

# Northgate Family News



## On Call This Weekend

In case of an emergency this weekend call  
Blue Bryan @ 243-7377

## Homebound Member of the Week

Dorothy Sabean  
Skylyn Place Apt. 190  
1705 Skylyn Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29307

## Because He Gave, We Give. . December 12

Budget Receipts	\$ 13,929
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$531,450
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$448,149

## Christian Sympathy Is Extended to

Patti Nance and family on the death of her brother-in-law  
(Melton Sarratt)

## Thank You Notes

We have received thank you notes from Myra Winchester, Ruth O'Donnell, and Green's Cross Baptist Church in Windsor, NC

## Special Occasions. . . December 19-25

### Happy Birthday

- 19. April Turner
- 20. Pat Durham, Don Calvert, Sheila Henderson, Stephanie d'Ablemont
- 22: \*Loree Folk, Burton Lee, Allyson Reid
- 23: Faye McMahon, Ken Shirley, Linda Rumph

### Happy Anniversary

- 19: Don and Jan Calvert
- 21: Mick and Lois Griffith
- 25: Jackie and Connie McCown



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## Ministers for December 19-25

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

**Preschool Worship:** Jered and Katie Nisky, Laverne Walls, Danette Hunter, Pam Waters, Almena Simon

**Baby Room, Sunday School:** Heather Bryan, Joan Hall

**Children's Church:** Joey and Kelly Hall, Ann Therrell

**Wednesday Preschool Ministers:** No activities

**Ushers:** Don Calvert, Dan Burgess, Joey Hall, Lewis Barker

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

**Counter:** Bonnie Arey

## 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

Northgate Baptist Church  
Pastor, Dr. Barry Jimmerson



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*Carols,  
Candlelight  
and  
Communion  
5:00 on Christmas Eve*

Let's set aside this important time and worship our Lord on the eve of his Son's birth. Take time out of your busy schedule to enjoy your church family during this wonderful season.

Dress is informal this year. It's even OK if your child makes a *joyful noise* to the Lord during the service. Baby Jesus probably talked in church too!

The church office and buildings will be closed December 24 and 27 for the holidays.



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## Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!



Isn't it interesting how the commercialization of Christmas has become such a powerful economic force in our society? Black Friday (the day after Thanksgiving) is recognized as the day that retailers go from the "red" to the "black" in accounting terms. The Christmas shopping season has become so important to our economy that some retailers live or die (in economic terms) according to their successes (or lack of) during the Christmas shopping season. An owner of a Christian book store once told me that his business made more sales on the day after Thanksgiving than in the entire month of January! Interestingly, the Christmas shopping phenomenon isn't confined to America. Japan is a nation of 127 million souls and less than 1% are Christians; yet Christmas shopping is an economic boom to the Japanese economy.

How is it that the marvelous, miraculous story of the incarnation of God could be lost in economics? Somehow, somehow, we must turn this economic boom time into an opportunity for evangelism. Clearly one way is by supporting the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions and praying for missionaries around the world.

Please pray about what God would give through you to support mission efforts around the world. Using your International Missions prayer guide, pray for missionaries serving Christ around the world. Finally, be the missionary to your neighborhood and community that God has called you to be. **"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved"** (Acts 4:12, NKJV).

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

Blessings in Jesus,



## Christmas Worship This Sunday

This Sunday, December 19 will be our Christmas worship service. Dr. Jimmerson will be preaching *God's Perfect Timing* from Galatians 4:4-5. We will light the advent candle of Love and our children's choir will sing and share through creative movement to *A Cradle Prayer* by Rebecca St. James. A special guest harpist, Aubrae Wagner, will share in our worship through her music, as will our Celebration Choir, and Karen Beason as she sings a solo. Join us as we remember the birth of our Savior at this special time of the year.



## Winter Bible Study

This year's Winter Bible Study is on the book of Galatians. Dr. Jimmerson will lead this study in the sanctuary on Wednesday nights at 6:30, beginning January 5. Books will be available soon for you to purchase for \$7 per book.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.



<b>Lottie Moon Offering</b>
Northgate Goal: \$10,000
Received: \$ 2,390

## A Small Request

Several of the staff members will be on vacation during the Christmas holidays. Please do not leave voice mails on phones during this time since there is a good chance no one will be in the office to retrieve them. Just give your message to the volunteer who answers the phone.

There will be no Wednesday night service or fellowship meal on December 22 and 29.

## Winter Coat Collection

If you have clean, used winter coats that you will not be wearing this winter, please bring them to the church as soon as possible. Joan Taylor is collecting them to take to the homeless in Greenville. Children, youth, and adult coats and jackets will be accepted.

## A Ministry Report

We have shared the Good News with kids in four schools this school year through Good News Club and Release Time. Our leaders have lead 25 kids to the Lord.