



Many of us have finished our Christmas shopping; some of us are still engaged! The *busyness* of the season is behind some of us now so we can rest and better reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas. The Celebration Choir at Northgate has accomplished just that – and more! The choir worked and worked and practiced for months to offer a gift of worship to the Lord Jesus Christ and we had the privilege of listening in last Sunday morning! *Majesty of Heaven* was a refreshing gift of genuine worship. I want to thank our Worship Leader, Richard Hendricks, and the Celebration Choir for such a beautiful gift of music.

As we make our lists for Christmas and check it twice, let's not forget to give the gift that keeps on giving – missions! The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions provides half of the support that SBC missionaries need to remain on the international field. Cooperative Program funds provide the balance of the needs. An average IMB missionary needs \$46,700 to remain on the field for one year. Northgate's goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions is \$10,000. We give an additional \$11,000 (approximate) through our regular Cooperative Program gifts throughout the year (for international missions). A little math shows that \$23,340 would support a SBC missionary for six months on the mission field. How many souls are in Heaven today because of Northgate's commitment to missions? How many souls will be in Heaven this time next year because we gave today? How much is one soul worth? One soul is worth the death, burial, and resurrection of the Father's one Son.

As we go through this Christmas season, let's remember why we are here – Jesus Christ! Please give faithfully and sacrificially to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering so that all can hear the good news that changes the world one soul at a time.

Merry Christmas,

Bamy



This Sunday, December 18, will be a special time of Christmas worship. Dr. Jimmerson will be preaching from Luke 2:25-35, Simeon's Blessing. We will light the advent candle of Love and Guided Feet will share through creative movement.

The church offices and buildings will be CLOSED on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26.

Gate Post Schedule

There will be a Gate Post next week but not the week after Christmas, December 25-31. Get your articles for the first of the year to the office by Friday, December 16.

There will be no Wednesday meal or service on December 21. They will resume on January 4.

Will Kirby still has names of children from the **Prison Fellowship Ministry** who need help at Christmas. These children have parents who are in prison. Please take one or more of these names and help them to have a good Christmas. Please contact Will ASAP.

In order for you to receive credit for **2011 contributions** to Northgate, all monies must be received in the church office no later than noon on Friday, December 30. If mailed, they must be postmarked by December 31.

Lottie Moon Offering	
Northgate Goal:	\$10,000
Received:	\$ 2,333

Discipleship News

- Sunday evening: Youth Discipleship
- Tuesday Morning: Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 7 a.m.
- Wednesday evening: BAMB for grades 1-6 @ 6:15
Mission Friends for birth - K5 @ 6:15
Pastor's Bible Study @ 6:30
- Sunday, January 8: Life Transformation Group kick-off @ 5
Six-week study on prayer @ 6:00 begins

Beginning January 2, 2012, if you make a purchase and need to be reimbursed, you **MUST** provide our financial secretary with receipts. We can not cut checks if there is no receipt for the purchase. If ordered online, you **MUST** get a PO number **BEFORE** ordering. Thank you.

Marriage Retreat Weekend

The deadline is drawing near! Plan to attend this weekend retreat with your spouse and strengthen your marriage. It will be at Bonclarken in Flat Rock, North Carolina, November 9-11, 2012. We must turn in a \$40 deposit per couple by January 15. See Tina Jimmerson for more details. This would make a wonderful and much-appreciated Christmas gift for your children, grandchildren, or even your parents (yes, parents!).

Congratulations to Taylor (Vernon) Capps upon her recent graduation from the University of South Carolina.



Our church family **MATTERS**

In Case of Emergency Call

Barry Jimmerson @ 609-1845
Ruth Harrison @ 380-7850

Blue Bryan @ 243-7377

Our Homebound Member of the Week

Lillian Price
44 Pinehurst Drive, Taylors SC 29687

Thank You Notes Have Been Received From

Linda Moseley, Enoree Baptist Church

Giving to the Lord

December 11

Budget Receipts	\$ 15,816
Budget Required YTD	\$515,850
Budget Received YTD	\$457,400



Congratulations to Bobby and Nancy Taylor on the birth of a grandson, Drew Thomas Hudgens, who was born on November 15.

Congratulations to Jerri and Alan Sams on the birth of a granddaughter, Emma, on December 12.

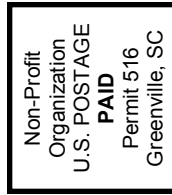
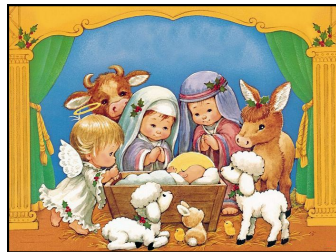


Happy Birthday December 18 - 24

18: Carter Ann Nix, David Simpson, David McClure, Sarah Pryor
19: April Turner
20: Pat Durham, Don Calvert, Sheila Henderson, Stephanie d'Ablemont
22: Burton Lee
23: Faye McMahon, Ken Shirley, Linda Rumph, Clarie Britt

Happy Anniversary December 18 - 24

19: Don and Jan Calvert
20: Mick and Lois Griffith



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Return Service Requested



Ministers for the Week of December 18 - 24

Every member a minister

Deacons of the Month: Will Kirby, Barry Agnew, Porter Huskey

Preschool Worship: Chasie Bearden, Ted Garner, Laverne Walls, Robby and Tiffany Bannister, Tina Jimmerson

Children's Church: David and Susan McClure

Preschool Sunday School: Rhonda Capparelli, Almena Simon

Ushers: Mike Cartee, Bill Nix, Don Calvert, Will Moore

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk, Steve Todd, Kelsey Todd

Counter: Bonnie Arey

Church Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson

Minister of Students and Children: Blue Bryan

Minister of Children/Preschool: Ruth Harrison

Worship Leader: Richard Hendricks

The Gate Post

Northgate Baptist Church
Pastor, Dr. Barry Jimmerson



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*Join us as we remember the birth of our Savior
at this special time of year.*

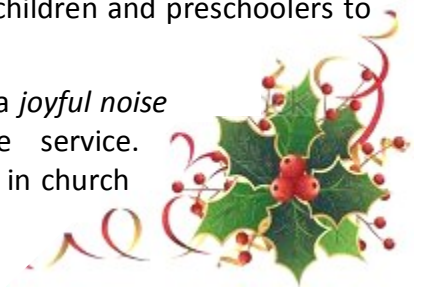


*Carols, Candlelight
and Communion
5:00 on Christmas Eve*

What better time to worship our Savior than on His birthday! Take time out of your Christmas morning and come to our Christmas Day service at 10:45. There will be no Sunday School. Dress is informal.

There will be no childcare on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Bring your children and preschoolers to worship.

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



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