

### From Our Pastor

William "Bull" Nelson was a general in the Union Army during the Civil War. Prior to his service in the Union Army, Nelson served for twenty-one years in the United States Navy. He was always a busy man and never made trust in Christ a priority for his life. At 6'-4" and 300 pounds, he was an unusually big man for his time. Although, he was kind and patient in social situations, he was uncompromising when it came to duty. Two days after his thirty-eighth birthday in 1862, he was shot and killed, not by a Confederate enemy, but by fellow Union General Jefferson C. Davis. It seems that while chastising General Davis for what General Nelson considered to be lazy indifference, Nelson slapped Davis, publically humiliating him. General Davis responded by shooting General Nelson in the chest. Knowing his wound was mortal, General Nelson requested that someone go and find a chaplain and bring him to him. In the confusion and shock of his last minutes on earth, all that mattered to General Nelson was Jesus Christ. He died within thirty minutes of his wound and no chaplain made it to him in time.

In just the past three weeks, I have lost three friends or acquaintances to unexpected and sudden death. Two of them were in their fifties. All three were men, all three had loving families, and all three were believers on the name of Jesus. They left behind grieving families and friends; but with the hope of seeing their loved ones again in Christ. Sometimes death is expected, such as in the case of a long illness; but at other times death comes suddenly and unexpected like a thief in the night. Death as a result of a long illness, as tragic as it is, provides time – sweet time – to prepare. Sudden, unexpected death does not afford the blessing of time.

In light of these recent tragic and sudden losses, I have been reminded and convicted to remind you to plan for death. Of course, there are things like insurance, wills and other important papers to remember, but our greatest priority in planning for death is to be certain of a personal faith relationship with Jesus Christ as the Savior and Lord of our lives - and to know that our family and friends have the blessing of this relationship with Christ as well.

Please make Jesus Christ the priority of your life; there may not be time to do it later.

Praying for the hurting,

*Benny*

**GROW Team R**  
**Monday night at 6:00**



**PLANNING PACKETS MUST BE RETURNED  
TO THE CHURCH BY THIS SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 7. THE STEWARDSHIP  
COMMITTEE USES THESE FIGURES TO  
DETERMINE OUR BUDGET EACH YEAR.  
THEY ARE ALSO USED TO PLAN AND MAKE  
OUR YEARLY CALENDAR.**

### Sock 'Em Sunday

We are asking everyone, from birth to age 100, to bring at least one pair of socks to church on Sunday, October 14. If you bring a pair in the size you wear, we will get a variety of sizes to take to the agencies in Greenville who distribute clothing to the needy.

### Fall For Greenville

If you are interested in learning about and doing evangelism at Fall for Greenville October 12 and 13, go to [psbcgreenville.org](http://psbcgreenville.org) for information.

### A Great Day Planned!

On October 21 we will observe the Lord's Supper during worship and have a fellowship meal following the service. At 1:30 the Gap Creek Singers will present a concert of music in the sanctuary. Bring a couple of dishes - large ones to help accommodate our guests - and stay for some great singing. You'll be glad you did!

### Blood Drive

Thank you, Northgate, for saving lives by donating blood. There were 105 people signed up with only 25 no-shows. Fifty-seven units were collected, 10 more than last year. Thank you, Judy Rothfuss, for leading our Blood Drive.

### Remember These

- October 7: Good News Club Emphasis
- October 14: Pray for a Cure for Cancer, World Hunger Day Sock 'Em Sunday
- October 21: Lord's Supper, Fellowship Meal, Special Concert
- October 28: High Attendance Day in Sunday School

### Be a Messenger!

The SC Baptist State Convention will meet at the TD Convention Center in Greenville this year. Anyone can attend, but only registered messengers can vote. If you would like to be a messenger from Northgate to the State Convention (November 13-14) let the church office know. During our Church Conference on October 24 we will vote on our messengers. This will also allow our messengers to vote at the Association Meeting on October 25. Of course, you have to be a member of Northgate to be a messenger.

