

## Our church family **MATTERS**

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

### Homebound Member of the Week

Bill Ables  
15 Lake Forest Drive, Greenville SC 29609

### Christian Sympathy Is Extended to

James Jeter on the death of his niece and his sister  
Lewis Barker on the death of his sister (Vivian Rice)

We have received a **thank you note** from Frances Gregory

### Happy Birthday for December 27-January 9

\* HOMEBOUND MEMBER

27. James Thompson, Mike McKinney, Sara Hyett
28. Sue Ridgeway
29. Jean Ellison
30. Barbara Stone
31. Jack Gerwig
1. Bill Bishop, Bridgette Chapman
2. Steve Nelms
3. Joe Jones
4. Lynn Mejia, Katie Smith, Jonathan Lawton
6. Ashley Outz
7. Virgil Thomas, Patti Murphy, Marcus Bennett
8. Jim Agnew



### Happy Anniversary

- 29: Larry and Patty Ertzberger
- 1: Chip and Melissa Lawton
- 2: Jack and Judy West
- 7: Frank and Jo Beth Graves
- 9: Harold and Rachel Graves

### Family Night Supper . . . January 6

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:** Spaghetti Dinner

**Kitchen Helpers:** [Blue Team](#)

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### Because He Gave, We Give . . . December 20

Budget Receipts	\$ 7,183
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$554,421
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$511,509

### Ministers for December 27-January 2

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

**Preschool Ministers:** Lewis and Lou Jean Barker, Tina Jimmerson  
Richard and Cynthia Hudson

**Children's Church:** Jamie and Teresa Brazell, Beth Todd

**Wednesday Preschool Ministers:** Joan Taylor, Anne Danciu

**Ushers:** Rusty Hill, Bob Landers, Jack Nance, Don Calvert

**Sound/Video/Camera:** John Folk, Steve Todd, Adam Cartee

**Counter:** Perry Folk

### Ministers for January 3-9

**Deacons of the Month:** Don Calvert, Walt Green, Perry Folk

**Preschool Ministers:** Judy West, Pat Durham, Rhonda Capparelli

**Children's Church:** Arvid Lumanauw, David and Susan McClure

**Wednesday Preschool Ministers:** Tiffany Bannister, Teresa Green

**Ushers:** Bob Parker, Steve Poole, Scott Ferguson, Jered Nisky

**Sound/Video/Camera:** John Folk, Debbie Hudson, Taft Jimmerson

**Counter:** Mary Jane Peden

## The Gate Post

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# Happy New Year

*May the gifts  
of the season . . .  
peace, hope,  
love, health,  
and happiness  
be yours  
throughout  
the new year.*

*Have you given your Lottie Moon Offering  
for International Missions yet?*

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### Happy New Year!

Thank you for praying for international missions! Throughout December we have been praying for people all around the world. Here are two more prayer requests:

**Pray for the people of China.** During the past two decades, central China's urbanization has grown at full-throttle. Workers migrating from the countryside to new urban centers have transformed 223 towns into cities, each counting more than 1 million people. The lure? Money. A city job pays three to four times the salary possible in villages. But in the past, moving to find that job put rural people at risk because government policies denied them the documentation they needed to work in the cities. Last year, thousands of Chinese took to the streets to protest their dire economic situation. The government responded by allowing 20 percent of them to move into cities, cities with insufficient housing, factories and roads. And little Christian witness. As these metropolitan areas continue to sprawl, there's a growing concentration of people who don't know Jesus and have little opportunity to meet Him. In essence, they are a collection of lost cities. Finding a way to share Christ's love and developing a plan to reach these urban centers is critical. Now is the most opportune time as workers arrive and struggle to find their way. They - and the relatives they left behind - need the stability found only in Jesus. Pray that God will call more Christian workers to take the Gospel to these unreached peoples.

**Pray for the people of the Canary Islands.** Pepe and Shari Lopez (names changed) rely heavily on relationship-building to enhance their ministry opportunities in Fuerteventura, one of seven Canary Islands located off the west coast of Africa. Many islanders are immigrants from northwest Africa who have come looking for a better life in the European Union. Some enter the country legally, while others go a more dangerous route on rickety boats or makeshift rafts. Earning these people's trust is a lengthy process, but the Lopezes have found that providing free, no-strings-attached services, such as teaching, help tremendously. Shari leads multilingual children's camps, and Pepe teaches a free Spanish class. Omar, a Muslim, is one of Pepe's most dependable students. Because of Pepe's dedication and free teaching, the trust level among his students has skyrocketed, especially with Omar. The friendships built during the classes and camps have helped Pepe and Shari reach areas of the community that previously would have been nearly impossible. Pray that Pepe and Shari will continue building deep relationships with fellow islanders.

Pray and give that people might come to know Christ as Savior. Happy New Year!

I look forward to growing with you in Sunday School and worshipping with you in church in 2010!

Blessings in Jesus,

### Discipleship Classes Begin in January

- ◆ *Men's Fraternity* begins January 17 at 6:00 - The winter session will focus on *Winning at Work*, an eight-week study focusing on an area that is central to a man's life, his career - explores how a man can enjoy and be responsible at his work.
- ◆ *Experiencing God* for adults begins January 20 at 6:30 - Learn how to know God intimately, to recognize his voice, and to understand His will for your life during this thirteen-week session..
- ◆ *Financial Peace* begins January 20 at 6:30 - This thirteen-week life-changing program teaches you how to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before.
- ◆ *Team Kid* for grades 1-6 begins January 20 at 6:30 - Balances high-energy activities and games with high-impact Bible lessons, scripture memorization, and life application.
- ◆ *Experiencing God* for students begins January 24 at 6:00 - In this nine-week session youth will learn to hear God speaking, join Him where he is working and experience what only God can do.
- ◆ *Parent Fuel: For the Fire Inside Our Kids* begins January 24 at 6:00 - This thirteen-week session will fuel the fire in our most important relationships, Christ and our kids - makes a connection with kids and caring adults - offers a new, fiery perspective on parenting filled with possibilities.
- ◆ *GROW Training* will be on Sunday mornings January 10, 17, 24, and 31 at 9:30 in Room 210.
- ◆ *GROW Outreach* will resume on Monday, February 8 at 6:00.



Because of unexpected delays, the church calendar for 2010 will not be available until January.

**The church office and buildings will be closed on New Year's Day.**



**Congratulations** to Lane Barker and Molly Campbell who were married December 19.



Joel and Valia Warren  
Deacons: Joey Hall, Tom Simon, Walt Green

Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions	
Our Goal .....	\$13,000
Received .....	\$ 5,803

**THERE WILL BE NO GATE POST NEXT WEEK.**

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.

**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.