

From Our Pastor

One of the scariest verses in the Bible is **Numbers 32:23** – “**But if you do not do so (obey God), then take note, you have sinned against the Lord; and be sure your sin will find you out.**” We can all be sure of one thing - sooner or later, our sin *will* find us out. **Romans 3:23** – “**All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**” **James 1:14-15** – “**But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.**” **Romans 6:23a** – “**For the wages of sin is death.**”

Romans 6:23b – “**But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**” **Ephesians 2:8** – “**For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.**” The “gift of God” is what Holy Week is all about. The “gift of God” is Easter! **2 Corinthians 5:21** – “**For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**” The great gift is grace! We find the very essence of grace in the most familiar verse. **John 3:16** – “**For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**”

Unlike Christmas, Easter is not getting crowded out by commercialism. Easter has not been repackaged as a cultural holiday; it is clearly a Christian worship day. The Easter Bunny is no commercial match for Santa Claus! Eggs hidden in the grass are no commercial match for presents under a tree. That is the irony of our culture. The greatest gift we could ever hope to receive was not placed under a tree, but on a tree, buried in a borrowed tomb and is risen!

The greatest news is that the Gift is risen! The greatest gift is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! In His name and only in His holy name do we find forgiveness when our sin finds us out.

Happy Easter!

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Upcoming April Events at Northgate

- 6: Good Friday, Offices Closed
- 8: Easter Celebration
- 14: Youth Work Day at the Church
- 15: Preschool Sunday
- 21: Golf Tournament
- 22: Children’s Day, VBS Musical
- 25: Church Conference
- 28: Mother/Girl Tea, Father/Son Camp-out
- 29: Lord’s Supper, Fellowship Meal



Leadership Council
Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30

Pray for the students Northgate ministered to this school year through Good News Club and Release Time at Summit Drive Elementary, Stone Academy, League Academy, and Sevier Middle schools. There were 14 professions of faith made at GNC alone. Thank you to the workers who ministered to them.

Easter Blessings



Preschool Volunteers

Everyone who volunteers with our preschoolers during worship time is asked to meet for a brief meeting in the Bryan Whitmire classroom immediately following the service on April 15. Childcare provided.



VBS Team Leader Training

Sunday, April 15 @ 6 p.m.
Snack Supper Provided



Eat Breakfast with Us on April 22

You are invited to breakfast before Sunday School on Children’s Day, April 22 in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30. The cost of the breakfast is \$6.00 with proceeds going to help with the expenses of CentriKid Camp. Please call the church office before noon on Friday, April 20 to make reservations.



Easter Lilies

Due to allergies, we will not place Easter lilies in the sanctuary this year. To remember a loved one this Easter, please make a contribution to the Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions.

We are now receiving our annual Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions. Our goal is \$4,000. Pray about your part in missions this year.



Our church family **MATTERS**

In Case of Emergency Call

Barry Jimmerson @ 609-1845 Blue Bryan @ 243-7377
Ruth Harrison @ 380-7850 Richard Hendricks @ 884-6912

Our Homebound Member of the Week

Maxine Grooms
7 Spring View Lane, Taylors SC 29687

Christian Sympathy Is Expressed to

Josh Capps and family on the death of his grandmother. She was also the mother and mother-in-law of former staff members, Tom and Crystal Capps.

Giving to the Lord

<u>April 1</u>	
Budget Receipts	\$ 11,689
Budget Required YTD	\$150,136
Budget Received YTD	\$116,973
North American Missions	\$ 2,854
Stage Renovation	\$ 5,150

Happy Birthday April 8-14

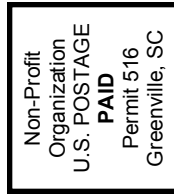
- 8: Frances Gregory, Cynthia Hamilton, Kristopher Newman
- 9: Nolan Peden
- 11: Evelyn Bradey, Kelly Smith, Ellen Stephens, Noah Brazell
- 13: Jeannie Strickland, Jake Cox, Amanda Harper
- 14: Lori Beam, Zackary West

Happy Anniversary April 8-14

- 10: Bob and Sylvia Lee
- 13: Will and Peggy Kirby

Church Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson
Minister of Students and Education: Blue Bryan
Minister of Children/Preschool: Ruth Harrison
Worship Leader: Richard Hendricks



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Return Service Requested

Ministers for the Week of April 8-14

Every member a minister

Deacons of the Month: Nick Shaler, Warren Peden, Sam Smith

Preschool Worship: Robby and Tiffany Bannister, Sarah Folk, Dan and Bonnie Burgess, Danette Hunter

Children's Church: Mike Cartee, Dawn Cunningham

Wednesday Night: Rhonda Capparelli, Teresa Green

Preschool Sunday School: Rhonda Capparelli, Cynthia Hudson

Ushers: Mike Cartee, Bill Nix, Lee Coker, Will Moore

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk, Debbie Hudson, Kristopher Newman

Counter: Mary Jane Peden

Fellowship Meal: Melissa Lawton, Peter Danciu, Ted Garner, Carole Coker, Eunice Graham



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Easter at Northgate

- 7:00 Sunrise Service in the Sanctuary. Blue Bryan will be preaching.
- 7:45 Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:45 Easter Celebration, Baptism, Guided Feet, Special Easter Music by the Celebration Choir



Please call the church office by Thursday, April 5 (closed on Good Friday) and let us know that you will be eating breakfast with us after the Sunrise Service.

The church offices will be CLOSED on Good Friday

We are asking everyone to wear a name tag on Easter. Let your church family know your name and make our guests feel welcome. Name tags will be located at the entrances.

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