Leadership Council - October 9 @ 6:30

This year we are planning a *Trunk or Treat* as our Fall Festival. If an individual, class, or group would like to sponsor a *trunk* on October 28, please see Ruth for instructions. You will be eligible to win a prize! Individuals are asked to bring candy treats to go in the trunks.



### Basketball Registration

Basketball registration has begun for this season. Please see information and register your children online this year. If you do not have internet, we will have forms available on request in the church office. The deadline is October 28.



## 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

Gertrude Moore  
Aldersgate Retirement CV  
3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte NC 28215

### Giving to the Lord

September 16

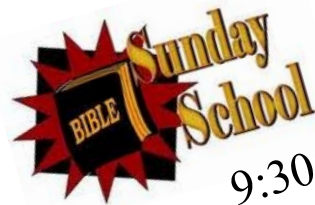
Budget Receipts \$ 8,700  
Budget Required YTD \$428,960  
Budget Received YTD \$364,912  
State Missions \$ 1,802

### Happy Birthday for the Week of October 7-13

- 7: Lynn Riddle
- 8: Anne Danciu, Del Sabeau, Steven Hill, Jacob Sams, Jeremy Sams, John Sams
- 9: \*Gertrude Moore, Hayston Lindsay
- 10: Mike Cartee, Jackson Simonet
- 11: Monte Hooper
- 12: Sam Smith, Melissa Tollison
- 13: \*Clara Caraway, Ronald Warday

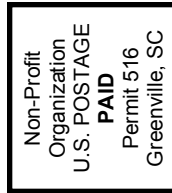
### Happy Anniversary October 7-13

- 7: Blue and Heather Bryan
- 8: Cecil and Bonnie Arey
- 10: Bill and Linda James  
Peter and Judy Rothfuss



### Wednesday Night Meals

Our Wednesday night meals are served from 5:15 - 6:30 each Wednesday. Call the church office by noon on Tuesday to add your name or to remove your name from the list. If you do not cancel your permanent reservation by this time you will be charged the following week for the meal you missed.



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Return Service Requested

### Ministers for the Week of October 7 - 13

EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

**Deacons of the Month:** Jack Dill, Peter Rothfuss, Will Moore

**Preschool Sunday School:** Rhonda Capparelli

**Preschool Worship:** Tony and Laura Green, Cynthia Hudson, Warren and Allison Peden, Michelle Shaw

**Children's Church:** Dan Burgess, Beth Todd

**Wednesday Night:** Bonnie Burgess, Ted Garner

**Greeters:** Tommy Stephens, Bob Landers, Almena Simon

**Ushers:** Jered Nisky, David McClure, Wesley Harrison, Markus Heinis

**Sound/Video Projection:** John Folk, Steve Todd, Kristopher Newman

**Counter:** Mary Jane Peden

**Release Time:** Jan Calvert, Dawn Painter, Barbara Lollis, Evelyn Pugh, Jeannie Strickland, Allison Peden

**Wednesday Workers:** Melissa Lawton, Peter Danciu, Ted Garner, Carole Coker, Eunice Graham

**Menu for Oct. 3:** Gourmet meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, pineapple cake

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson  
Minister of Students and Education: Blue Bryan  
Minister of Children/Preschool: Ruth Harrison  
Worship Leader: Richard Hendricks

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Pastor, Dr. Barry Jimmerson



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## Sunday School Emphasis Month



Sunday School is important because each person has the opportunity to learn and grow. So, as you attend Sunday School, as you teach, or as you minister, always look for ways to grow as a Great Commission Christian - sharing Christ through your deeds and words.

*Blue*

## Pastor Appreciation Month



Barry Jimmerson,  
Pastor

*"I have found Christ to be more than just my personal Savior. He is the Sovereign Lord of my life. I am convinced that living by the principles established in His Word is the key to fulfillment and success in life. My main objective in ministry is to become more like Christ and to help others find salvation and purpose in life through Him."*

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