# FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise God for His gracious provision! Our Vacation Bible School was great. We had the privilege of sowing many seeds of the gospel into the hearts of children. Some of them have already begun to express interest in giving their hearts to Christ! Our basketball camp was equally productive. Coach Wimphrie and his assistants did a wonderful job teaching the basics for basketball as well as teaching the gospel to our children. Special thanks to Allison Peden for directing an awesome Vacation Bible School and Deann Cannon for her fine administrative work in making the basketball camp a success.

It is a great blessing to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. It is especially important to invest in the lives of our youth and children. In Thom Ranier's book, The Bridger Generation, he notes that 81% of those Christians surveyed were converted before they turned nineteen. Furthermore, he reported that 6% of them were under the age of six; 24% were between the ages of six and nine; 26% were between the ages of ten and twelve; 15% were between the ages of thirteen and fifteen; 10% were between the ages of sixteen and nineteen; and only 19% of the Christians he surveyed were twenty years of age or older when they prayed to receive Christ. If we want to impact our community with the gospel, I suggest we focus on our youth and children.

Our youth will be going to Philadelphia to MissionFuge July 22-29. Please commit to pray for them that God will draw them near to Himself and to one another as they minister to those in the city of Philadelphia. Pray for their safety as well as for their spiritual growth as they make this mission trip.

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

Blessings in Jesus, Barry

#### **Deacons' Meeting**

Sunday, July 15 at 4:00 p.m.

**H.O.M.E Mission Group Meeting** 

Monday, July 16 at 7:00 pm. (Lighthouse)

God used the body at Northgate in awesome ways in June. God moved in our lives with the basketball camp, VBS, and with World Changers. I want to share with you a testimony from Joel Thrasher concerning the impact of World Changers:

"Last Sunday, after a crew of World Changers worked in the home of a Greenville resident, the resident attended church in one of our GBA churches. During the invitation time one of the church members noticed the resident crying. The church member went to the resident and asked if they could help her. The resident shared that at one time she had lived for the Lord but that she had moved far from a life of obedience, but after spending time with the WC crew she wanted that joy that she observed in their lives back. After meeting with the pastor, the resident rededicated her life and united with a family of believers that morning."

You were a vital part in ministering to your neighbors in Greenville. Thank you for you act of service.

God bless, Blue Bryan

#### NORTHGATE'S WINNING TEAM

- ♦ Our Vacation Bible School was a great success because of our entire congregation.
- ♦ Thanks to all of you who donated money for T-shirts and other expenses. Thanks to all who were in prayer for our workers and attendance, and most of all for the message of Jesus to be known. Thanks to all who invited others, passed out flyers, encouraged our workers. And thanks to Deann for keeping up with everyone and everything.
- ♦ Our Fellowship Hall was magically transformed to a playing field with concessions by our wonderful decorating team.
- We had over 50 volunteers each night who cheerfully gave their time and love to teaching, crafts, recreation, snacks, music, computer tech., and the wild and crazy pep rally. We had others who showed up to help and encourage and just to have fun.
- Our attendance was over 70; our offering raised was over \$1,000 and will be sent to a mission of Samaritan's purse.
- ◆ Several decisions for Christ were made and will be followed up with personal visits.
- ♦ What an awesome week we had! And what an awesome team we have!

## Joy Club Luncheon

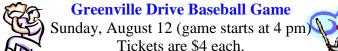
#### Tuesday, July 17 at 12:00 noon

Please bring a covered dish or your favorite dessert. Meat and tea provided.



Our guest for the JOY Club this month will be Mrs. Joada Hiott, curator of the Greer Heritage Museum. She retired from the Jean M. Smith Library, a branch of the Greenville County Library System, last September, after 27 years as the branch manager. Joada and her husband live in Greer and are members of Greer First Baptist Church. Join us on Tuesday for a great lunch and a time of fellowship.

Hostesses: Dell Wessel, Ruth O'Donnell, Sylvia Lee



**Deadline for purchasing your ticket(s)** is Sunday, August 5.

Contact the church office for more information.

#### **Big Youth Thing 2007 at Carowinds** August 9th From 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Featuring the David Crowder Band and Jeremy Kingsley.

Cost (includes lunch) - \$25 before July 29

- \$30 before August 5 Deadline

Register with Deann in the church office.



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"There's No 'I' in TEAM!"

"First and Ten, Do it Again!" Organization-balancing school and other activities; how to get your locker oper

"Build a Stone Wall!"

Making new friends & dealing with bullies "Time Out!"

Special Session for Parents "Ya Gotta Believe!" lelp for parents dealing with 6th grader 3:00 - 5:45 p.m.

Call the church office for more information. Deadline to register is Monday, July 23.



# Summer Plans? Don't forget to take along a good book.

Library Hours: Sunday - 9-9:30 and 10:30-10:40 a.m. Wednesday - 4-6:30 p.m.

### **Pray For One Another**

#### **Homebound Member of the Week**

Mrs. Margaret Bennett 222 West Earle Street, Greenville, SC 29609

#### **Retirement/Nursing Home Center Member of the Week**

Mrs. Kate Jenkins Greenville Place - Room 36 2006 Pelham Road, Greenville, SC, 29615

#### **Because He Gave...We Give**

#### Receipts July 1 & July 8, 2007

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 10,550
Regular Budget Tithes and Offerings	\$ 19,925
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$ 284,850
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$ 254,673

### **Family Night Supper**

Wednesday, July 18, 2007 in the Fellowship Hall Make or cancel reservations by Tuesday noon. (If you do not cancel your reservation you are obligated to pay.)

Adults: \$4.00 Children (under 12): \$2.50

#### <u>Menu</u>:

Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Banana Pudding, Tea

#### Serving Team 1:

Eunice Graham, Melissa Lawton, Marian Huskey, Ted Garner Reservation Attendant - Frances Gregory

(Team members are responsible for notifying their team leader or finding a substitute to work for them if unable to work.)

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Deacons of the Month: Lewis Barker Jamie Brazell
Charles Bearden
Preschool Volunteers: Barbara Lollis Carol & Jack Dill
Patti Spagnolo Frances Gregory
Almena Simon
Ushers: July 16 Patti Nance Melvin Sammons
Counters: July 16 Patti Nance Melvin Sammons
Interim Minister of Youth and Children
Custodian.

Custodian.

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Custodian.

Hostess/Food Service...

Deacon Jamie Brazell
Charles Barbara Lollis
Carol & Jack Dill
Frances Gregory
Almena Simon
Jim Hardesty Harry Cunningham
Steve Poole Chuck Cornish
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Church Ministry Team (Every Member a Minister)
Pastor
Custodian.

Mr. Blue Bryan
Mrs. Patti Nance
Organist
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# The Gate Post

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