure, Bill Nix, Bob Parker, Tommy Stephens, and Dean Waters.

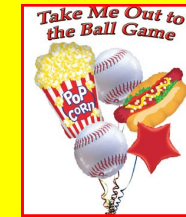
Mark Your Calendar

On Sunday, August 19 we will have a special service of dedication for the recent updates to our facilities. This includes the new stage area and the renovations completed due to water damage last year. Please make plans to be here for this service.

To stay up-to-date on what's happening at Northgate, please read your Gate Post and Sunday bulletin, and check your emails and our church website at northgatebaptist.com frequently.

FOR KIDS K5 - GRADE 6

We are taking the **Terrific Thursday** kids (K5 - grade 6) and their families to the Greenville Drive game on Thursday, August 2. If you are already signed up for Terrific Thursday, your fee is already paid and you will get a \$5 token to use at the concession stand. Other kids in your family in K5 - grade 6 can go for \$10, which includes a ticket and token. The cost for parents, preschoolers, and youth in your family is \$8 for ticket only. Reservations must be made by Monday, July 30 by calling the church office or emailing admin@northgatebaptist.com. Children attending without a parent should meet at the church at 6:00 to go to the game.



VBS Shirts

If you ordered a VBS T-shirt, please give your money or a check made payable to Northgate Baptist to Ruth as soon as possible. The cost is \$8 per shirt.

Save the Dates

The Lord's Supper, August 5 ▪ Dedication of new worce completed in our facilities, August 19 ▪ Week of Prayer for Northgate, August, 19-26 ▪ Youth Disciple Now Weekend, August 24-25

We must abide by our Child Protection Policy. Only adults over the age of 18 who have had a background check (done in confidence by Northgate ministry assistant) and are on our approved list may provide care for children under the age of 18. This includes preschool care, children's church, and all activities for this age child.

If you are in the building while Sunday School, worship services, Wednesday events, and any other activities are being held, you are expected to attend the events and not gather in other places. Thank you.

Our church family **MATTERS**

In Case of Emergency Call

Barry Jimmerson @ 609-1845

Ruth Harrison @ 380-7850

Blue Bryan @ 243-7377

Richard Hendricks @ 884-6912

Our Homebound Member of the Week

Clara Caraway

1814 N Main Street, Greenville SC 29609



Congratulations to

▪ Joey and Kelly Hall on the birth of their daughter, **Mary Tynan** on July 17. Her big brother is Liam and her grandparents are Ken and Joan Hall.



▪ David and Linda Craig on the birth of their grandson, **Andrew Garrett Seay** on July 3.

Giving to the Lord

July 22

Budget Receipts \$ 8,234

Budget Required YTD \$321,720

Budget Received YTD \$277,362

Happy Birthday for the Week of July 29-August 4

30: Jan Calvert

31: Ed Snyder, Tommy Merritt, Conner Murphy

1: *Grady Watson, Tom Henry

2: Janet Landers, Rebecca Ballenger

3: John Hetrick, Debby Folk

4: Lydia Hill, Makenzie Moore

Happy Anniversary July 29-August 4

25: Dan and Bonnie Burgess (omitted last week)

26: Bob and Jessie Parker (omitted last week)

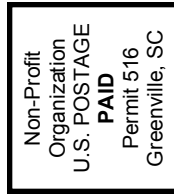
30: Barry and Denise Agnew

31: Charles and Norma Outz

2: John and Gayle Wells

4: Steve and Julie Campbell

Please notify the church office as soon as possible if you change your address. The USPS charges 45¢ for every piece of mail that is returned. Thank you for helping us conserve the church's finances.



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Return Service Requested

Ministers for the Week of July -29-August 4

Every member a minister

Deacons of the Month: Walt Green, Steve Todd, Don Calvert
August: Jack Dill, Tom Simon, Will Moore

Preschool Worship: Tony and Laura Green, Cynthia Hudson,
Will Kirby, Warren and Allison Peden

Children's Church: Blue and Heather Bryan

Wednesday Night: Rhonda Capparelli, Teresa Green

Preschool Sunday School: Janet Cartee, Danette Hunter

Ushers: Mike Cartee, Bill Nix, Lee Coker, Will Moore

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk, Debbie Hudson,
Christopher Newman

Counter: Ken Shirley

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson

Minister of Students and Education: Blue Bryan

Minister of Children/Preschool: Ruth Harrison

Worship Leader: Richard Hendricks

The Gate Post

Northgate Baptist Church
Pastor, Dr. Barry Jimmerson



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It's Time to Have Some Fun!



Beginning Monday
July 30
9:00 a.m.

for kids in K5 - grade 10

You may not learn to be a Harlem Globetrotter, but you **will** learn to play basketball and learn about God's love. We have a great camp led by the coach and players from Southern Wesleyan Methodist University.

We still have room for YOU.

Bring your friends.

Be in the gym by 9:00 Monday morning.

Basketball Camp 2012

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