

From Our Pastor

I came across this story the other day. God spoke to me through it; I thought you might enjoy it too. "Three times a month, Jermaine Washington and Michelle Stevens get together for what they call a "gratitude lunch." With good reason! Washington donated a kidney to Stevens, whom he described as "just a friend." They met at work where they used to have lunch together. One day Michelle wept as she spoke about waiting on a kidney donor list for 11 months. She was being sustained by kidney dialysis, but suffered chronic fatigue and blackouts and was plagued by joint pain. Because Washington couldn't stand the thought of watching his friend die, he gave her one of his kidneys. When you've got something great to be thankful for, having a "gratitude lunch" is a great way to celebrate." (*Today in the Word*, November 14, 1993).

That is such a simple story of thanksgiving. The Lord's Supper is a story of thanksgiving too. It is a reminder of how God's matchless grace met our greatest need. Following the worship service this Sunday, we too will have a "gratitude lunch." We call it a "fellowship meal." This is something we do three times each year (we don't have a fellowship meal in the summer). The purpose of the Lord's Supper is to remember what Christ has accomplished for us on the cross and through the empty tomb – a reflection that always leads to thanksgiving in the life of a believer. The purpose of the Lord Supper and fellowship meal follows the teaching of our Lord. **Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35).** In our worship service, we express our love to the Lord. In our fellowship meal, we express our love to one another.

In addition to our tradition, this Sunday (following our fellowship meal) we will enjoy a concert in the sanctuary by the Gap Creek Singers (of which some of our church members are a part). It is going to be a great day. I pray you will make plans to join us in worship and fellowship.

Remembering,



GROW Team W
Monday night at 6:00



A Great Day Planned This Sunday!

We will observe the Lord's Supper during worship this Sunday, October 21. Following the service we will all come together for a fellowship meal. Bring a couple of large dishes - large one a veggie dish and the other a dessert or salad. At 1:30 the Gap Creek Singers will present a concert of music in the sanctuary. Some of our Northgate members sing with this group.

Trunk or Treat!

This year we are planning a *Trunk or Treat* as our Fall Festival. We need individuals, classes, or groups to turn your car trunk in to a *trunk full of candy* on October 28. See Ruth for more information. Individuals are asked to bring candy treats to go in the trunks.



Order Your Pecans

It's time to order pecans again to raise funds for our mission trip next summer. You can order online or pick up an order form at the church. The deadline to order is November 4.

Upcoming Men's Retreat

Men, don't miss the Equipping Men retreat at Evangelical Institute October 19-20. See Warren Peden for more information.

World Day of Prayer

Several Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer programs will be observed throughout the Greenville Association. Contact Nancy Stephens if you would like to go with the group.

Remember These

- October 21: Lord's Supper, Fellowship Meal
Special Concert by Gap Creek Singers
- October 28: High Attendance Day in Sunday School
Release Time Emphasis
- November 4: Youth Sunday, Time Change,
Shoebox Dedication
- November 11: Veterans Day Service

Be a Messenger!

If you would like to be a messenger from Northgate to the SC Baptist Convention here in Greenville (November 13-14) let the church office know before October 21.

The Greenville Associational meeting is October 25 at City View Church.

Basketball Registration

Basketball registration can be done online this year. If you do not have internet, we will have forms available on request in the church office. The deadline is October 28.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Pack a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes, brochures, labels, and a list of favorite shoe box fillers are available at the bottom of the stairs near the office. Our church-wide goal is 100 shoeboxes. Return your boxes to the church before the dedication service on November 4 at 5:30.

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

Lillian Price
44 Pinehurst Drive, Taylors SC 29687

Giving to the Lord

October 14

Budget Receipts	\$ 3,827
Budget Required YTD	\$450,408
Budget Received YTD	\$381,072
State Missions	\$ 1,972
World Hunger Fund	\$ 1,083



Happy Birthday for the Week of October 21-27

21: Zachary Bishop
 23: Eunice Graham, Sylvia Lee, Mike Davis, Leslie Bruce,
 Bethany Wallace
 24: Peggy McGinnis, Linda Bearden
 25: Susie Jeter, Robert Vass, Ryan Snyder
 26: Jack Nance
 27: Judy Holland, Richard Hudson

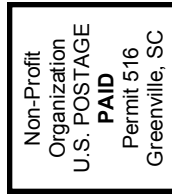
Happy Anniversary October 21-27

21: Mills and Danette Hunter
 22: Marty and Karen Metz
 25: Sean and Kelly Smith

Thank you, church family, for providing 131 pairs of socks to help keep people warm this winter.

Wednesday Night Meals

Our Wednesday night meals are served from 5:15 - 6:30 each Wednesday. Call the church office by noon on Tuesday to add your name or to remove your name from the list. If you do not cancel your permanent reservation by this time you will be charged the following week for the meal you missed.



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Return Service Requested

Ministers for the Week of October 21-27

EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

Deacons of the Month: Jack Dill, Peter Rothfuss, Will Moore

Preschool Sunday School: Almena Simon

Preschool Worship: Robby and Tiffany Bannister,
Dan and Bonnie Burgess, Sarah Folk

Children's Church: Dawn Cunningham, Beth Todd

Wednesday Night: Lou Jean Barker, Teresa Green

Greeters: Lee Coker, Teresa Howard

Ushers: Roy Sabean, Lewis Barker, Jack Nance, Bill Nix

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk, Steve Todd, Kristopher Newman

Counter: Perry Folk

Release Time: Jan Calvert, Dawn Painter, Barbara Lollis,
Joye Solas, Peggy Kirby, Bonnie Burgess

Wednesday Workers: Tom Simon, Ann Therrell, Del and Roy Sabean,
Evelyn Pugh

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson
 Minister of Students and Education: Blue Bryan
 Minister of Children/Preschool: Ruth Harrison
 Worship Leader: Richard Hendricks

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Sunday School Emphasis Month



One of the key components to a successful Sunday School class is ministry. Through the context of a Sunday School class needs can be made known and people can be cared for in biblical ways. Not only are tangible needs met but spiritual ones are met through praying for one another. Would you consider joining a Sunday School class to minister to others or to receive ministry?

Blue

Minister Appreciation Month



Ruth Harrison
Minister of Preschool and Children

My life is built on the foundation of my faith in Jesus as my Lord and Savior. It is my desire to know God more intimately and to serve Him more completely. Throughout my ministry preschoolers and children have been my love and the area of ministry that brings me great joy.

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