

## Our church family **MATTERS**

**On Call August 8-9**

In case of an emergency call  
Barry Jimmerson @ 609-1845

### Homebound Member of the Week

Loree Folk  
6 Inglewood Drive, Greenville SC 29609

### Christian Sympathy Is Extended to

Barbara Lollis on the death of her husband (Marvin Lollis)

Paul Williams and Betty Jeter on the death of their wife and sister (Mary Williams)

Linda Garner on the death of her aunt (Joann Smith)



We have received a **thank you note** from Mildred Sams and from World Changers

### Happy Birthday for August 2-8

\* HOMEBOUND MEMBER

2. \*Lib Bruce, Janet Landers, Rebecca Ballenger
3. John Hetrick, Debby Folk
4. Ella Jones, Lydia Hill, Makenzie Moore
5. Tip Lazar, Tiffany Bannister, Brycen Bannister
6. Chris King
7. Katherine Nisky
8. Peggy Jackson, Breanna Pittman



### Happy Anniversary to

- 4: Steve and Julie Campbell
- 5: Peter and Anne Danciu

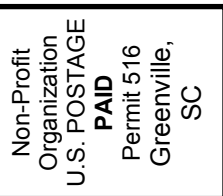
### Family Night Supper . . . Wednesday, August 5

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:** Salmon with remoulade sauce, rice pilaf, sweet slaw, key lime pie

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

**Reservation Attendant:** Frances Gregory



**NORTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
633 Summit Drive  
Greenville South Carolina 29609

Return Service Requested

### Because He Gave, We Give . . . July 26

Budget Receipts	\$ 3,138
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$326,130
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$266,448

### Ministers for August 2-8

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

**Preschool Ministers:** Jack Dill, Ted Garner, Dan and Bonnie Burgess

**Children's Church:** Jamie and Teresa Brazell

**Wednesday Preschool Ministers:** Susan McClure

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

**Sound/Video/Camera:** John Folk, Joey Hall, Bethany Wallace

**Counters:** Ken Shirley

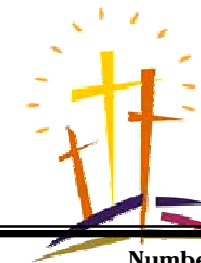
**Lawn Maintenance (August 7):** Tom Simon, David Ammons  
Bobby Taylor, Tony Green  
Walt Green

### 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  
Interim Organist: Karen Beason  
Hostess: Tammy Wallace

# The Gate Post

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Pastor, Dr. Barry Jimmerson



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## Week of Prayer for Northgate August 23-30

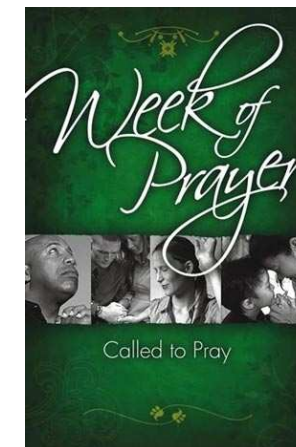
### Northgate Mission Statement

To glorify God by equipping its members to be actively involved in the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### Northgate Vision Statement

At Northgate Baptist Church we seek to express God's love to people through the five core functions of the church:

**Evangelism:** We envision the introduction of the people of the Greenville, South Carolina area to Jesus Christ primarily through the work of a strong Sunday School that seeks to express God's love through honest, relational evangelism.



**This will be an exciting week in the history of our church. Begin now to pray for Northgate.**

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

I enjoy reading. One of the authors I enjoy is Ambrose Bierce. Bierce was a satirist who lived and wrote mostly in the nineteenth century. A veteran of the American Civil War, he wrote telling and stinging criticisms about war and its absurdities. His contributions to culture were (even during his lifetime) appreciated and continue to be appreciated to this very day. He was at his best when he was writing about the foolishness of war; however, he also strayed into other cultural venues such as family and faith. He famously wrote in his work, *The Devil's Dictionary*, that human birth was "The first and direst of all disasters."

It is important to note that he wrote *The Devil's Dictionary* in 1911. Granted, a work entitled, *The Devil's Dictionary*, shouldn't be expected to produce a well spring of wisdom, but Ambrose Bierce was akin to Mark Twain in popularity and literary success. In fact, he was a contemporary of Mark Twain. Well, it seems that this famous line that human birth was "The first and direst of all disasters," was a reflection of the personal pain of his own life (something he shared with Twain). Bierce was married on Christmas Day in 1871. He had three children (two sons and a daughter). Both of his sons died before him – Day was shot to death when he was seventeen over a brawl with a woman and Leigh died of pneumonia related to his alcoholism when he was twenty-seven. Bierce separated from his wife because he suspected unfaithfulness the year before his first son died and finally divorced her three years after the death of his second son. Knowing that he penned this famous line in his most popular and enduring work after these tragedies explains much. Bierce died in Mexico in 1914.

As we reflect upon our lives, what do we see as our successes? Mark Twain, Ambrose Bierce, Benjamin Franklin are only a few of many that have had successful professional lives, but disasters at home. We need to be very careful that we keep the first things first.

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

Blessings in Jesus,

*Bany*

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



Our children are so important to the ministry of Northgate Baptist. They are our future and we must protect them and provide for them. Therefore, if you work or help in any area of our preschool, children, and youth ministries, we need for you to attend a

meeting on Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 to learn about our new **Child Protection Policy**. If you minister in, not only Sunday School, but children's church, Sunday or Wednesday preschool, missions, sports and recreation, chaperone, or any activities in which you will be helping with our children under the age of 18, you MUST know about the changes being made. This is also for your own protection.

### Update on New Hymnals

We still need more hymnals for the sanctuary. Won't you help by purchasing hymnals in honor or in memory of your loved ones! The information will be placed on labels inside the hymnals. You can purchase as many as you like. They don't have to be an honorarium or memorial. They can just say *Given by your name*. We would like to order the hymnals soon so get those envelopes in as soon as possible!

*In Loving Memory*  *Marvin Lollis*  
July 29, 2009

*In Loving Memory*  *Mary Williams*  
July 24, 2009

We have begun a new policy concerning small groups. Before a group can begin you must fill out and turn in a **Discipleship Class Information Form** at least one month prior to the beginning of a class. Materials will be ordered by the office one week prior to class. For questions, see Blue Bryan or Teresa Green.



Ladies, you are invited to a dessert, drop-in **baby shower** for Kelly Hall and baby Liam on Sunday August 9 from 2 - 4 p.m. Liam is due in just a few short weeks and we want to help them to get ready for the big event!

### Children's Sunday School Needs Your Help!

Will you help us restock the supplies in our children's area? Especially needed are glue sticks, all kinds of tape, washable markers, construction paper, staples and staplers. Bring your donation to the Sunday School workroom and place them in the box labeled *craft supplies*. Thank you for helping.

Are you ready for **Good News Club** this school year. If you feel lead to minister through GNC, please contact Blue for more information. Training will be at the end of August.



If you would like to place **flowers in the sanctuary** in honor of or in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion in your life, see Michelle Adams, chairman of our Flower Committee. Be sure to sign up on the sheet near the office and let the office know what you want in the bulletin.

We all had a great time at **VBS**. Over 80 kids heard about the love of Jesus during the week. Thank you to all of you who let us borrow your child for the week and to all those who helped in any capacity.

