

Christmas Eve Service



December 24th
5:00pm

Bring a non-perishable food item for the Eastside Crisis Center to help feed those in need during the holidays. Don't miss this special Christmas Eve service.



Christmas Dinner and
Christmas Around Northgate
Wednesday, December 17

Christmas Around Northgate is coming on Wednesday, December 17. The evening will begin with a Christmas dinner at 5:30 p.m. Reservations for dinner will follow the normal way of registration. Our church has talent, so this year we will showcase the talents of all ages of Northgate people at our annual Wednesday night Christmas celebration beginning at 6:30 p.m. We are looking for people to share their talents with all of us. If you want to participate by singing, dancing, telling a Christmas story, doing a skit, reading a poem or Scripture, please contact Ruth by email or phone by December 10. The music or content must be for Christmas and must be appropriate for all ages and for performance in our sanctuary.

Kids of all ages are invited to join us for refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the talent show.

"Emmanuel, God with Us"

Here Ye! Here Ye! December 14th will be a special Sunday that you won't want to miss! The Adult choirs from Northgate and St. John's will be singing, "Emmanuel, God with Us" arranged by Lloyd Larson. This presentation will be with an orchestra and children's choirs from both churches. So, invite your friends and family for one of the services. On Sunday morning at 10:45 we will sing at Northgate and that evening at 6:00pm at St. John's.

Let's fill both sanctuaries for this incredible musical and presentation of the Gospel message.



Sunday, December 7

Church Conference will be
Wednesday, December 10 @ 6:30
to discuss the budget and a few other
items.

We will vote on the budget, without
discussion on Sunday, December 21.



To Bill & Carter Ann Nix on the birth of their 10th great-grandchild. Oliver Hayden Reece was born November 20 and weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz., he was 20.5" long and has red hair.



SUPPORT THE NORTHGATE
BASKETBALL TEAMS. YOU CAN
FIND THE SCHEDULE OF GAMES
ON THE CALENDAR IN YOUR WEEKLY
BULLETIN OR VISIT THIS WEBSITE
www.quickscores.com/whcb

Joy Club will meet Tuesday, December 16th @ 11am. Charlie Miller an accomplished pianist will be our guest. Charlie is and Associate in Music at Spartanburg First Baptist and previously he was Instrumental Music Director @ Berea First. He was also Musical Director for The Greenville Little Theatre for 11 years. He still performs with Broadway Road Shows that come to the Peace Center. Charlie will bless us with Christmas music. Come join us for a time of singing, food and fellowship. For reservations contact Violet Stephens at (864) 271-0527.



December 4th the Joy Club will be going to the Grove Park Inn. We will be leaving the church at 8am. Contact Violet Stephens at 864-271-0527.



Love came down at Christmas;
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.
-Christina Rossetti

May you savor the season and celebrate the love
of our Savior, Jesus!
Blessings to you from the Library Ministry

We open on Sunday's @ 9am and on
Wednesday's at 5pm.



Pray for the youth and chaperones as they attend
the Big God Conference December 29-January 1.



Charlie Brown

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Season of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
November 30-December 7
Church-wide Prayer - Sunday, December 7 @ 4pm in the Bryan Whitmire class



Women's Missionary Union will meet for a
Season of Prayer for International Missions
on Tuesday, December 2nd at 10:00am. A
covered dish luncheon will follow. All ladies
are invited to attend this special time of
prayer and fellowship together.

SBC GOAL IS \$175 MILLION



FIND YOUR PLACE
IN GOD'S STORY MATTHEW 28:19-20

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS NOV. 30 - DEC. 7

CHURCH GOAL \$8,000



GROW will not be meet during the
months of December. We will
resume January 5.

