

Our church family **MATTERS**

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Alice Norton
Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Center
1 Martha Franks Dr. Laurens SC 29360



We have received a **THANK YOU NOTE** from LaDonna Welch and family and Hospice of Haywood County NC.



WELCOME TO NORTHGATE

Scott, Alicia, Nick and Jasmyne Henry
Deacons: Warren Peden, Tom Simon, Jered Nisky, and Perry Folk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MARCH 1-7

* HOMEBOUND MEMBER

- Gail Peeler
- Bob Parker, Ashley Hill
- Tommy Latham, Janeen Stephens, Peggy Anthony, Karen Metz
- Henry Godfrey, Judy West, Anissa Henderson
- Thomas Dacus
- *Ruth O'Donnell
- Chris Jones, Katie Robirds, Todd Whitaker



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

- Derrick and Kim Hiott
- Jim and Betty Agnew

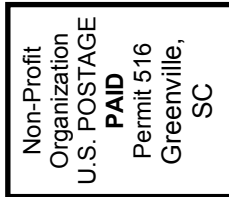
FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER . . . WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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: Hamburger steak, peppers and onions, baked potato bar, salad, apple crisp cobbler with ice cream

Serving Team: Tom Simon, Anne Danciu, Ann Therrell
Stephanie Davis

Reservation Attendant: Barbara Lollis



NORTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH
633 Summit Drive
Greenville South Carolina 29609

Return Service Requested

BECAUSE HE GAVE, WE GIVE . . . FEBRUARY 22

Budget Receipts	\$ 6,345
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$87,064
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$59,759

MINISTERS FOR MARCH 1-7

Deacons of the Month: Tommy Stephens, Steve Todd, Glenn Walls

Preschool Ministers: Chasie and Linda Bearden, Season Foster
Bob and Janet Landers

Children's Church: Beth Todd, Arvid Lumanauw, Rhonda Capparelli

Wednesday Preschool Ministers: Pam Waters, Susan McClure

Ushers: Frank Black, Walt Green, Perry Folk, Ken Hall

Sound/Video/Camera: John Folk, Steve Todd, Taft Jimmerson

Counters: Perry Folk, Chuck Cornish

CHURCH STAFF

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

Ministry Assistant: Anne Beaver
Custodian: Tommy Murray
Pianist: Patti Nance
Hostess: Tammy Wallace



The Gate Post

Northgate Baptist Church
Pastor, Dr. Barry Jimmerson

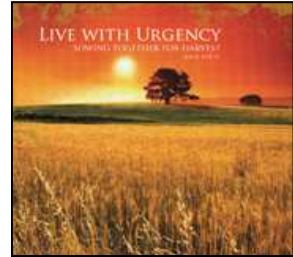
*Loving God, Loving People...Here, There, and Everywhere
Helping one another develop healthy, growing, and
productive relationships with God, family, and community.*

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Week of Prayer for North American Missions March 1-7



Our North American missionaries are living out the call God has placed on their lives by moving out of their comfort zones into the unsown fields of North America.

They are creatively and actively seeking common ground with unbelievers so they can share the gospel and reap a harvest for his glory.



Annie Armstrong

Together, we must pray for our North American missionaries, give sacrificially to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and work alongside our Southern Baptist missionaries to do our part to sow the gospel in our own communities.

**How will you Live with Urgency
and impact the Kingdom of God?**

Our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal is \$6,500.

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Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Today is Ash Wednesday. This means that yesterday was Fat Tuesday in the Catholic Mardi Gras tradition. Mardi Gras has been perverted and twisted to please Satan and shame Christ. A little history: Mardi Gras was traditionally the French Catholic celebration of the beginning of Lent, the forty-day season of preparation for the remembrance and celebration of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Traditionally, during Lent people would give up something for those forty days that they enjoyed and replace it with some service or devotion to Christ. Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday. On the Tuesday before the beginning of Lent, French Catholics would gorge themselves with whatever it was they were vowing to give up during Lent. This tradition was first begun in the United States in 1703 in Mobile, Alabama, but New Orleans has become famous for it. In 1703, it was probably much more sincere than what it has become today.

Today, it has become an excuse for people (not just Catholics) to party on Fat Tuesday. The people who attend the modern day celebration of Mardi Gras must really have a lifestyle of debauchery because it has become a party with an emphasis upon illicit sex and binge drinking.

Allow me to propose an alternative to the traditional approach to Mardi Gras. Instead of giving up something for forty days preceding Holy Week, why don't we commit ourselves to doing something for Christ for the forty days prior to Holy Week? If you do not currently have a quiet time with God, begin one today and continue it throughout the season of Lent. My guess is that you will continue that sweet time with God. We could read the gospels during those forty days. Another idea might be to commit to share the gospel with at least one person every day for those forty days. Why don't we reclaim a season intended for Christ but stolen by Satan and truly make it a time of preparation for Easter?

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

Blessings in Jesus Christ,

Barry

***My Chains Are Gone:
An Easter Celebration of Freedom
Presented by the Celebration Choir
April 5 at 6 p.m.***



PASTOR ON CALL

February 28: Jared Knight @ 441-2740

March 7-8: Barry Jimmerson @ 609-1845 or 320-9076

All children in K-5 and up are reminded of the **Movie Night** this Saturday, February 28 at 6 p.m. Bring a friend and something soft to lay on while watching the movie. Snacks will be served.



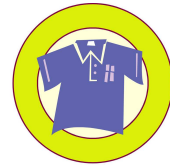
Did You Know about This?

We have a ministry to our homebound members that not many people know about. Each week CDs and DVDs are made of the Sunday morning worship service and taken to those not able to attend church on a regular basis. If you would like a copy, call the church office and someone will deliver one to you each week. If you do not have a CD or DVD player (homebound members only, we will be happy to get one for you) and Jared will show you how to work it. If you would like to help deliver these each week to our homebound members, please let the office know that too. (242-3805)

Women's Birthday Party

March 21 in the Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Ladies, come to a birthday party in your honor! Secret sisters will be revealed at this time. Cherie Nettles, our guest speaker, will present light-hearted humor and a heart-warming testimony.



NORTHGATE SHIRTS
ON SALE

Orders are being taken for **golf shirts** with Northgate Baptist Church embroidered on them. The cost is \$40 for Ping and \$50 for Cutter and Buck shirts. There are sizes for adults, youth, and children. Order forms are available at the church, but you must turn the order in to Dean Waters, and you must prepay for your order.

Easter Candy Is Needed

We need candy for our Preschool Easter Egg Hunt on March 28. Please take it to the nursery area. Make sure it is individually wrapped! Thanks for your help.



Youth, remember to see Blue soon about the **Dare2Share Evangelism Conference** in Atlanta on March 6-8. The cost is \$44 for the conference, \$15 for a ticket to the World of Coca Cola, and money for meals.

A new discipleship class, **When Worldviews Collide: Christians Confronting Culture**, will begin on Monday, March 2 at 6 p.m. and continue for 8 weeks.

If you have placed a name on the **Wednesday Prayer Guide**, please call the office and give us the address of the person or persons. Our GROW team would like to contact them.

WMU groups will join together on Tuesday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m. to observe the Season of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our goal is \$6,500. A salad lunch will follow the meeting.

Making a Difference
Senior Adult Convention
March 16-18
Charleston Southern University

File Cabinets and More File Cabinets!

As a result of our cleaning process, we have several metal file cabinets, both large and small. If you can use one in your Sunday School room, mission organization room, or GROW/ FAITH, please let the office know by next Friday.