

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ:

As you know, Northgate Baptist Church is on mission this week in St. Louis, MO. I spoke with Blue Bryan today and he assured me that all was going as planned. They will give a report on their trip during our Wednesday night service on Wednesday night, July 16, 2008. Pray for them.

So, while they are on mission in St. Louis, what are we supposed to do here in Greenville? My prayer is that when they return, not only will they return different, challenged and renewed in their hunger and thirst for God, but they will also find us different too. My prayer is that when they return they will find the rumblings of revival in our midst.

Beloved, no serious Christian would not admit that we are in desperate need of revival in America. We are a backslidden nation. But why and how? I contend that we are a backslidden nation because we have a backslidden church. There is no time like the present to confront this spiritual apathy and complacency that grips our culture and our nation.

Allow me to submit a challenge to you. Beginning at sunrise on Sunday, July 20, 2008 and continuing through sunset on Sunday July 27, 2008, I invite you to join me for those eight days in absolutely immersing ourselves in Christianity. Whatever we read that week let it be Christian only.

Whatever we watch on television or at the theatre that week, let it be only Christian programming. Whatever we listen to that week on the radio, let it be exclusively Christian. Whatever we do or say, let in only honor Christ. We are talking about totally immersing ourselves in Christianity for one week. Is that asking too much? I don't think so. By the way, by design, that is Vacation Bible School week. What better time do we have to immerse ourselves in the things of Christ than when we are already devoting ourselves to the task of the gospel for the larger part of that week. Remember more people come to Christ through VBS than through any other ministry the church does in America. Pray for VBS. Pray for our church. Pray for America.

Also, during our week of immersion, let us turn our prayer lives, our personal Bible study, our personal soul winning practices and our financial giving up to a new level. Too many Sunday School teachers are telling me that their students are not studying their lessons. Study that week and see what you discover personally and see how your contribution to class discussion makes a difference in the lives of others. **Philippians 4: 8 reads, "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you."**

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

Blessings in Jesus,

Bany



The Doors Are Ready!

The Sunday School classroom doors are all decorated and ready for VBS. Take time to look at them. They look great!

If you have any type decoration such as ficus trees, large green plants, surfboards, or anything related to Hawaii or islands, we would love to borrow them. Please label them so we can return them to you.

VBS teachers, you may start decorating your rooms on Monday, July 14.



VBS needs clear, empty, plastic water bottles with caps. They can only use 16.9 oz. size. Please place them in the box near the office entrance.

VBS Visitation and Community Outreach Saturday, July 19 @ 4:30



**For all ladies
Saturday, July 25
At the home of Linda Robertson**

If you have flowers or greenery in your yard that you would be willing to let the flower committee use in the Sunday arrangements, please contact Patty Runion at 244-5904.

Monday Visitation July 14 Deacons and care group leaders

Ready or Not, Here I Am! For All Rising 6th Graders! Get your registration form and money to the church office soon. The cost is \$35 per student and adult leader and \$7 for the parent's session. Forms are located throughout the church or can be downloaded at www.greenvillebaptist.org.



Seniors, join us for JOY Club on Tuesday, July 15 at noon. Highly recommended by local ministers of music and pastors, Heather and Raquette Shin, will entertain us by playing their harps. Meat and tea will be furnished, so bring one of your favorite dishes. Hostesses: Dell Wessel, Sylvia Lee, and Evelyn Bradey.



A **Festival of Marriage** allows you and your spouse to get away for a weekend of spiritual and marriage renewal. Mark your calendar now and go to Ridgecrest October 10-12 with other couples from Northgate. The cost is \$350 per couple (includes program, housing, and meals) if you turn in a \$100 deposit by August 17. After that date it will cost \$400.

Women's Bible Study

"Daniel" by Beth Moore

Begins Sunday, July 27 @ 5 p.m. in the Welcome classroom



Men, where are you on Tuesday mornings at 7:00? Why don't you join other NGB men and start your day off right with breakfast and prayer!

Wonderful Wednesdays for grades 1-6 will get ready for VBS by learning songs and movements this week. Wonderful Wednesdays will continue through August 27.

Please Pray for:

- * Our youth and chaperones who will return from M-Fuge Saturday.
- * Our Personnel Committee as they seek the person God has chosen for our Worship (Music) Pastor.
- * Our Nominating Committee as they seek new leaders for our new church year.
- * Our ministers as they lead us in worship.



Pray for our deacon election on July 20.

Our church family **MATTERS**

Homebound Member of the Week

Bill Ables
15 Lake Forest Drive, Greenville SC 29609

Nursing Home Resident of the Week

Lola Pinson
c/o Linda Moseley
114 Clairewood Court, Greenville SC 29615



A **thank you note** is posted on the bulletin board near the elevator on the second floor from Peggy McGinnis.

Because He Gave, We Give . . . July 6

Budget Receipts	\$ 13,470
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$288,954
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$252,962

Happy Birthday for the Week of July 13-19

- Henry Bishop, Sam Harp, Jill Callot, Tabitha Coker, Paul Porter, Catie Hensley
- Karen Rainey, Gray Foster
- Ronnie Riddle, Price Brazell
- Maxine Grooms, Roger Gilden, Robbie Bannister
- Gabrielle Winchester, Gracie Foster
- Ruby Tumblin



Happy Anniversary to:

- Lewis and Lou Jean Barker
- Jamie and Teresa Brazell

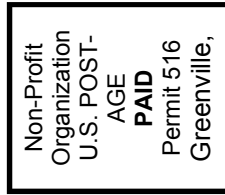
Family Night Supper . . . Wednesday, July 16

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: Oven-Fried Chicken Fingers, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Candy Bar Trifle

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: Jack Dill, John Folk, Perry Folk

Preschool Ministers: David and Susan McClure, Teresa Howard, Harry and Dawn Cunningham

Children's Church: Mills and Danette Hunter
Joey and Kelly Hall

Wednesday Preschool: Katie Nisky, Sam Harp

Ushers: Rusty Hill, Bob Landers, Jack Nance

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk/Debbie Hudson

Monday Counters: Evelyn Bradey, Eunice Graham

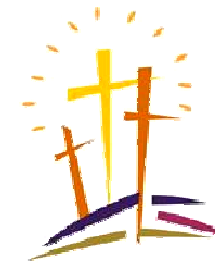


Church Staff

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



VBS
July 20-24
6:00 - 8:30 p.m..



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.*

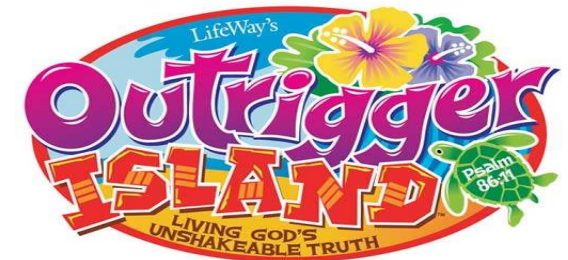
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SURFS UP!

Grab your surfboard and head for the waves!



During VBS 2008, kids will know, speak, and live God's truth - aloha style. Based on Psalm 86:11, Outrigger Island is more than a tropical paradise. It's a place where kids will develop the stability they need to face a world of shifting sands and wavering opinions.

Don't miss out on the fun!

Vacation Bible School

July 20-24

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.



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