

Northgate Family News

On Call This Weekend

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

Homebound Member of the Week

Norma Cornish
12 Tilbury Way, Greenville, SC 29609

Because He Gave, We Give. . December 5

Budget Receipts	\$ 33,183
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$520,821
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$434,220

We Have Received a Thank You Note From . . .

The Brazell family

Christian Sympathy Is Extended to

- ◆ David Simpson and family on the death of his mother, Anna Simpson
- ◆ Joel and Gloria Duncan on the death of her brother, Carrol Hatfield

Special Occasions. . . December 12-18

Happy Birthday

12. Sara Chandler, Rusty McAllister
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, Sarah Pryor, Jordan Adams

Family Night Supper . . . December 15

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.

Kitchen Helpers: Tom Simon, Anne Danciu, Ann Therrell, Alicia Henry, Del Sabean, Barbara Lollis

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Thank you for helping our student ministry be purchasing pecans, hams, turkeys, and pancakes.



Ministers for December 12-18

Deacons of the Month: Tommy Stephens, Barry Agnew, Porter Huskey

Preschool Worship: Rhonda Capparelli, Joey and Kelly Hall, Blue and Heather Bryan, Marian Huskey

Baby Room, Sunday School: Ruth Harrison, Lou Jean Barker

No Children's Church

Wednesday Preschool Ministers: Joan Taylor, Anne Danciu

Ushers: Bobby Taylor, Roy Sabean, Richard Hudson, Jim Hardesty

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

Counter: Mary Jane Peden

Release Time: Jan Calvert, Barbara Lollis, Allison Peden, Almena Simon

Church Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson
 Minister of Education /Students: Blue Bryan
 Interim Worship Leader: Sherilyn Ammons
 Minister of Preschool/Children: Ruth Harrison
 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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A Thrill of Hope

By the Celebration Choir

Sunday, December 12

10:45 a.m.



A Family Christmas

Wednesday, December 15

5:30

Join us for our annual Christmas family meal in the Fellowship Hall and then move to the sanctuary to see the drama, *What God Wants for Christmas*, presented by our preschoolers and children. Refreshments will be served following the program. All adults and youth are encouraged to attend the Christmas program. Do you think we might have a visit from someone in a red suit? You'll have to be here to see!

If you are not on the permanent list, call the office no later than noon on Tuesday, December 14, to place your name on the supper list. We will not be able to serve you if you have not called us by the deadline. This is especially important for the children in the play and their parents. The cost for this meal is \$8 per person.

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Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We have been considering H.W. Brands' reflections on Abraham Lincoln in his collection of essays entitled, *Lincoln's Genius*. This article marks the last of these considerations.

In his essay, *Show Malice Toward None*, (p.83), Dr. Brands wrote (concerning Lincoln's assassination), "The murder froze Lincoln in the American mind. Northerners saw him as a prophet and a martyr. The shooting took place on Good Friday Evening; 36 hours later, from Easter pulpits all across the North, ministers made the connection plain. "Our Moses has been taken," A.G. Thomas declared in Philadelphia. John Blake told his Episcopal flock in Bridgeport, Conn.: 'As God sent Moses to deliver the children of Israel from slavery, so, I believe, he sent Abraham Lincoln to deliver us.' A.D. Mayo of Cincinnati likened Lincoln to Jesus quoting St. Paul: 'Without the shedding of blood is no remission.' Unitarian Richard Eddy of Philadelphia contented himself calling Lincoln 'the martyr to liberty.' George Boardman of Philadelphia denominated him 'thou illustrious martyr for us all.'"

We will forgive Dr. Brands for attributing the authorship of Hebrews to St. Paul and A.D. Mayo for his apparent misquotation of Hebrews 9:22; but we can applaud these men for their recognition of the contributions that Abraham Lincoln made to our great nation. According to the Preservation Office of the Pitts Theology Library at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, A.D. Mayo continued in this very sermon, "All shedding of blood is by God's permission. Not one act of violence, not one destruction of life, not one drop of human blood shed, without his knowledge and consent. For God is infinite love, and in His perfect providence all things work together for good." Paul wrote, "**But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons**" (Galatians 4:4-5, NKJV).

As we approach Christmas, let us remember that God has provided for our redemption through His incarnation. For that, we worship our risen Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Blessings in Jesus,



Keep
in **Christ**
Christmas



Lottie Moon Offering

Northgate Goal: \$10,000

Received: \$405

National Goal: \$175

For Parents of Children and Preschoolers

Preschoolers and children will have a final drama practice in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 12, at 4:00. There will be pizza after the practice. Their program, *What God Wants for Christmas*, is December 15.



Drop-In Baby Shower

There will be a church-wide drop-in shower to honor John and Sara Folk in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 12, from 2:00 - 4:00. They are expecting a baby girl soon and are registered at Babies-R-Us.

Important Information

We must abide by our Child Protection Policy. Only adults over the age of 18 who have had a background check and are on our approved list may provide care for children under the age of 18. This includes preschool care, children's church, and all activities for this age child. Everyone should attend Sunday School, worship services, and Wednesday events appropriate to their age group.



Celebration Choir will rehearse on Saturday, December 11 from 10:00 to noon.



The JOY Club will meet at 11 a.m. on December 14. Our program will be a repeat performance of Christmas music by Tony Vissikus. Bring non-perishable food items for our Crisis Closet, sponsored by the JOY Club and WMU. Any Sunday School class or individual who wishes to participate may bring their donations to the Mary-Martha classroom before December 14. Come and enjoy the Christmas program and good food. Don't forget to bring your favorite food to share and the food items for the Crisis Closet.

Hostesses: Elsie Crainshaw, Mary Ridgeway, Nancy Stephens

Christmas Card Mailbox

Guided Feet is sponsoring a **Christmas card mailbox** this year. You may place cards for church members only in the blue cabinet in the hallway near the copier. Slots are marked alphabetically. Don't forget to check the slot for cards you receive. No postage is necessary, but donations will be accepted to help Guided Feet continue its ministry.

End of Year Giving

In order for you to receive credit for 2010 contributions to Northgate and its ministries, they must be received in the church office no later than noon on Friday, December 31. If mailed, they must be postmarked by December 31. We are all experiencing difficult financial times, but let's try to give a little extra to share God's Word with others this year.

The Chrismon Tree

A Chrismon tree is filled with symbolism as it paints the priceless portrait of Jesus Christ. Chrismon is literally a combination of the words "Christ and monogram." Each decoration is a sign, type, or combination of figures that proclaim the name, life, and saving acts of Jesus. The ornaments on our tree were made years ago by the ladies of Northgate, many of whom are now with the Lord. Please take a moment to enjoy this special tribute on the stage in the Fellowship Hall.