

From Our Pastor

Independence is a wonderful thing! Americans celebrate our independence from England on July 4. For our nation, independence brought freedom, but freedom is a precious gift that not nearly everyone on earth enjoys. Walter Russell Mead reports in the May 4, 2012, issue of his blog, *Via Meadia*, that only 15% of the world enjoys the liberty of a free press. It may be hard to imagine that 85% of the world in 2012 lives under the threat of government censor in their media. We sometimes become frustrated by what we consider to be a biased media; but the cliché that Americans have died on foreign fields to protect the right of free speech for is a very accurate statement. Free speech is a blessing! The *first* amendment to the Constitution that states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

As we draw near to the 236th birthday of our great nation, let us prayerfully reflect upon the rights that we enjoy as Americans. Praise God for our freedoms and the freedom to express our convictions. We claim our right to the first amendment every Sunday and Wednesday as we gather together for the purpose of worship. The fact that we worship with no fear of persecution is indeed a rare blessing in the world today. Too many brothers and sisters in Christ suffer simply because they are Christians. Therefore, it is with great thanks to God that Northgate can send missionaries to our own nation to spread the love and message of Jesus Christ this week. Please pray daily for our mission team as they go to share the hope that we have in Christ . . . without any fear of government interference!

Blessings in the liberty of Christ,

Bany

**GROW
Team G
Monday
@ 6:00**



Basketball Camp 2012

has been rescheduled!



Southern Wesleyan Methodist University will lead our camp **July 30 - August 3**. **All participants must re-register and pay before July 25**. Go to our website at northgatebaptist.com or come by the church office to register. Spread the word and let's support our children. They love this camp!

Leadership Council meets Tuesday, July 10 at 6:30

Online Giving Now Available!

Northgate has implemented a new online stewardship option. We hope this will be a convenient way for you to give on-line for tithes and offerings and designated gifts, and to sign up and pay deposits for camps, retreats, etc.

In order to use this service, go to our website at northgatebaptist.com and click on the E-Giving link. This will take you to Northgate's E-Giving site where you will see Northgate's logo at the top of the page. Next you will create a user name and password. After signing in with your username and password, you will select "make a transaction" and then select the account you want the money applied to. You can even enter a total amount and divide it among several different accounts.

If you have any questions call Brenda, our Financial Assistant, at the church office.

Has anyone ever told you that you can't carry a tune in a bucket? If so, Richard can help! Give him a call at 884-6912 about taking private voice lessons.



**THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4
THERE WILL BE NO SERVICES.**

VBS Is Almost Here!

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 amazing adventure.



Don't miss the fun at our VBS Kick-off on Saturday, July 14 from 5:00 - 7:00. This is always so much fun for the children and the adults who help with it.

PLEASE HELP US!

Packets of **VBS flyers** will be handed out Sunday. Please distribute them to your extended family, friends, and neighbors. Ask to display them at businesses too.

There are also **prayer walk brochures and prayer calendars** to use as you pray for our VBS.

VBS is July 15-19 at 5:45-8:30 p.m. Our **VBS Kickoff** is Saturday, July 14 from 5-7 p.m. Bring someone with you.

If You Are Not Presently Employed

Greenville County School System has notified us that there is a shortage of bus drivers for the upcoming school year. A Job Fair for bus drivers will be held on Tuesday, July 10 at Mauldin High School from 9:00 until noon. This position is for 30+ hours per week with full benefits. Call 467-8080 or 355-1276 for more details.

Praise God! There was one rededication and one salvation decision made at CentriKid last week.



To stay up-to-date on what's happening at Northgate, please read your Gate Post and Sunday bulletin, and check your emails and our church website at northgatebaptist.com frequently.

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

Helen Smith
227 Brambleton Road, Winston Salem, NC 27127

Christian Sympathy Is Expressed to

Bonnie Burgess and family on the death of her aunt, Barbara Hunt



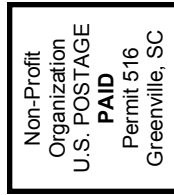
Happy Birthday for the Week of July 1 - 7

- 1: Lois Taylor, Ruth Harrison
- 2: Joan Taylor, Pat Hunter, Chasie Bearden, Carol Traynham, Sherri Merritt, Ashley Steinbrecher
- 3: Terri Johnson
- 4: Joel Warren, Nikki Riddle
- 5: Scott Johnson, Josh Burgess
- 6: Mildren Sams

Happy Anniversary July 1 - 7

- 2: Ben and Susie Jeter
- 4: Roy and Del Sabeau

Please notify the church office if you change your address. The USPS charges 45¢ for every piece of mail that is returned. Thank you for helping us conserve the church's finances.



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Return Service Requested



Ministers for the Week of July 1--7
Every member a minister

Deacons of the Month: Walt Green, Steve Todd, Don Calvert

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

Children's Church: Dawn Cunningham, Joey Hall

Wednesday Night: Closed for Independence Day, no service

Preschool Sunday School: Janet Cartee, Cynthia Hudson

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

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

Counter: 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

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Pastor, Dr. Barry Jimmerson



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NORTHGATE MISSION TRIP

Pray for the following Northgate members who will be ministering in Brimfield, Massachusetts, June 29-July 8. They will be helping Friendship Baptist Church with their apartment ministry and some remodeling needs.

Brycen Bannister	Daniel Mejia	Kelsey Todd
Robby Bannister	Allison Peden	Riley Todd
Blue Bryan	Hudson Peden	Bethany Wallace
Anthony Capparelli	Nolan Peden	Mat Wallace
Ted Garner	Warren Peden	Ryan Wallace
Nathan Hamilton	Laurel Shaler	Tammy Wallace
Taft Jimmerson	Almena Simon	Brittany Way
Francis Jonnalagadda	Tom Simon	Payton Wright
Moses Jonnalagadda	Beth Todd	Porter Huskey, driver

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