

Our church family **MATTERS**

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

Homebound Member of the Week

Bob White
125 Broughton Drive

Christian Sympathy Is Extended to

Dave Shehan and family on the death of his mother (Estelle Shehan). She was also the grandmother of Teresa Brazell and Heather Currie.

Because He Gave, We Give . . . December 13

Budget Receipts \$ 15,111

Happy Birthday for December 20-26

* HOMEBOUND MEMBER

- 20. Pat Durham, Don Calvert, Sheila Henderson, Stephanie d'Ablemont
- 22. *Loree Folk, Burton Lee, Allyson Reid
- 23. Faye McMahan, Ken Shirley, Linda Rumph
- 26. Tom Estes



Happy Anniversary

- 21: Milward and Lois Griffith
- 24: Frank and Mary Black
- 25: Jackie and Connie McCown

No Wednesday meal on December 23 or 30

Our next Wednesday meal will be a spaghetti supper on January 6.

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Ministers for December 20-26

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

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

Children's Church: Walt and Teresa Green, Mike and Janet Cartee

Wednesday Preschool Ministers: No Wednesday service

Ushers: Mike Cartee, Rodgers Gaines, Don Calvert, Will Moore

Sound/Video/Camera: John Folk, Steve Todd, Ryan Wallace

Counter: Bonnie Arey



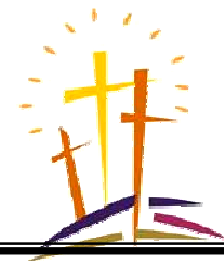
Church Staff

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."*

Luke 2:7, NIV

As we
celebrate our
Savior's
birth, let us
make our
hearts a
warm, quiet
place where
He may
abide.

*Your ministers and staff at Northgate
Wish you a wonderful, Christ-filled Christmas!*

*Barry
Blue
Sherilyn*

*Anne
Brenda
Tommy*

*Patti
Karen
Tammy
Anthony*

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Merry Christmas!

Please keep praying for international missions! Throughout December, let me encourage you to continue to pray for people all around the world.

Pray for the people of Iran. Tucking away a JESUS film and a few Bibles in her belongings, Zahra (not her real name) boards a bus in the capital city of Tehran to share the Gospel with relatives in the Iranian countryside. Zahra is taking a risk by carrying evangelistic material in the Islamic Republic of Iran. Publishing and distributing Bibles is illegal. Converting to Christianity and sharing the Gospel can be punishable by prison or death. Despite the risks, Zahra felt burdened to act after seeing her tribe — the Bakhtiari — listed as an unreached people group in International Mission Board material her house church pastor had given her. While it is safer to share the Gospel in small home groups to escape notice, the Lord gave Zahra boldness when the movie being shown on the bus malfunctioned. She handed the JESUS film to the driver, who played it all the way through. Eight of the 40 people on the bus told her they were interested in becoming Christians. During home visits, Zahra led the driver, his wife and their three grown children to the Lord — as well as her own sister. Though there are restrictions against Christian workers living in Iran, giving through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Cooperative Program enables personnel to share the Gospel with Iranians living in various parts of the world, disciple Christian refugees and train house church leaders when they can travel outside their country. Pray for Christians who risk their lives to share the Gospel in Iran. Pray for the peoples of Iran to be able to hear and read God’s Word. Uplift workers as they find ways to help Iranians know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

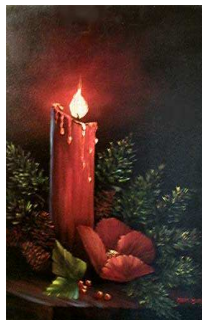
Have you made your offering to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions? Jesus said, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19.

On behalf of Tina, Laura, Emily and Taft, allow me to thank you for the privilege of being your pastor. May you have a blessed Christmas and a fruitful New year!

Merry Christmas,

Happy Holidays!

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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!

There will be no Wednesday service or meal on December 23.

The church office and buildings will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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.

Called Business Conference

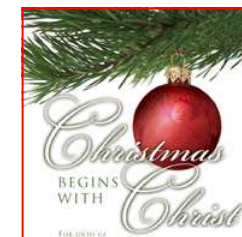
There will be a called Church Conference following the service this Sunday morning. The Personnel Committee is recommending we extend a call to Rev. Blue Bryan for the position of Minister of Education and Students. The vote will be taken by secret ballot.

Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions	
Our Goal	\$13,000
Received	\$ 2,828

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!

There will be no Gate Post the week after Christmas. Be sure to get your articles and information for that week’s Gate Post to the office no later than Monday, December 21.



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.

Good News Club will resume on January 12 and Release Time will resume on January 14.

Have you checked the Lost and Found Box recently?

There are jackets, Bibles, glasses, pearls, a bracelet, and other clothing in the box. Items will be donated at the end of the year. Please check the box before then.