From Our Pastor

As I reflect upon these past four weeks at Northgate, my heart is warmed. I have not seen such unity, teamwork, obedience and sacrifice like I have seen in these weeks in my time at Northgate. In the past four weeks, we have had "Friend Day," "Don Piper," "Eggstravaganza" and Easter worship. This time has been intense and focused. At times it has been taxing and difficult; however, as I look back on these weeks, I find great joy and many reasons for encouragement. I have been reminded afresh that we are in a battle for the souls of men, women, boys and girls. Victory in battle requires unity, teamwork, obedience and sacrifice.

The most decisive battle in the Pacific theatre of war during World War II was the battle of Midway. Midway was the Pacific equivalent to Stalingrad or Normandy in the European theatre. Once Midway was won, the handwriting was on the wall. Victory, while still a long way off, was never in doubt. Since there were millions of lives affected by war in those days, there are millions of individual stories. One such story involves a submarine supply ship (a submarine tender) named the USS Fulton. The Fulton (named for Robert Fulton) was commissioned on September 12, 1941. She was undergoing sea trials on December 7, 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, HI. In June of 1942, she was stationed near Midway to support U.S. submarines in the area. When the aircraft carrier the USS Yorktown (now anchored in Charleston) was sunk in the battle of Midway, it was the USS Fulton that came to Yorktown's aid. 2,025 of Yorktown's sailors were rescued and safely transported to Pearl Harbor by the USS Fulton.

In battle, everyone has a role. Battle stations must be manned! You have manned your battle stations with great honor and discipline in these past weeks. You are to be commended that our Lord might be worshipped.

Thank you,



Upcoming April Events at Northgate

- 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

Joy Club

Tuesday, April 17 @ 11:00

Freida Stroble, a Lumbee Indian, will be our guest this month. As an Indian, she was subjected to ridicule, poverty, and bias while growing up. Today she is a volunteer hairstylist at Shepherd's Gate, a home for abused women. Freida has written a book, *Hand Picked by the King*, in which she tells about her life and her work for the Lord. Come join us this month!

All members of the Senior Adult Council are asked to meet after the lunch. Please make an extra effort to be at this meeting.

Hostesses: Porter and Marian Huskey, Ruby Tumblin, Frances Gregory

Senior Adult Sunday

We will honor our senior adults on May 6 with a catered meal following morning worship. All senior adults who will be attending <u>must</u> make reservations for this meal. Watch for details!

Attention, Graduates

If you are a member of Northgate and are graduating from high school or college this year, please call the church office and give us your name and the school you are graduating from. Thanks.

> Loving God, Loving People Here, There, and Everywhere



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.

No Gate Post the week of April 22. Get info for the April 22-28 Gate Post to the church office by Monday, April 16.

Good News Club Celebration and Dinner

All Good News Club workers are encouraged to come to the GNC Celebration and Dinner on Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Deadline for reservations is Monday, April 16. Call the office or email Ruth Harrison at rharrison@northgatebaptist.com.

We are now receiving our annual Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions. We have received \$3,638 toward our goal of \$4,000.



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

Vera Jamison 10 Woodland Lane, Greenville SC 29615

Thank You to the Church Family from

The family of Rachel Graves

Christian Sympathy Is Expressed to

- Al Pugh on the death of his brother
- Debby Folk on the death of her brother

Giving to the Lord

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Happy Birthday April 15-21

- 15: *Lee Chapman, Pam Simpson
- 16: Steve Todd
- 17: Nathan Witt, Sam Sanders, Quinn League, Savannah Vernon
- 18: *Willine Littlejohn
- 19: John Folk
- 20: Nathan Hamilton
- 21: Richard Hendricks, Violet Shehan, Mat Wallace, Bonnie Burgess, Blue Bryan, Luke Ross

Happy Anniversary April 15-21

- 15: Markus and Joan Heinis, Ronald and Sharon Warday
- 17: Chris and Kelly King
- 18: Rusty and Charlene Hill

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Return Service Requested

Payton Blackmon

Parents: Curtis and Melanie

Deacon: John Folk

Ministers for the Week of April 15-21

Every member a minister

Deacons of the Month: Nick Shaler, Warren Peden, Sam Smith **Preschool Worship:** Blue and Heather Bryan, David and Susan

McClure, Jered and Katie Nisky

Children's Church: Cynthia Hudson, Almena Simon

Wednesday Night: Chasie Bearden, Ted Garner

Preschool Sunday School: Rhonda Capparelli, Joan Taylor

Ushers: Wesley Harrison, Bob Landers, Jack Nance,

Danny Capparelli

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk, Debbie Hudson,

Kristopher Newman

Counter: Bonnie Arev

Fellowship Meal: Youth, Perry Folk

Menu: Cracker Barrel style pot roast, carrots, mashed potatoes,

green beans, apple crumble pie

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