

From Our Pastor

This Sunday, October 28, is Sunday School High Attendance Day at Northgate. Are you involved in a Sunday School class? Should you be? Better yet, why should you be?

The Sunday School movement began in England in the 1780's as a way to educate children in the Bible. Through Sunday School, the emphasis of churches was to educate Christians as to their purpose and mission in life. Therefore, through the first half of the 20th century, educating the nations regarding Christ and His gospel was the priority of the church. However, in the wake of two devastating world wars, the church began to see its purpose more as a means of evangelism than education. Sunday School naturally became the evangelistic arm of the church. People often come to Christ through the work of a strong Sunday School and are more likely to grow to become active disciples of Christ through continued participation in Sunday School.

Today, churches often refer to these ministries as "small groups" where evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry and worship occur. "Small groups" of like-minded Christians (and non-Christians) from the same church affiliation typically meet in private homes, restaurants or other gathering places. The result has been stronger, more educated followers of Christ. In short, "small groups" work to grow the church.

At Northgate, we have adopted the "small group" strategy to meet in our own facilities and at a convenient time for most everyone – just before corporate worship on Sunday mornings (9:30). Though we have adopted individual names for these small groups (such as Hope, Grace, Friendship, Crossties, etc.), we refer to this collective church-growth strategy as "Sunday School." We think the name "Sunday School" has a nostalgic ring to it while at the same time accurately capturing the essence of our goals.

Why should we all be involved in a Sunday School? So we can grow to become all that we can be as followers of Jesus Christ.

See you Sunday at 9:30!

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**No GROW
this Monday**



Trunk or Treat is this Sunday afternoon from 5:00 - 7:00 in our parking lot for the children at Northgate and in our community. If you will donate candy for the event, bring it to the church before Sunday. Thanks.

The Changing of the Guards! (or locks)

We are in the process of having the locks around the church re-keyed. If you have a church key and are not the chairman of a committee, please return your key to the church as soon as possible.

We have also changed the gym code. You must come to the office and sign a form (no blood required!) with several stipulations on it and have a legitimate reason to get this code. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but we must protect our church buildings.

Basketball Registration

Basketball registration ends this Sunday, October 28. This year you can register and pay on line. If you do not have internet, we have forms in the church office.



World Day of Prayer

Several Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer programs will be observed throughout the Greenville Association on November 5. Contact Nancy Stephens if you would like to go with the group.

We Appreciate You

All Sunday School leaders are invited to an Appreciation Breakfast on November 4 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Remember These

- October 28: High Attendance Day in Sunday School Release Time Emphasis, Trunk or Treat
- November 4: Youth Sunday, Time Change, Shoebox Dedication
- November 11: Veterans Day Service

There will be NO preschool or children's activities on Wednesday, October 31.
All other activities will meet at their regular times.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Pack a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes, brochures, labels, and a list of favorite shoe box fillers are available at the bottom of the stairs near the office. Our church-wide goal is 100 shoeboxes. Return your boxes to the church before the dedication service on November 4.

Order Your Pecans

You are missing a treat if you haven't tasted the pecans we are selling to raise funds for our church-wide mission trip next summer. They are delicious! You can order and pay online or pick up an order form at the church. The deadline to order is November 4. They will taste wonderful in your Christmas baking and will also make great Christmas gifts. Get your order in soon.

The Cotton Patch Gospel

We have 20 tickets for the Thursday night, November 8 performance of *The Cotton Patch Gospel* at North Greenville University. Tickets are \$8 each. We will take at least one bus, two if necessary. Come by the church office and pay as soon as you can so you won't be left out on this delightful evening. The first ones to pay get the tickets!

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

Margaret Reece

10 Meadow Crest Circle, Greenville SC 29609

Happy Birthday for the Week of October 28 - November 3

28: Elaine Estes, Jo Beth Graves, Payton Wright,

Jonathan West

29: Hunter Hamilton

30: Debbie Hudson, Marie Parker

1: Ben Pittman

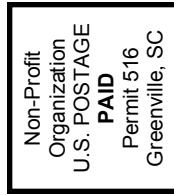
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Thank you to everyone who helped with our fellowship meal and concert last Sunday. It was a great day.

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 28 - November 3

EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

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

November: David McClure, Warren Peden, Tom Simon

Preschool Sunday School: Rhonda Capparelli

Preschool Worship: Blue and Heather Bryan, Jered and Katie Nisky
David and Susan McClure,

No Children's Church

Wednesday Night: Robby and Tiffany Bannister

Greeters: Patti Runion, Carol Hughes, Pat Durham

Ushers: Will Moore, Chasie Bearden, Bob Parker, Steve Poole

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

Counter: Ken Shirley

Release Time: Jan Calvert, Dawn Painter, Barbara Lollis,
Lou Jean Barker, Nancy Stephens

Wednesday Workers: Youth Team, Marian Huskey

Menu for Oct. 31: Pork tenderloin, apple stuffing, glazed 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

The Gate Post

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Sunday Is . . .

High Attendance Day

Can your class have 100% of its members present?

Can your class have at least one guest?

How many contacts will you make?

Are you praying for your friends in your class?

Will you be here Sunday at 9:30?

WE HOPE SO!

Minister Appreciation Month



Richard Hendricks
Worship Leader

My personal relationship with Christ compels me to know Him more and live passionately for Him. Music is the means God has given me to express this passion. My desire is to use music to create a worship experience that allows the Holy Spirit to bring people into God's presence, opening hearts to hear His voice through the spoken word.

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