Our church family MATTERS

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Yvonne Almeida 10 Meadow Crest Circle, Greenville SC 29609

BECAUSE HE GAVE, WE GIVE ... DECEMBER 7

Budget Receipts \$ 12,934 Budget Requirements Y-T-D \$489,216 Budget Receipts Y-T-D \$449,635

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR DECEMBER 14-20

* HOMEBOUND MEMBER

- 14. Rick Hudson
- 16. Teresa Howard, Danette Hunter
- 17. Christy Johnson
- 18. Carter Ann Nix, David Simpson, David McClure, Jordan Adams
- 19. Jack Daniel, April Turner
- 20. Don Calvert, Sheila Henderson, Stephanie Davis



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 17: Bill and Lois Ables
- 19: Don and Jan Calvert

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER...WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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: Old Fashion Christmas Dinner Buffet: \$7 adults/\$3 children Roasted Whole Chicken/Glazed Ham, Dressing, Rice with Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Relish, Sweet Potato Souffle, Country Green Beans, Rolls, Tea/Holiday Punch, Holiday Desserts

Serving Team: Judy Whaley, Kelly Hall, Almena Simon,

Layne Winchester

Reservation Attendant: Perry Folk



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MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 14-20

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

Preschool Ministers: Joan Taylor, Robby and Tiffany Bannister,

Carter Ann Nix

Children's Church: Jamie and Teresa Brazell

Derrick and Kim Hiott

Wednesday Preschool: Dan Burgess, Robby Bannister

Ushers: Bob Parker, Steve Poole, Don Calvert, David McClure **Sound/Video/Camera:** John Folk/Steve Todd/Taft Jimmerson

Counters: Bonnie Arey, Eunice Graham



Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions Our Goal: \$13,000 Given to Date: \$1,747

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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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Choir Christmas special, *Emmanuel: God With Us*, with St. John's Baptist Church at St. John's Baptist Church was excellent!!! This Sunday night, we will repeat this worship experience at Northgate at 7:00. Please plan to attend. I promise

you that you will receive a blessing!

Thank you, Joel and Gloria, for your leadership in our music program over the past twenty-two months. Plan to stay for a reception following the musical Sunday night to express your thankfulness for their ministry. You will have another opportunity to express your thankfulness at the end of the service Sunday morning in a love offering that we will receive for them.

Congratulations to Jared and Christie!!! Their wedding date is Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 2:00 at Mon-Aetna Baptist Church in Union, SC.

Remember that we will have a parent/child dedication service Sunday morning. Please be in prayer for these parents as they prepare to make vows before God to raise their children for Him.

As you can see, we have much on our agenda for Christmas time. You, as an individual and as a family have your own busy agendas! Let me encourage you in the busyness of this time to make Christ your priority! Give sacrificially to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and pray fervently for our missionaries and for the people to whom they minister. Our IMB missions speaker last Sunday once again reminded us of the many blessings we have in America. The greatest of which is the freedom we have to worship our risen and glorious Savior without fear of persecution!

Christmas is what we make it to be. Make yours Christ-centered and worshipful!

Merry Christmas,

A **love offering** will be taken this Sunday morning to honor Joel Duncan and to show our appreciation for his service as our Interim Minister of Music.



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.



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. Meals will be \$7 (adults) and \$3

(children) for an old fashion Christmas buffet. If you are not on the permanent reservation list, you must add your name to the supper list by noon on Tuesday. Remember to cancel if you will not be here.

If you would like to receive our state Baptist paper, *The Baptist Courier* next year, 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. If we do not hear from you by this date, your name will not appear on the mailing list.

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 or come to the church office. These make great Christmas gifts and will help our youth get to Greece this summer.



Financial Peace University

by Dave Ramsey begins January 7 Only \$93 per couple

What a great Christmas gift for your college/adult children!

The Tuesday morning **Men's Prayer Breakfast** will not meet again until further notice.

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



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

Monday, January 12 at 6 p.m. Watch for more information!



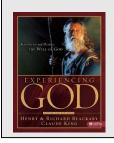
Tuesday, December 16 at noon

Elizabeth Tate, Director of Pendleton Place Children's Shelter, a home for abused and abandoned children, will be our guest. 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.

Children will be going to Whispering Pines Stables Sunday, December 21, leaving the church at 2:00 p.m. See Tina Jimmerson for more information.



Begins
Sunday, January 11
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Facilitator: David McClure