

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Dr. Millard Erickson, in the last chapter "The Last Things" of his book, *Christian Theology*, addressed the topic of annihilationism. He wrote, "Not only is the future judgment of unbelievers irreversible, but their punishment is eternal. We do not reject merely the idea that all will be saved; we also reject the contention that none will be eternally punished. The school of thought known as annihilationism, on the other hand, maintains that although not everyone will be saved, there is only one class of future existence. Those who are saved will have an unending life; those who are not saved will be eliminated or annihilated. They will simply cease to exist. While granting that not everyone deserves to be saved, to receive everlasting bliss, this position maintains that no one deserves endless suffering." p.1237.

Dr. Erickson is absolutely biblically correct in his analysis of this doctrine. How can I say so unequivocally that Erickson is right? Because the Bible teaches that the penalty for dying without Christ is eternity in Hell (Luke 16:19-31). We must always be careful to build our doctrine upon the teachings of the Bible and not upon our own reasoning no matter how ethical it may seem to be. Proverbs 14:12 reads, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."

Dr. Erickson continues, "We should also observe that God does not send anyone to Hell. He desires that none should perish (2 Peter 3:9). God created man to have fellowship with Him and provided the means by which man can have that fellowship. It is by man's choice to experience the agony of Hell. His sin sends him there, and his rejection of the benefits of Christ's death prevents his escaping. As C.S. Lewis has put it, sin is man's saying to God throughout life, 'Go away and leave me alone.' Hell is God's finally saying to man, 'You may have your wish.' It is God's leaving man to himself, as man has chosen." p. 1240.

Pray for us at the Southern Baptist Convention this week as we seek to be biblically centered in every decision we make.

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

Blessings in Jesus,

Benny

No Men's Prayer Breakfast Tuesday



Vacation Bible School July 20-24

VBS Registration forms are now available on the literature tables around the church. Use them to invite your friends, grandchildren, neighbors, and any other child or youth who has finished K5 through grade 12.

Attention! All Sunday School Classes

The VBS committee is challenging you to show your Northgate spirit with a door decorating contest! Decorate the entrance to your classroom with an Island/Hawaiian theme. Guidelines will be distributed this week. Some materials are available in the children's resource room. Doors will be judged and need to be finished by Sunday, July 6. Take part and have fun!

Beth Moore Bible Study on Daniel

Returns on Sunday, July 27
5 p.m. in the Welcome Class
6 weeks on *prophecy*. Anyone can attend.



Greenville Drive vs. Hickory Crawdads

Friday, June 20
Tickets: \$8 per person
First come-first serve!
Only 30 tickets available - in section 113
Must pay at time of sign-up
with Blue or the church office.

World Changers are Coming to Greenville!

We are once again sponsoring a team of Greenville World Changers July 15-20. The group will be worshipping with us this Sunday and our youth will sponsor a lunch for them after the worship service. Pray for this group as they work to improve our community and share the love of Jesus to others.

Important Stuff this Sunday

Love
You
Dad

Parent/Child
Dedication
Service

WORLD
CHANGERS

Deacon
Nomination

Please Pray for:

- * Our Personnel Committee as they seek the person God has chosen for our Worship Pastor.
- * Our Nominating Committee as they begin their work for next year's church leaders and ministries.
- * Our ministers as they lead us in worship each Sunday.



Pray for
Basketball Camp 2008
Beginning Monday

Women's Enrichment News

If you are a lady and love chocolate (and who doesn't), you are going to LOVE what we are having on Saturday, June 21 at 7 p.m. Bring your favorite chocolate delight and let's all indulge together at a *Chocolate Party!*



Go ahead and pull your favorite PJs out so you can be ready for our *PJ, Popcorn, and Movie Night* coming up in July.



Grades 1-6 will be visiting a nursing home on June 18 during **Wonderful Wednesdays**. Wonderful Wednesdays will continue through August 27. Don't miss out on the fun!