Thank You notes have been received from:
Jessie Parker and Family

We share our sympathies with: Richard Hendricks on the passing of his aunt, Joyce Adkins; Amanda Jonnalagadda on the passing of her great-grandmother, Nellie Glover; Willine Littlejohn on the passing of Gilbert; Jessie Parker on the passing of Bob; Brenda Penland on the passing of her mother, Thelma Hatfield; Sherri Merritt on the passing of her father, Bob Skelnik; Margaret "Sis" Schaeffer and Wesley Harrison on the passing of their sister-in-law, Margie Harrison.



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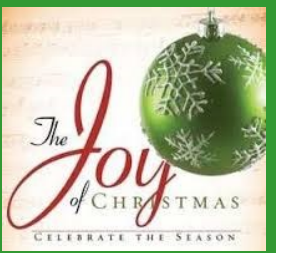
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Thoughts from Pastor Barry



Christmas is such a special time of year! Christmas provides an opportunity to slow down from the fast pace of life and enjoy it. Sometimes we miss that opportunity. Sometimes we allow cultural expectations to dictate our priorities and as a result, we spend this beautiful time of the year feeling irritated, tired and depressed; and somehow, unintentionally, our focus on Christ becomes less than what it should be.

This Christmas let's be proactive, not reactive. Let's allow God to set the pace for the season. **Jesus is the reason for the season.** Let's not allow anything to steal our worship! Let's commit to be in church with other believers for corporate worship to celebrate the incarnation of God in the advent of The Christ! Christmas is not about Black Friday or Cyber Monday. It's about December 25 - Holy Thursday! Christmas is a time to celebrate God's greatest gift to the world – the gift of His only Son and our only Savior, Jesus Christ!

We give at Christmas because God gave first. We need to plan to give financially that the gospel might progress to the uttermost parts of the earth! When making out our Christmas gift list, let's not forget international missions. The SBC IMB website (www.imb.org) has this to say about international missions: "Southern Baptist churches collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the sole purpose of supporting international missions. Every penny of the offering goes to the International Mission Board's overseas budget, thus supporting your missionaries and their work." The 2014 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions is \$175 million. Northgate's goal is \$8,000. Please give sacrificially.

What is more important in advancing the gospel than giving financially? **Prayer.** The Week of Prayer for International Missions is November 30-December 7. We will receive a prayer guide in our bulletin on November 30 to help us pray through this eight day season more specifically. Can you imagine the impact that millions of Christians praying in unison could have on pushing back the veil of darkness so the light of the gospel might penetrate the hearts of those who have never heard? Pray that those who have never heard might know that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life?



Be careful, there are forces that want to steal our worship. Don't allow that to happen! Be on guard. Jesus first! "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!" (Joshua 24:15). **Pray, give and speak the grace of Christmas this year!**

Barry

The Gate Post

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Gate Post deadline is the
15th of each month

Deacons of the Month
Perry Folk
Ted Garner

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



"Advent" simply means *coming* as in Christ is coming, and for us now He has arrived. This is referring to His birth in history and in humanity. It meant the welcoming or the arrival of a special king and for us; He is our King of kings. This is what the Old Testament prophecies foretold concerning Jesus' Incarnation, the Word made flesh for our hope and atonement that brought us our deliverance. Advent represents our expectation, anticipation, and preparation for

who Christ is and what He has done for us. He arrived into the world as a human being, being fully God and fully man. He came to identify as one of us, as the *Son of Man*, as a baby born in a manger. He came for us, He came for you and He comes into our lives and into our hearts upon our willingness to receive Him. He is coming again in great power and glory to bring His Kingdom into fruition.



To **Francis and Moses Jonnalagadda** on completion of their **Masters in Christian Ministry** degree from North Greenville University. Their graduation will be held at Turner Chapel, North Greenville University on Thursday, December 11 @ 2pm. No tickets required. Everyone is invited to attend the graduation and celebrate this special accomplishment in their lives.

The church office will be closed for Christmas on December 24 & 25. The entire staff wishes you a blessed and joyous Christmas as we celebrate of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

NO Wednesday service or activities on December 31.

