

## FROM OUR PASTOR

Giving is a blessing. The happiest people I know are givers. It is my experience that tithing is the greatest kind of giving when it comes to finances. Tithing is an expression of faith - and God blesses faith. He blesses any expression of faith. He blesses us when we witness for Him, when we pray to Him and when we give like Him.

During the summer months, churches typically struggle to meet their budget. Northgate is already seriously behind in our budget giving for the year. I would like to request that you pray about the tithe. I would ask you to do a Bible study on the tithe. You will find that in many places where giving is the focus the power comes from the faith, not the gift. Abel's gift to the Lord was by faith (Genesis 4). The widow's gift to the Lord (through Elijah) was by faith (1 Kings 17). Elijah's gift to the Lord at Mt. Carmel was by faith (1 Kings 18). The widow's gift of the two mites was by faith (Mark 12). God blesses faith. Notice in two of those four random examples of faithful giving, the Lord used the widow (who represented the poorest of the needy) to demonstrate the greatest faith. That is not an isolated theme in Scripture, but a prominent one. God often uses the weak to demonstrate His strength. Paul stated it succinctly in 1 Corinthians 1:27 (NIV) - "But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong."

Pray about the tithe. If you are a tither, you already know the blessings. In fact, you could give a testimony about God's faithfulness. If you are not a tither, I challenge you to take the tithe test, like I did. You will never regret it! I have never met a person that regretted tithing. However, I have met many that regretted missing that blessing. The tithe test is found in Malachi 3. Malachi 3:10 (CEV) "I am the Lord All-Powerful, and I challenge you to put me to the test. Bring the entire ten percent into the storehouse, so there will be food in my house. Then I will open the windows of heaven and flood you with blessing after blessing." That is the only place in Scripture where God challenges us to test Him. God blesses the tithe because God blesses faith! **Hebrews 11:6 - "Without faith it is impossible to please God."**

May God bless us as we walk by faith.

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*You are invited to a reception this Sunday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are honoring our Minister of Students and Education, Blue Bryan, who has earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina.*



**Basketball Camp 2012** begins Monday morning at 9:00. You don't want your children to miss this. Coach Wimphrie and the basketball team from Southern Wesleyan University will lead the camp.

**World Changers** are in Greenville next week. Thank you to everyone from Northgate who will be helping to feed them lunch each day. This is truly a ministry to God's children. See Chasie Bearden if you would like to volunteer.

Have you ever wanted to learn to sing? If so, give Richard a call at 884-6912. He is teaching **private voice lessons** to students and adults. You don't have to be a Northgate member.



### Nominating Committee Meeting

If you are a cluster leader or a staff minister, you need to meet with the Nominating Committee this Saturday morning, June 9 at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

**GROW  
Team R  
Monday @ 6**



## Summer @ Northgate

Don't miss our **Fly Away Dinner** and VBS promotion on Wednesday, June 13 at 5:30. Come and take a whirlwind trip in our gym to six natural wonders that God created. See pictures, hear music, taste food from these sights, and then be entertained by seeing a short, funny movie and hearing travel tales by Frances Gregory. All of this is only \$6. Call the office by noon on Monday, June 11 to make reservations.

**Flight AWA 1475** (*Amazing Wonders Aviation*) departs on Sunday, July 15 at 5:45 and returns on Thursday, July 19. Make sure your children take part in this adventure.



There will be a mandatory meeting of all **CentriKid parents and adult leaders** this Sunday, June 10 immediately following the morning worship service. At the meeting you will be given your Parents Packet, complete a release form for each child, and have the form notarized. Please bring your health insurance card. Other important details will be discussed. Contact Ruth if you will not be able to attend the meeting.

### Summer Library Hours

Our church library is now observing summer hours, so the library will open on Wednesdays at 6:00. Come by on Wednesdays or Sundays and check out a good book for your summer reading.



## 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

Dorothy Sabean  
Pendleton Manor #300, 414 Summit Drive, Greenville SC

### THANK YOU TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

the renewal ladies

### GIVING TO THE LORD

#### June 3

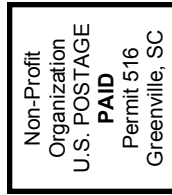
Budget Receipts	\$ 13,923
Budget Required YTD	\$246,652
Budget Received YTD	\$196,690

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 10-16

11: \*Margaret Reece, Linda Smith  
12: \*Gilbert Littlejohn  
14: Michael Britt  
16: Kim Moore, Sydney Nisky, Piper Bryan

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY JUNE 10-16

11: Glenn and Myra Winchester  
16: Dan and Nancy Williams



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Return Service Requested

### MINISTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 10-16

Every member a minister

**Deacons of the Month:** Peter Rothfuss, John Folk, Mat Wallace

**Preschool Worship:** Chasie Bearden, Jack and Carol Dill,  
Harry and Dawn Cunningham, Pam Waters

**Children's Church:** Tina Jimmerson, Ann Therrell

**Wednesday Night:** Chasie Bearden, Ted Garner

**Preschool Sunday School:** Rhonda Capparelli, Almena Simon

**Ushers:** Wesley Harrison, Bob Landers, Jack Nance,  
Danny Capparelli

**Sound/Video Projection:** John Folk, Steve Todd, Daniel Mejia

**Counter:** Mary Jane Peden

### 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

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Pastor, Dr. Barry Jimmerson



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## DEACON NOMINATION



Northgate Baptist Church  
deacon nominations end this Sunday.

Forms will be available at church Sunday to nominate five men to serve a three-year term as deacon at Northgate. Pray about your selection.

Forms must be turned in to Steve Todd or the church office by this Sunday, June 10 in order to be counted.

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