Our church family **MATTERS**

Homebound Member of the Week

Alberta Odom
109 Covington Road, Greenville SC 29617

Nursing Home Resident of the Week

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

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Happy Birthday for the Week of June 15-21

* Homebound Member

17. Brenda Stroud, Jeff Stone
18. Brenda Yoder, Bonnie Bishop, Heather Witt
19. J.T. Vernon
20. Chloe Gaines



Happy Anniversary to:

16. Dan and Nancy Williams
18. Richard and Cynthia Hudson
19. Wilton and Vera Jamison
21. Barry and Tina Jimmerson

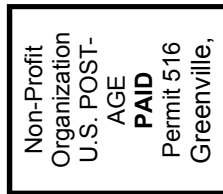
Family Night Supper . . .Wednesday, June 18

Make or cancel reservations by Tuesday noon by calling the church office. If you do not cancel your reservation by **Tuesday noon**, you are obligated to pay.

Menu: Homemade Sub Sandwiches, Cold Fruit, Potato Chips, Monster Cookies

Serving Team: Judy West, Rhonda Capparelli, Jean Outz, Pam Waters

Reservation Attendant: Lewis Barker



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Return Service Requested

Ministers This Week

Every member a minister

Deacons of the Month: Lewis Barker, Jamie Brazell
Don Calvert

Preschool Ministers: Lewis and Lou Jean Barker, Marian
Huskey, Warren and Allison Peden

Children's Church: Beth Todd, Laurel Shaler
Arvid Lumanauw

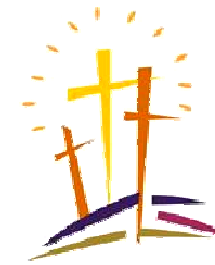
Ushers: Robby Bannister, Chasie Bearden, Mills Hunter
Henry Cunningham

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk/Debbie Hudson

Monday Counters: Carol Dill, Marian Huskey

Church Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson
Minister of Students and Children: Blue Bryan
Interim Minister of Music: Joel Duncan
Financial Assistant: Brenda Whitaker
Ministry Assistant: Anne Beaver
Custodian: Tommy Murray
Pianist: Patty Nance
Organist: Pat Cannon
Hostess/Food Service: Tammy Wallace



The Gate Post

Northgate Baptist Church
Pastor, Dr. Barry Jimmerson

*Loving God, Loving People...Here, There, and Everywhere
Helping one another develop healthy, growing, and
productive relationships with God, family, and community.*

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Sunday is the last day for you to turn
in your nominations for deacons.
Nomination forms are located in
various places around the church.
Pray about this important matter.



BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR DEACON SERVICE

In accordance with the meaning of the Word and the practice of the office, as outlined in the New Testament, Deacons are to be servants of the church. The task of the Deacon is:

- * To serve with the Pastor (and staff) in performing pastoral ministries.
- * To proclaim the Gospel to believers and unbelievers.
- * To care for the welfare of the church body and for others in the community.
- * To lead the church to engage in the fellowship of worship, witness, education, ministry, and application.
- * To support the church in performing its tasks.
- * To make such recommendations to the church as Deacons deem appropriate to fulfill the objectives, goals and policies of the church.

The office of Deacon is a noble and holy calling. The following requirements for serving as a Deacon are:

- * The Deacon must be 21 years old and a member of the church for a year or more, and must fulfill the requirements indicated in the New Testament. (1 Timothy 3:8-15; Acts 6:1-7).
- * Live a consecrated life, bringing no reproach, either by conduct or by attitude, upon the church or the cause of Christ.
- * Regularly attend and participate in the services and activities of the church.
- * Must be willing to work with the Deacon body to resolve any conflicts that may arise in the church body.
- * Be faithful in giving, with the tithe as the minimal objective.
- * Exercise confidentiality.
- * Be evangelistic and missionary in spirit and practice, deeply committed to winning the lost and discipling them in the faith.

Taken from the Constitution and By Laws of Northgate Baptist Church

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