

Our church family **MATTERS**

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Gertrude Moore
Aldersgate Retirement Community
3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte NC

BECAUSE HE GAVE, WE GIVE . . . NOVEMBER 23

Budget Receipts	\$ 3,837
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$469,248
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$431,104

BECAUSE HE GAVE, WE GIVE . . . NOVEMBER 30

Budget Receipts	\$ 5,597
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$479,232
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$436,701



Thank you, church family, for preparing 43 prisoner packets this year.

Thank you to the fellowship team for the work you did for the Thanksgiving lunch.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO

Marian Huskey on the death of her brother, Howard Pless, Jr.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR DECEMBER 7-13

* HOMEBOUND MEMBER

- Mary Gilden
- Cynthia Hudson
- Patti Sanders, Teresa Green, John Spagnolo
- Patty Doornbos, Kelly Hall, Scarlett Pittman
- Sara Chandler, Rusty McAlister
- *Dorothy Sabeau, Emily Jimmerson



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

10: Monte and Joan Hooper

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER . . . WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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: Fried Pork Chops with Mango Chutney, Cous Cous with Pine Nuts, Fresh Vegetables, Apple Caramel Pie

Serving Team: Eunice Graham, Melissa Lawton, Marian Huskey, Ted Garner

Reservation Attendant: Frances Gregory

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NORTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH

633 Summit Drive
Greenville South Carolina 29609

Return Service Requested



MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 7-13

Deacons of the Month: Jack Dill, John Folk, Perry Folk

Preschool Ministers: Almena Simon, Glenn and Laverne Walls
Will Kirby

Children's Church: Laura Jimmerson, Tina Jimmerson
Joey and Kelly Hall

Wednesday Preschool: Chasie Bearden, Ted Garner

Ushers: Rusty Hill, Bob Landers, Jack Nance, Don Calvert

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk/Steve Todd

Counters: Perry Folk, Chuck Cornish



**Lottie Moon Offering for
International Missions**

**Our Goal: \$13,000
Given to Date: \$155**

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson
Minister of Students & Children: Blue Bryan
Interim Minister of Music: Joel Duncan
Worship Leader: Jared Knight
Financial Assistant: Brenda Whitaker

Ministry Assistant: Anne Beaver
Custodian: Tommy Murray
Pianist: Patty Nance
Organist: Karen Beason
Hostess: 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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*The combined choirs of
Northgate Baptist Church
and
St. John's Baptist Church
will present*

Emmanuel, God with Us

*a service of music and candle light
on*

*December 7 at 7:00 p.m.
at St. John's*

*and
December 14 at 7:00 p.m.
at Northgate*

*There will be a reception
following the service.*

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

I hope you all had a great time of Thanksgiving with friends and family last week. It is a joy to be in the Christmas season. Advent was beautiful Sunday (Thank you, Brazell's), and I look forward to our continued Advent Sundays as we approach Christmas. We are also excited about the opportunity to enjoy the combined choirs of Northgate and St. John's this Sunday evening (12/7) at 7:00 at St. John's and next Sunday evening (12/14) at 7:00 here at Northgate.

Christmas is an exciting time of the year, but as the men saw on the Men's Fraternity video last Sunday night, the reason for the season is really not for Jesus, it is for us. Christ came for us. The gift of God was to us. The beneficiary of the grace of God in the incarnation is us. The reason for the season is to remember that Christ came so that we might be reconciled to the Father.

As Martin Luther wrote in his famous work, *Table Talk*, "The mystery of the humanity of Christ, that He sunk Himself into our flesh, is beyond all human understanding." As we attempt to make all of our appointed gatherings and accomplish all of our shopping, let's not forget to remember that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Christ came....and died for us.

Merry Christmas,

Bary



*You are invited to share in the joy
as Christie Gossett and Jared Knight
exchange marriage vows and
begin their new life together
Saturday, the thirteenth of December
at two o'clock*

Mon-Aetna Baptist Church, Union, South Carolina

There will be NO Gate Post the weeks of December 23 and 30. Please keep this in mind and have your Gate Post articles for the remainder of the year in the church office by Monday, December 15 at noon.

Ladies Christmas Shopping Trip

Contact Tammy Wallace today at 268-8970 if you would like to go on the shopping trip to Hendersonville and Asheville this Saturday, December 6 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Don't miss out on the fun.



A **love offering** will be taken on Sunday, December 14 to honor Joel Duncan and to show our appreciation for his nearly two years of service as our Interim Minister of Music.



Family Christmas Dinner - December 17

Don't miss this! There will be a storyteller here to entertain us. There could even be a visit from Old St. Nick! Be here to find out. Don't forget to add your name to the supper list.

We are creating a new list of **Baptist Courier** recipients for next year. If you would like to receive our state paper, please call the church office by Sunday, December 21. There is a form in the Sunday bulletin you may fill out and place in the offering plate.

We will vote on the **2009 church budget**, without discussion, this Sunday, December 7.

Good News Club

If you are interested in sharing the gospel of Christ at Summit Drive Elementary one afternoon per week, please come to an informational meeting Sunday from 3 - 5 p.m. **The Good News Club** training session will be December 9 from 2 - 4 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar!

Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey begins January 7
Only \$93 per couple
What a great Christmas gift for your college/adult children!

JOY Club

Tuesday, December 16

Elizabeth Tate, Director of Pendleton Place Children's Shelter, will be our guest. Pendleton Place is a home for abused and abandoned children. Hostesses are Elsie Crainshaw, Sara Nell Phillips, and Runette Sweatmon. This being our mission project for the year, everyone is asked to bring several items for the children. Choose from the following list: Clothing for girls ages birth - 18 years, clothing for boys ages birth - 11 years, soap, shampoo, conditioner, hair brush and comb, tooth paste, tooth brush, highlighter, scissors, pencils, paper, crayons, ruler, baby wipes, baby cereal, and diapers. Come help spread a little joy this Christmas season.



*You are invited to a
Christmas Open House
Drop-in at the home of
Barry and Tina Jimmerson
102 Amberjack Lane
(Foxglove at Pebble Creek)
December 20
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.*

F.A.I.T.H./G.R.O.W. Informational Dinner Meeting

Monday, January 12 at 6 p.m.

Children's Council will meet Wednesday, December 10 at 5:30 in the Hope class room.

There will be no regular **business meeting** in December.

Support our youth mission trip to Greece by shopping at Bi Lo. Get a **Boostersplus** enrollment card from Blue and use it at Bi Lo and our youth will receive 1% of your purchases. Give a card to your friends, too!

There are extra **pecans** for sale. See Blue Bryan or Pam Waters. These make great Christmas gifts and will help our youth get to Greece this summer.