



A purpose statement for a New Testament church never changes. It is dictated to us by the Scriptures. However, a vision statement does change. A vision statement captures, in words, how a particular church in a particular setting at a particular time achieves its purpose or mission. We adopted our mission and vision statements in May of 2007. They read as follows:

Mission Statement: The mission of Northgate Baptist Church is to glorify God by equipping its members to be actively involved in the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Vision Statement: At Northgate Baptist Church, we seek to express God's love to people through the five core functions of the church:

EVANGELISM: We envision the introduction of the people of the Greenville, South Carolina area to Jesus Christ primarily through the work of a strong Sunday School that seeks to express God's love through honest, relational evangelism.

DISCIPLESHIP: We envision the development of our people into fully equipped servants of Christ through biblically-based discipleship training for all ages. We envision using innovative ways to encourage Bible study at church and in our homes.

FELLOWSHIP: We envision the development of a loving, inclusive Christian fellowship for all of our people through personal interaction with members as well as our guests. We envision a Christian fellowship that supports the other functions of the church by providing innovative opportunities for people to come together in Christian love. We deeply desire to reflect Christ's "third" great commandment that all will know us as His followers by the love we have for one another. (Jn. 13:35).

MINISTRY: We envision helping believers to become involved in missions and service for our Savior by providing ample training for the family of Christ to express God's love in ministry to all people everywhere. We have identified youth and children's ministry as being of paramount importance and desire to create a culture that brings them to Christ and is conducive for their spiritual maturity. Our ultimate goal is for every church member to be a well-equipped minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP: We envision worship as being dynamic encounters with the living God. Since an experience with God is, by its very nature exciting and life changing, we seek to create an atmosphere through music, prayer and biblically-based preaching where everyone can respond to God's presence with genuine worship and praise. We envision worship as being a reflection of our stewardship responsibility to our gracious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We envision worship as a celebration of the giving of our time, gifts, talents, finances and even our life's breath for the glory of God.

As we use our prayer guide to pray for Northgate Baptist Church this week, I hope you will recognize that we are praying through our vision statement.

The purpose for our week of prayer is that we might achieve God's vision for His church at Northgate in 2011-12. I encourage you to pray fervently and sacrificially that the Lord Jesus be glorified through His church!

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

Blessings in Jesus,

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Come to our church-wide Labor Day Picnic on Monday, September 5 from 4:00 - 9:00 at Paris Mountain State Park. Get to know your church family better while having fun and enjoying hot dogs! The church will furnish the hot dogs and we are asking you to bring a side-dish to go with them. Make your reservations by calling the office or by filling in the form in the bulletin. We need to know approximately how many hot dogs to prepare. Come meet somebody new in your church family.

Promotion Day in Sunday School Is This Sunday

At the end of Sunday School this Sunday, August 28, preschoolers and children will be taken to their new classroom. Parents will pick up their children at their current classroom. On September 4, everyone will go to their new classes for Sunday School.



**NO GROW
this week**

August 31 is Adventure Night at Wonderful Wednesday. We are having a hot dog supper at 6:00 for preschoolers and children, their leaders, and their families. After that we will have a scavenger hunt. Make plans to be part of this time of food, fun, and adventure. Call the church office by 12:00 on Wednesday if you plan to attend.



Greeter Training Session

All greeters, including deacons and ushers, are asked to meet for an important training session in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 28 at 4:30.

Wednesday Nights

Help is needed on Wednesday nights for the fellowship meal time. You can either come early and help serve or stay after the meal to help clean up (no dish washing). We would like to have enough teams so you would only have to work once every five to six weeks. Contact Judy West soon to help.

The church office and buildings will be closed Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.

Only Three More Are Needed!

We only need three more people! Are you one of them? Blue and Ted Garner need three more volunteers to help them with Release Time at Sevier Middle School. See one of them if you have a heart for students and will help them.

Zumba for Ladies

Ladies, would you like to lose a few pounds or just get toned up? If so, come to our Zumba classes. They meet in our Gym on Mondays at 6:45, Tuesdays at 6:15 and Thursdays at 6:45. The first class is free and after that you only pay \$15 for four classes.

Our church family **MATTERS**

In Case of Emergency Call

Barry Jimmerson @ 609-1845

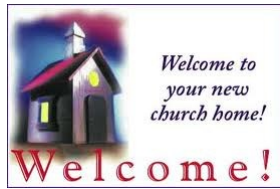
Blue Bryan @ 243-7377

Ruth Harrison @ 380-7850

Our Homebound Member of the Week

Bob White

125 Broughton Drive, Greenville SC 29609



Welcome to
your new
church home!

Francis Jonnalagadda

Moses Jonnalagadda

Deacons: Nick Shaler and Warren Peden

Giving to the Lord

August 21

Budget Receipts \$ 3,711

Budget Required YTD \$350,778

Budget Received YTD \$291,785

Happy Birthday August 28 - September 3

28: Barry Jimmerson, Drew Ertzberger

29: *Yvonne Almeida

30: Scott Henry

31: Baylus Johnson, Joey Zywiczyński

1: Patty Runion

3: Britton Calvert

Happy Anniversary August 28 - September 3

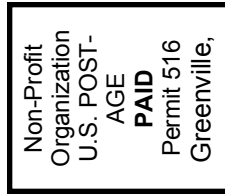
27: Michael and Sara Pryor

30: Ted and Linda Garner

31: Scott and Dawn Painter

1: Alan and Jerri Sams

2: Rick and Debbie Hudson



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Return Service Requested

Ministers This Week

Every member a minister

Deacons of the Month: Jack Dill, Joey Hall, Will Moore

Preschool Worship: Chasie Bearden, Harry and Dawn Cunningham, Warren and Allison Peden, Joan Taylor

Preschool Sunday School: Heather Bryan, Joan Hall

Children's Church: David and Susan McClure, Almena Simon

Wednesday Ministers: Laverne Walls, Lou Jean Barker

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

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk, Steve Todd,
Kristopher Newman

Counter: Perry Folk

Church Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson

Minister of Students and Children: Blue Bryan

Minister of Childrem/Preschool: Ruth Harrison

Worship Leader: Richard Hendricks

Financial Assistant: Brenda Whitaker

Ministry Assistant: Anne Beaver

Custodian: Tommy Murray

Pianist: Patty Nance

Interim Organist: Karen Beason

The Gate Post

Northgate Baptist Church

Pastor, Dr. Barry Jimmerson



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New Wednesday Schedule
Begins
September 7

- 5:15 - 6:30 Wednesday Fellowship Meal
- 6:15 - 7:30 Missions and Music for birth - K5
BAMM for grades 1-6
Youth Worship for grades 7-12
- 6:30 - 7:00 Adult Bible Study
- 7:15 - 8:30 Celebration Choir Practice
- 7:00 - 7:30 Adult Prayer Time

There is something for everyone on Wednesday nights at Northgate! Now is a good time to join us.

If you wish to participate in the fellowship meal, you must put your name on the permanent list or call the office by noon on Tuesday. If you are on the permanent list, payment for meals will be required unless your reservation has been canceled prior to Tuesday noon.

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