

Northgate Family News

On Call This Weekend

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

Homebound Member of the Week

Yvonne Almeida
10 Meadow Crest Circle, Greenville SC 29609

Thank You

Thank you, church family, for helping our kids go to CentriKid this summer. From the dinner, pictures, flowers and the auction, we raised about \$2,600. We have 19 going to CentriKid.

Because He Gave, We Give . . . February 13

Budget Receipts	\$ 5,335
Budget Requirements Y-T-D	\$72,219
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$59,151

Special Occasions . . . February 20-26

Happy Birthday

- 20. Lindsay Painter
- 21. *Kate Jenkins, David Ammons
- 23. Sandra Zywiczynski, Ryan Richards, Krystal Finley
- 24. Wilson Capparelli, Brandon Mejia
- 26. Perry Folk

Happy Anniversary

- 23: James and Evelyn Williams
- 25: Jack and Carol Dill
- 26: Tom and Elaine Estes
James and Betty Jeter

Family Night Supper - February 23

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: Melissa Lawton, Peter Danciu, ted Garner, Carole Coker, Eunice Graham

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Ministers for February 20-26

Deacons of the Month: Walt Green, Steve Todd, Don Calvert

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

Baby Room, Sunday School: Janet Cartee, Teresa Green

No Children's Church

Wednesday Preschool Ministers: Joan Taylor, Anne Danciu

Ushers: Brandon Mejia, Zack West, John Sams, Jeremy Sams, Price Brazell, Hunter Hamilton

Sound/Video/Camera: John Folk, Joey Hall, Taft Jimmerson

Counter: Bonnie Arey

Release Time: Jan Calvert, Barbara Lollis, Marian Huskey, Patty Runion

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

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**This Sunday Is
Preschool and Children's Sunday!**

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

I have never read an article about the transatlantic slave trade like the one in the February 2011 issue of *Civil War Times*. The article is entitled, "Hell on the Water," and written by Ron Soodalter. February is Black History Month in our nation; therefore, I will be devoting my articles in *The Gatepost* to this blemish on our nation's soul by referencing this moving article.

Mr. Soodalter wrote (p.54-55), "The object of any slaving expedition was to deliver as many living human beings as possible; deaths that occurred on a voyage were merely attributed to the cost of doing business. Mortality aboard American slavers varied, depending on the length of the voyage, the severity of conditions on board and the callousness of captain and crew, but it averaged 17.5 percent. Of every 1,000 captives taken from Africa, some 175 perished on the infamous Middle Passage, the voyage from Africa to America, Brazil or the islands in the Caribbean. They died of disease, thirst, starvation, suffocation, exhaustion, suicide and sometimes simply despair. Attempts at suicide were punished with torture and execution, as an example to the others. So common were deaths aboard slave ships that sailors told stories of the schools of sharks that followed their vessels from Africa to their destination ports. There are documented accounts of slave ship captains ordering their captives jettisoned. On his 11th slaving voyage, when an English slaver named Homans found his brig surrounded by four British naval cruisers, he ordered all 600 manacled slaves aboard brought on deck and bound to the anchor chain. When the cruiser's boats lowered to approach the slaver, Homans had the anchor thrown over side. As it plummeted to the ocean floor, it carried with it every man, woman and child. The loss of a slaver's "cargo" did not always signify the voyage was a failure. Unbelievably, insurance companies – both in America and abroad – were only too willing to insure slaving expeditions, and paid market value for the slaves so long as the loss was due to the forces of nature. One slaver, denied payment on a cargo of slaves he had thrown over the side, sued the insurance company, and the courts found in his favor."

One of the reasons why I am drawing attention to this atrocious "trade" is because slavery still exists in the world today. May God help us for all human life is sacred; and we were all fearfully and wonderfully made. Pray for repentance and salvation for the perpetrators and comfort and rescue



Team O
Monday@ 6:00

for the captives that this particular evil be permanently eradicated from our world.

You may read more about this subject in Ron Soodalter's book, *Hanging Captain Gordon: The Life and Trial of an American Slave Trader*.

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

Blessings in Christ,

**Deacon's meeting is Sunday
at 4:00 in the Crossties room.**

Choose a Class to Attend



- ▲ **The Book of Galatians:** Every Wednesday night at 7:00. Lead by Dr. Jimmerson.
- ▲ **Life Transformation Groups (LTG):** Do you need accountability in reading the Scriptures? This is the place. Join a group of men or women to discuss the Scripture read during the previous week. Contact Blue to join a group.
- ▲ **Matthew in Focus:** Beginning Wednesday, March 2. from 6:30 pm - 7:30, this class will take a deeper look into the Scriptures preached by Dr. Jimmerson on the previous Sunday. The class, lead by David McClure, will meet for 7 weeks in room 203, concluding April 13.
- ▲ **More Than a Carpenter Bible Study:** This DVD-driven class, facilitated by Will Kirby, will begin Wednesday, February 23 in room 202. Our choir will present a cantata by the same name on Palm Sunday.
- ▲ **Life Lessons from Women of the Bible:** Class begins February 23 at 6:30. Facilitators are Heather Bryan and Debbie Hudson.

Basketball Banquet

Our annual Basketball Banquet is set for Saturday, February 26 at 6:00. All coaches and players through the eighth grade and their families are invited to attend a celebration of a well-played season. A hot dog supper and awards will be provided.

Women's Birthday Party

Ladies, don't miss the fun and fellowship on Saturday, March 5 from 1:00 - 3:00. Cherrie Nettles will be the quest speaker. Secret sisters will be revealed at this time and new ones will be given out.

Help Our Children!

Northgate children are selling bags of coffee, hot chocolate, lemonade, and candy from Liquid Highway for \$10 per bag. All proceeds will go to our children's ministries. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please see Bonnie Burgess, Ruth Harrison, or a child who is selling them.

WMU Meetings Coming Up!

Ladies be here on Tuesday, February 22 at 10 a.m. to hear Venus Dixon, director of Miracle Hill Renewal Center (formerly Rosewood Home). Night group will meet at 7:00. Bring cleaning supplies and paper products for the center.

Supplies for Piedmont Women's Center

The Crossties class is once again collecting baby items for Piedmont Women's Center. They are in need of all kinds of baby items, especially newborn diapers. Please bring your unwrapped gifts to the Crossties classroom by the end of February.

Youth and Adult Sunday School teachers meeting Sunday, February 20 at 5:30 in room 202

Baptist Courier

Because of our economic situation and in order to use God's money wisely, we has cancelled our church-wide subscription to the Baptist Courier. If you wish to continue receiving it, you may contact the Baptist Courier office at 232-8736.

We need volunteers for the 4th Monday night of each month to care for preschoolers and children so their parents can participate in GROW.