

## From Our Pastor

By the time you read this, Vacation Bible School 2012, will have likely passed; but the effects will continue! Children will have heard the gospel through stories, crafts, music, and even food! Students will have made new friends and strengthened old friendships, all while learning and being reminded of just how much God loves them. Adults will have been stretched, pushed and pulled for the Kingdom's sake.

There is no doubt that Vacation Bible School is an investment. But what is the return on this investment? It is here that we turn first to the Scriptures to give perspective. **Isaiah 55:11** – “**So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.**” We can also turn to statistics to give perspective. The following statistics come from LifeWay for VBS 2009:

Number of churches reporting: 24,427  
VBS enrollment: 2,840,380  
Professions of faith: 88,410  
Sunday School/Bible study prospects discovered: 264,716  
Prospects enrolled in Sunday School/Bible study: 49,541  
Prospects added to the prospect file: 206,392

As we reflect upon this year's Vacation Bible School, we need to remember that seeds of the gospel were planted and lives were changed. As we seek to be good stewards of what God has given to us, let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us! **“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb. 12:1-2).**

For Christ,

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**Miracle GROW**  
**Monday night at 6:00**



VBS is going great. Watch for a report in next week's Gate Post.

## Church Conference: Wednesday, July 25

### Deacon Election

Deacon election is next Sunday, July 29. Northgate members will elect five (5) men from the list below. Please pray that God would reveal to you the men that will serve Northgate best for a three-year term. The candidates are Robby Bannister, Ted Garner, David McClure, Bill Nix, Bob Parker, Tommy Stephens, and Dean Waters.

### VBS Shirts

If you ordered a VBS T-shirt, please give your money or a check made payable to Northgate Baptist to Ruth as soon as possible. The cost is \$8 per shirt.



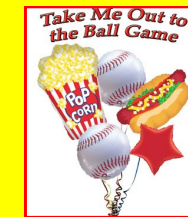
We are asking everyone who can to come out on Monday, July 23 to help us with VBS follow-up. We will be writing cards, visiting, etc. and we need you!

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

## FOR KIDS K5 - GRADE 6

**Wonderful Wednesday July 25**  
**Model airplane painting and flying**

**Terrific Thursday July 26**  
**Discovery Island Water Park**  
**12:30 - 4:00 (note change in times)**  
**Pizza at the church before leaving**



We are taking the **Terrific Thursday** kids (K5 - grade 6) and their families to the Greenville Drive game on Thursday, August 2. If you are already signed up for Terrific Thursday, your fee is already paid and you will get a \$5 token to use at the concession stand. Other kids in your family in K5 - grade 6 can go for \$10, which includes a ticket and token. The cost for parents, preschoolers, and youth in your family is \$8 for ticket only. Reservations must be made by Monday, July 30 by calling the church office or emailing [admin@northgatebaptist.com](mailto:admin@northgatebaptist.com). Children attending without a parent should meet at the church at 6:00 to go to the game.



The Student ministry is going to Carowinds on Tuesday, July 24, leaving the church at 8:30 a.m. Tickets are \$30 each. Blue has a limited number of tickets so see him soon and pay your money so you can enjoy a fun day at Carowinds with your friends.

## 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

Yvonne Almeida  
10 Meadow Crest Circle, Greenville SC 29609

### Giving to the Lord

#### July 15

Budget Receipts	\$ 12,112
Budget Required YTD	\$310,996
Budget Received YTD	\$269,128

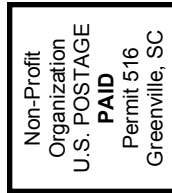
### Happy Birthday for the Week of July 22-28

22: Nick Abercrombie  
23: Ryan Wallace  
26: Wayne Jenkins

### Happy Anniversary July 22-28

19: Tommy and Sherri Merritt  
21: Warren and Allison Peden

Please notify the church office as soon as possible 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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### Ministers for the Week of July -22-28

Every member a minister

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

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

**Children's Church:** David McClure, Almena Simon

**Wednesday Night:** Tiffany Bannister, Bonnie Burgess

**Preschool Sunday School:** Janet Cartee, Cynthia Hudson

**Ushers:** Jamie Brazell, Markus Heinis, Nick Shaler,  
David McClure

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

**Counter:** Perry Folk

### 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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# DON'T MISS THIS



## July 30 - August 3 for kids in K5 - grade 10

You may not learn to be a Harlem Globetrotter, but you **will** learn to play basketball and learn about God's love. We have a great camp led by the coach and players from Southern Wesleyan Methodist University.

All participants must register and pay before July 25. You can go to our website at [northgatebaptist.com](http://northgatebaptist.com) or come by the church office to register.

Spread the word! Kids love this camp! Bring your whole neighborhood!

# Basketball Camp 2012

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