

Our church family **MATTERS**

ON CALL MARCH 21-22
In case of an emergency call
Jared Knight @ 441-2740

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO

Faye McMahon on the death of her brother (William Threatt)
Vera Jamison on the death of her brother

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	Received	\$1,364
	Need	\$5,136

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MARCH 22-28

* HOMEBOUND MEMBER

- 22. Warren Peden
- 23. Jim Hardesty
- 24. Isa Marie Harper
- 25. Alan Sams
- 26. Ross Winchester, Janet Cartee
- 27. Robert Taylor, Lou Ann Cox,
Jon Turner



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

23: Robert and Nancy Taylor

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER . . . WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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: BBQ chicken, baked beans, potato salad, banana pudding

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

Reservation Attendant: Perry Folk

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Budget Receipts	\$ 7,483
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$119,713
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$ 88,382

MINISTERS FOR MARCH 22-28

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

Preschool Ministers: Dan and Bonnie Burgess, Heather Bryan
Joey and Kelly Hall

Children's Church: Warren and Allison Peden, Almena Simon

Wednesday Preschool Ministers: Sam Harp, Katie Nisky

Ushers: Rusty Hill, Bob Landers, Jack Nance, Mat Wallace

Sound/Video/Camera: John Folk, Debbie Hudson, Adam Cartee

Counters: Evelyn Bradey, Peggy McGinnis

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson	Ministry Assistant: Anne Beaver
Minister of Students & Children: Blue Bryan	Custodian: Tommy Murray
Worship Leader: Jared Knight	Pianist: Patti Nance
Financial Assistant: Brenda Whitaker	Hostess: Tammy Wallace



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Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Yesterday, March 17, was St. Patrick's Day. So why do we celebrate this holiday?

According to the website, History.com, St. Patrick was the patron Saint of Ireland. The website refutes the legend that he banished all of the snakes from Ireland; but they do believe that he was a real person, born in Britain, and died on March 17, 460 A.D. When he was sixteen, he was allegedly taken prisoner by the Irish and transported there where he became a devout Christian. Following his escape from his captivity, he returned to Britain, where God sent him back to Ireland (this time as a missionary).

The interesting thing about St. Patrick and what makes his ministry relevant to us, is that in his mission work in Ireland, he worked in and through the culture. He didn't attempt to eradicate the traditional Celtic beliefs; rather he used those traditions to introduce Christianity to the people. For example, he used bonfires to celebrate Easter because the Celts were used to honoring their gods with fire. He also incorporated an image of the sun into the traditional Christian cross, forming what we know today as the Celtic cross. Although he probably did not introduce Christianity to Ireland (as tradition says), he was, no doubt, very successful in growing the number of believers there.

While remaining true to the Word of God, we too must be relevant to our culture. We can be faithful to Christ and His Word without being legalistic about our faith and values. With that strategy, we can successfully work to further the spread of the gospel. In fact, that strategy has been repeated successfully in many other cultures (Korea, China, Africa, the United States, etc) since the 5th century!

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

Blessings in Christ,

Bany

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



This Weekend at Northgate

JUST SCRAP IT

Join us for some scrapbooking fun on Friday at 6 p.m.
For more information, contact Del Sabeau.

Women's Birthday Party

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

Our birthday party is finally here! No matter when your birthday is, come celebrate it this Saturday. Secret sisters will be revealed at this time. Cherie Nettles, our guest speaker, will present light-hearted humor and a heart-warming testimony.



Basketball Banquet

For those of you who have reservations, don't forget the basketball banquet/spaghetti supper this Saturday at 6 p.m. The cost is \$6 per plate.

Sunday Morning

This Sunday, Dr. Jimmerson's sermon is entitled *Living on Purpose* from Philippians 1:19-26. The Baptist College of Florida Jazz Ensemble will bring their musical talents to worship with us through big band, jazz and swing music. A love offering will be taken.

GROW Team W

Monday at 7 p.m.

Next week is Miracle Grow. Watch for details!

Help our youth get to Greece!

Get your orders to Dean Waters soon for your Northgate golf shirt. The cost is \$40 for Ping and \$50 for Cutter and Buck. You must prepay for your order.



Sunrise Service

Start a new family tradition this year. Bring your entire family (little ones included) to the **Sunrise Service** at 7 a.m. and after the service go out to eat breakfast. Make arrangements to meet your friends at the restaurant. Bet you'll see other NBC members there, too!

Enoree Baptist Church will be here to worship with us on March 29 at 6 p.m. We have invited them to be our guests for one of our **famous Northgate meals**. We are asking each family to bring a vegetable and a dessert or salad to serve at least 10 people. The church will furnish the meat and drink.



March 28

Preschoolers - grade 5
10 a.m.

Games, Hot Dogs, and
Pictures with the Easter
Bunny!

Our library is featuring books by South Carolina authors. Come by and check out one of the many good books written by local people. Some of them are:

- *Little by Little* by Jack Shaw of Greenville
- *Making the Best of It, A Profile of Neb Cline* by Don Kirkland of Greenville
- *L.D. Johnson - Prophet and Friend* by Maryneal Jones of Greenville
- *Totally Secure* by Don Wilton of Spartanburg
- *Where the Mockingbirds Sing* by Reba Wall of Greenville
- *Rejoice* by Joyce Rogers of Florence
- *Down the Hatch* by Bert Hatch of Edisto Beach
- *Angels in the ER* by Dr. Robert Lesslie of Rock Hill
- *A Silent Terror* (and 4 other books) by Lynette Eason of Spartanburg