

## Our church family **MATTERS**

### On Call June 6-7

In case of an emergency call  
Blue Bryan @ 268-4516

### Homebound Member of the Week

Bill Ables  
15 Lake Forest Drive, Greenville SC 29609



We have received a **thank you note** from Jack and Sandy Kircher.



### Happy Birthday for June 7-13

\* HOMEBOUND MEMBER

8. Pam Tucker
9. Jennie Scott, Lauren Simpson
11. \*Lola Pinson, \*Margaret Reece
12. \*Gilbert Littlejohn

### Happy Anniversary to

- 11: Glenn and Myra Winchester (60 years)

### Family Night Supper . . . Wednesday, June 3

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.

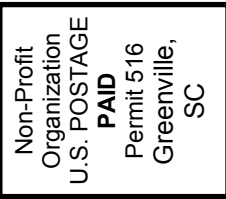
**Menu:** Bottom round roast, rosemary potatoes, fresh squash, tossed salad, cake

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

**Reservation Attendant:** Frances Gregory

### Wonderful Wednesdays

Our summer program for preschool and children begins Wednesday. June 10 is Animal Night.



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### Because He Gave, We Give . . . May 31

Budget Receipts	\$ 10,190
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$239,162
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$202,544
Hymnals	\$ 747

### Ministers for June 7-13

**Deacons of the Month:** Ted Garner, Joey Hall, Will Kirby

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

**Children's Church:** Warren and Allison Peden, Steve Todd

**Wednesday Preschool Ministers:** Laverne Walls

**Ushers:** Ricky Adams, Dan Burgess, Joey Hall, Lewis Barker

**Sound/Video/Camera:** John Folk, Steve Todd, Bethany Wallace

**Counters:** Sarah Phillips, Nancy Williams

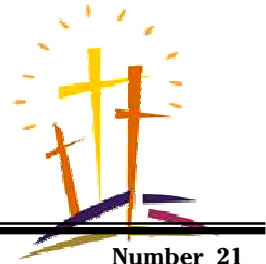
**Lawn Maintenance (June 12):** Tom Simon, David Ammons  
Bobby Taylor, Tony Green, Walt Green  
PJ Henderson

### Church Staff

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

# The Gate Post

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Pastor, Dr. Barry Jimmerson



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# Sunday Morning!

Blue Bryan, our minister of students and children will be ordained to the gospel ministry this Sunday morning during the worship service.

Blue has been at Northgate since June 2007. He is presently pursuing his doctorate of ministry degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Blue and his wife Heather are expecting their first child, Campbell Brooke, in August.



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**Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!**

I rarely write about church finances; however, with our current national economic crisis and the summer months upon us, I feel led to address this issue. I do so knowing that Northgate is one of the most loving and generous congregations I have ever known. I also feel led to remind you that summer time is traditionally our leanest months regarding financial giving and we are already \$36,860 behind in our budget giving as we enter June. Please prayerfully consider our financial situation and simply obey God regarding your financial stewardship. I came across an article on the internet recently that helped my perspective on finances and the church; perhaps it will be helpful to you as well. It comes from St. Paul's Church in Kansas City, Missouri, and it reads as follows:

Sometimes you hear people say, "The Church is always asking for money." That statement is untrue. It is the world which is always asking for money, not the Church. When did you last go to the grocery store and the checker failed to ask you for money?

Your mortgage company asks for money with unfailing regularity. If you are like most people, each month brings a new collection of bills. Are any of them from the Church? Who withholds a percentage of every dollar YOU earn? Your Uncle does that. Your Father does not!

There is no free lunch except at the Church. You can attend worship every week - there is no admission charge. If you are sick, the clergy will visit you in the hospital. Where else can you get free counseling when you need it? Where will your children be married? Several hundred people receive a newsletter each month [week] for free.

What do you do when your loved one dies? What will it cost? The funeral home will certainly charge for its services. Your church will not. The Church building will always be there when you need it - clean, heated or cooled with nursery provided. You make full use of it and never pay one dime. No one will even know whether you contribute or not.

You have to pay taxes to provide your children "free" public education, but your Church operates a Sunday School which will give quality Christian education with absolutely no-cost or obligation. The Church requires no membership fee, no annual dues. It never sends its members a bill. Is there any other organization in the world that functions that way? I don't know of any. You see, the truth is the Church "asks for money" LESS than anything else you can think of. Consider this paradox. Compared to the government and the bill collectors, the Church almost NEVER asks for money. Yet of all the things your money could be used for, very few are more important than what the church provides.

The Church is here to share the love of Jesus Christ Himself. Our money goes to serve Him. We will continue to provide ministry in Jesus' name to everyone, whether they can afford to contribute or not. Isn't that something you would like to be a part of?

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

Blessings in Jesus,

*Bany*

**GROW Team R**  
**Monday at 6 p.m.**


If you have any Bible studies, books, workbooks, etc. that the church has purchased, we are asking that you please bring them to the church office soon so we can catalog them and store them together in a safe place. This way we can keep up with our inventory and it will be easier for you to check them out for use. Examples: Beth Moore studies, *Experiencing God*, *Men's Fraternity*, *Financial Peace*, men's and ladies' Bible studies, parenting studies, etc. Thanks for helping us get organized!



**Thank you, Northgate!**

We should have the greatest church directory ever! Almost 100 families were photographed. As we can, we will keep you posted on the progress.

**You're invited to a baby shower for Heather Bryan (and Campbell Brooke)**  
**Sunday, June 14**  
**3:00 - 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall**



**A Note to Remember**

We cannot take names off the Sunday School rolls unless the person requests it, moves away, or joins another church. Our deacon assignments are through the SS classes and that person would not have a deacon if we removed their name.

**Basketball Camp 2009** is June 15-19 for children in K-5 through grade 10 - that's less than 3 weeks away! Registration forms are located throughout the church. You must register and pay your \$60 by June 7 to reserve your space. Bring your friends to camp with you.

**G'day Mates!**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 19-23**  
**6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**



You can now register online to attend VBS at northgatebaptist.com. Volunteers are encouraged to register online too. Join us as we explore how *it all comes back to Jesus* on an amazing adventure in the land down under!

**Greenville World Changers**

Northgate will host one of the groups of youth and leaders who will be in Greenville next week to do construction work on several projects in our area. They will be with us Sunday for worship. Chasie Bearden is in charge of coordinating their meals for the week and the SS classes and individuals who are preparing and delivering the meals. Thanks for all your help!



**The Lads**

Concert for children in grades 1-6  
Saturday, June 13 at Westside Baptist Church  
Meet at Northgate at 4:45 p.m.

**Did You Know?**

There is a special time of prayer each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in the parlor to pray for our pastor and the service.

**VBS Prayer Corner**

Pray this week for:  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Nancy Stephens  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade - Allison Peden  
Pray that God will reveal His love and help kids and workers discover how to live through Him. 1 John 4:9

