

## From Our Pastor

Recently, I read a story about an eighty-two year old man's reflections upon his life as he lay dying. He said, "If I had my life to live over, I would try to make more mistakes." One of the things we often regret as we get older is the failure to take more risks. Sometimes the safest path isn't always the best one. Hebrews 11:6 says "God blesses faith."

The dying man said, "If I had my life to live over, I would relax more – I would limber up." I attended a timeshare sales getaway weekend with my wife once when the sales person said, "One thing Americans fail to do enough is to go on vacation and relax." Although I knew he was trying to sell me something, I also knew he was right. We all need to vacation and relax more.

The dying man also said, "If I had my life to live over I know of very few things that I would take seriously." While it is certainly possible to be too foolhardy, more often than not we tend to ere too much on the serious side. When is the last time you had a good belly laugh - even over silliness? Sometimes we need to forget about what others may think (while still honoring God) and just have fun!

He added, "If I had my life to live over I would take more trips." When my grandparents were in their seventies, they decided to take a trip out West. They traveled from North Alabama through Texas to California and back through Nebraska in a big loop...in a week's time! They took a video camera. All we saw on the film were telephone poles in a blur! But they had a great time! They talked about their trip to California for the rest of their lives.

He said, "If I had my life to live over I would eat more ice cream and fewer beans." I know our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, but isn't fiber keeping many of us from the Pearly Gates?

The dying man's final reflection was his most poignant. He said, "If I had my life to live over I would have more actual troubles and fewer imaginary ones." Many of us waste far too much of our time worrying. Ironically, worry only hastens the demise that we dread. Worry peals away time that can never be regained.

This Sunday, we will celebrate Senior Adult day at Northgate. Thank you seniors for what you have taught us about life and how you continue to lead!

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

Blessings,

*Bany*

**GROW Team G**  
**Monday**



Charitable contribution forms are available upon request.

The **Yard Sale** has been postponed a week until next Saturday, May 12. We need lots more *stuff* to sale so please go through your *stuff* at home and clean out. Bring your donations to the gym bleachers by next Wednesday and then come back on Saturday and purchase somebody else's *stuff*.

### For Sale

A nice piano has been donated for use in our Fellowship Hall. We want to offer the older piano that has been in the Fellowship Hall a long time to our members first, before we offer it to the public. Call Chasie Bearden or Richard Hendricks. The asking price is \$900.

### Help Our Mission Team

Help promote and support our church-wide mission trip to Massachusetts this summer by purchasing a T-shirt - \$12 for an adult or youth size. See Allison or Hudson Peden on Wednesdays or Sundays. Get one for everyone in your family.

### 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.

Graduate Recognition Day is May 20.

### Thank you

If you are in the building during a service (Wednesday or Sunday), please go into the sanctuary for the service. There should be no one - children, youth, or adult - in the hallways or other rooms/areas during any service.

*With* Sympathy

*June Scott*  
*April 20, 2012*

## Look What's Coming in May!

- 6: Senior Adult Sunday
- 12: Yard Sale to Support Mission Trip
- 13: Mother's Day, Parent Child Dedication
- 15: JOY Club
- 20: Graduate Recognition, Associational Missions Week Begins
- 27: Memorial Sunday
- 28: Offices Closed for Memorial Day
- 30: Family Picnic at Herdklotz Park

### Ladies Bible Study

A new Bible study for ladies by Beth Moore, *James, Mercy Triumphs*, has begun. They are meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room on the second floor. Heather Bryan or Debbie Hudson can give you more information.

### You're Invited

Ladies, you are invited to a baby shower honoring Kacie and Lee Coker on Sunday, May 20 from 3:00 - 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall. It's a boy and they are registered at Buy Buy Baby.



### Parent Child Dedication May 13

If you would like to participate in our Parent Child Dedication on Mother's Day, please call the church office this week and let us know.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the renovation of the stage in the sanctuary. After the stage is complete (by the end of May), it will take a while to get all the sound equipment synchronized because of the changes with acoustics. Won't it be beautiful and sound great when it is completely finished!

## Our church family **MATTERS**

### In Case of Emergency Call

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

Blue Bryan @ 243-7377  
Richard Hendricks @ 884-6912

### Our Homebound Member of the Week

Faye McMahon  
130 Windstone Drive, Greenville SC 29615

### Thank You to the Church Family

The family of Ruth O'Donnell  
Emily Gooding

### Giving to the Lord

April 29

Budget Receipts	\$ 5,542
Budget Required YTD	\$193,032
Budget Received YTD	\$147,918
Stage Renovation	\$ 6,360

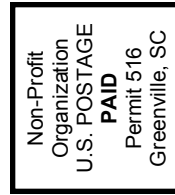
### Happy Birthday May 6-12

6: Patti Nance, Amy Nuttall  
7: Helen Miller, Jennifer Sanders, Scott Banks  
8: Bill Nix, Daniel Mejia  
11: Tommy Stephens  
12: Kylie King

### Happy Anniversary May 6 - 12

7: Tony and Laura Green  
10: Perry and Debby Folk  
11: Will and Barbara Moore

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



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Return Service Requested

### Ministers for the Week of May 6 - 12

**Every member a minister**

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

**Preschool Worship:** Tony and Laura Green, Cynthia Hudson, Will Kirby, Warren and Allison Peden

**Children's Church:** Dan Burgess, Joey Hall

**Wednesday Night:** Katie Nisky, Joan Taylor

**Preschool Sunday School:** Janet Cartee, Danette Hunter

**Ushers:** Frank Black, Dan Burgess, Joey Hall, Lewis Barker

**Sound/Video Projection:** John Folk, Joey Hall, Kelsey Todd

**Counter:** Marian Huskey

**Fellowship Meal:** Youth Team, Marian Huskey

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson  
Minister of Students and Education: 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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# Senior Adult Sunday

## May 6

- Senior adults possess the greatest opportunity to become the most effective disciple makers because of their wisdom, faith in times of need, and ability to persevere.
- Senior adults are worshipping and serving Christ now, not when they get to heaven.
- It is my experience that the most joyous and fulfilled group in the church are the ones who are serving and giving their life away. Age has no factor in that joy.
- Why would they stop just because they become older? If anything, becoming older is more of a reason to stay faithful to the mission—The Great Commission“
- The Great Commission says nothing about age.

These statements were taken from various internet articles - authors unknown.

All those who have signed up are reminded of the meal to honor our senior adults immediately following the service.

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