

## Our church family **MATTERS**

### On call this weekend

In case of an emergency call

Blue Bryan @ 243-7377

### Homebound Member of the Week

Grady Watson  
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2006 Pelham Road, Greenville SC 29615

We have received a **thank you note** from Daystar Ministries.

### Because He Gave, We Give . . . December 6

Budget Receipts	\$ 18,649
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$532,679
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$488,415

### Happy Birthday for December 13-19

\* HOMEBOUND MEMBER

13. \*Dorothy Sabean, Tammy Bennett  
Emily Jimmerson
14. Rick Hudson
16. Teresa Howard, Danette Hunter
17. Christy Johnson
18. Carter Ann Nix, David Simpson,  
David McClure, Jordan Adams
19. April Turner



### Happy Anniversary

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

### Family Night Supper . . . December 16

To make or cancel reservations, you must call the church office by **Tuesday noon**. If you do not cancel your reservation by Tuesday noon, you are obligated to pay.

At the present time we are not equipped for walk-ins on Wednesday nights. Please make sure your name is on the list if you wish to eat.

**Menu:** Traditional Christmas Dinner

**Kitchen Helpers:** **Red Team**

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### Ministers for December 13-19

**Deacons of the Month:** Tommy Stephens, Barry Agnew, Glenn Walls

**Preschool Ministers:** Joan Taylor, Robby and Tiffany Bannister,  
Carter Ann Nix

**No Children's Church:** Christmas Cantata by Celebration Choir

**Wednesday Preschool Ministers:** Family Christmas Time

**Ushers:** Jamie Brazell, Markus Heinis, Nick Shaler, David McClure

**Sound/Video/Camera:** John Folk, Steve Todd, Nolan Peden

**Counter:** Ken Shirley

**Release Time** (December 17): Barbara Lollis, Evelyn Pugh

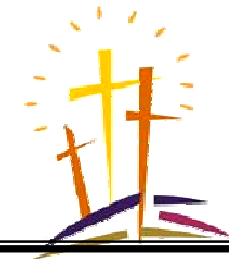
### Church Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson  
Minister of Students & Children: Blue Bryan  
Interim Worship Leader: Sherilyn Ammons  
Financial Assistant: Brenda Whitaker  
Ministry Assistant: Anne Beaver

Custodian: Tommy Murray  
Pianist: Patti Nance  
Interim Organist: Karen Beason  
Hostess: Tammy Wallace

## *The Gate Post*

Northgate Baptist Church  
Pastor, Dr. Barry Jimmerson



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"SHE WRAPPED HIM IN  
CLOTHS AND PLACED  
HIM IN A MANGER,  
BECAUSE THERE WAS  
NO ROOM FOR THEM  
IN THE INN."



## *I Hear the Prophet Callin'*

By the Celebration Choir

This Sunday

10:45 a.m.

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

Last week was our Week of Prayer for International Missions, however I want us to keep praying! Throughout December, let me encourage you to continue to pray for people all around the world.

**Pray for the people of northern India.** Pray for Moses, who after praying to receive Christ at the age of seventeen has steadily grown in his faith and is now a powerful, yet persecuted, evangelist in northern India. Pray that God will give boldness and protection to Moses and other believers in northern India as they share their faith. "Time is short," Moses says. "I must go, pray and preach the Gospel."

**Pray of the people of Ethiopia.** Christian workers, Renee and Ed (names changed), have dedicated their lives to sharing the Good News with the people of Ethiopia. More than 90 percent are illiterate and unable to read the Bible in their own language. Pray for Renee and Ed as they build relationships with the people and share that the only way to heaven is through God's Son, Jesus. Pray the people Renee and Ed meet in Ethiopia will be open and receptive to the friendship and message of hope they offer. Pray that more workers will be called to help spread the Gospel message.

**Pray for the Lezghi people.** Fear of the supernatural is part of daily life for the Lezghi people, who make their homes in the Caucasus Mountains of Central Asia and Eastern Europe. Though they profess to be Muslim, nearly all Lezghi wear amulets or charms to ward off evil spirits; broken teapots hung from homes and thorns hung from vehicles' rearview mirrors serve the same purpose. Holy places called pirs (pronounced peers) provide Lezghis a place to offer sacrifices and consult witch doctors to garner favor with spirits. Most of the more than 650,000 Lezghis have never heard the Gospel. Southern Baptist workers, Carl and Amy Stroller (names changed), from Wake Forest, N.C., are working to change that. Pray that God will open the hearts of the Lezghi and protect the Strollers from discouragement.

As you pray for these people, pray also for the amount that God would give through you for us to reach and exceed our Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal for international missions.

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

Blessings in Jesus,



**Family Christmas Dinner**  
**Wednesday, December 16**  
**Serving begins at 5:30**

See our children in a live nativity scene. There just might be a visit to the children from a special person! Don't miss this. Be sure to get your name on the supper list before noon on Tuesday for a delicious traditional Christmas dinner.

Congratulations to our Grade 2 Sunday School class for having 100% of their members present last Sunday.

Contributions must either be received in the church office by 4:30 p.m. on December 31, 2009, or postmarked by December 31, 2009, to be counted as a 2009 tax deduction.

The Celebration Choir will rehearse Saturday, December 12 at 9:30 a.m. All choir members are requested to be here.

**In order to be good stewards of the Lord's finances, please let us know if you are not reading your Baptist Courier so we can cancel your subscription. Thanks.**



Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions	
Our Goal .....	\$13,000
Received .....	\$ 1,675

**Discipleship Classes Begin in January**

- ◆ *Men's Fraternity* begins January 17 at 6:00
- ◆ *Experiencing God* for adults begins January 20 at 6:30
- ◆ *Financial Peace* begins January 20 at 6:30
- ◆ *Team Kid* for grades 1-6 begins January 20 at 6:30
- ◆ *Experiencing God* for students begins January 24 at 6:00
- ◆ *Parent Fuel: For the Fire Inside Our Kids* begins January 27 at 6:00
- ◆ *GROW Training* coming in January!

**JOY Club Catered Lunch**  
**December 15 at noon**

- Return the reservation form and \$5.40 per person to Evelyn Bradey by Friday, December 11 if you plan to eat.
- Remember to bring a non-perishable food item for the Eastside Crisis Center.
- Hostesses: Elsie Crainshaw, Sara Nell Phillips, and Runette Sweatmon.



**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

This family service will be most inspiring. Sit with your family and partake of the Lord's Supper together. Bring your little ones to hear the Christmas story read at the altar especially for them. Leave the service with a sense of awe and inspiration about the birth of the Christ Child who saved us from our sins.



Have you ever thought about Baby Jesus crying in church? We're sure He did and that's why it will be OK if our babies cry and our children are not completely quiet at this service. What better place for you and your children/grandchildren to be on the eve of the birth of our Savior.