

## From Our Pastor

We are in the season of Advent. Of course, that means our minds are fixed upon Christmas and the celebration of the incarnation of God. God gave, so we give too. Please don't forget to give to missions. There is no better gift that we can give at Christmas than to missions so the hope of the gospel might go to the ends of the earth.

In Southern Baptist life, the International Missions Board is our mission agency for world evangelization. Half of the funding for the operation of the IMB comes from the Cooperative Program which is supported through our regular budget giving. For every ten dollars that Northgate receives through our tithes to support the church budget, one dollar (10%) goes to the Cooperative Program. Those funds are forwarded to the South Carolina Baptist Convention in Columbia. In 2012, of every dollar the SCBC received from Northgate, 59 cents remained in the state and 41 cents was forwarded to the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville. Of those 41 cents, about 21 cents will be forwarded to the IMB to support international missions. Those Cooperative Program dollars provide about half of the financial needs of the IMB. The other half of those needs are provided through the annual Christmas-time Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions. In 2011, Northgate gave \$47,545 to the Cooperative Program. That means that we gave \$9,509 to International Missions through our regular tithes to the budget. In addition to that amount, we gave \$10,215 through the 2011 Lottie Moon offering. Therefore, God provided a total of \$19,724 in 2011 through His church at Northgate to reach the world for Christ!

This year, Northgate's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions is \$8,000 (the total SBC goal is \$175,000,000). Please pray for our international missionaries (especially this week) and plan to give to the Lottie Moon Offering this Christmas that we might meet and exceed our goal. My prayer is that through the Lottie Moon Offering and our regular tithes throughout the year, God will give more than \$20,000 through His church at Northgate to reach the world for Christ in 2012!

Please pray, give and go that the gospel might be proclaimed to all peoples, tribes and nations!

Merry Christmas,



**The church offices and buildings  
will be CLOSED  
on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.**



Because of how Christmas falls this year and since there is no **Gate Post** the week of Christmas, this issue contains information for the rest of the month. Keep it in a safe place.

There will be no service, meal, or activities on December 26. Our regular Wednesday schedule will resume on January 2.



The **JOY Club** will meet on Tuesday, **December 11** at 11:00 (note change in date) for a program by Joe Hindsman from Anderson and our own, Sam Smith. Sam says that they have been practicing (for something, we just don't know what!) and we are in for a big surprise!

This will be a covered dish lunch, so bring your favorite dish or dessert to share as you join in the fellowship with friends.

Please bring some canned goods for the Crisis Center. Other groups, classes, and individuals are invited to participate. Bring non-perishables to the church by December 11 and we will get them to the Crisis Center.

Come see our children's presentation of **The Christmas Shoe Tree** on December 12. Bring gently used shoes for men, women, and kids and place them under the tree in the sanctuary by this date. They will be sent to **Soles4Souls** to be distributed around the world to people who have no shoes.



To **eat Wednesday dinner with us** on December 12, call the office by noon on Tuesday, December 10. Your name must be on the list for this meal. No walk-ins please!

Since poinsettias will not be used to decorate this year we are asking those who would like, instead of placing a poinsettia, to make a contribution to the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** in honor or memory of a loved one. If you wish to have your name on the list printed in the bulletin, fill out this form and place it, along with your contribution, in the offering plate or bring it to the church office by December 19.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

## Ministers for December 9-15

**Deacons of the Month:** Will Kirby, Bob Parker, Porter Huskey

**Preschool Sunday School:** Joan Hall

**Preschool Worship:** Mike and Janet Cartee, Joan Hall, Cynthia Hudson, Tina Jimmerson, Dawn Painter

**Children's Church:** Teresa Green, Beth Todd

**Wednesday Night for Preschoolers:** Rhonda Capparelli, Marian Huskey

**Greeters:** Peter and Anne Danciu, Jesse Parker, Taft Jimmerson

**Ushers:** Will Moore, Wesley Harrison, Bobby Taylor, Jack Nance

**Sound/Video Projection:** John Folk, Steve Todd, Payton Wright

**Counter:** Mary Jane Peden

**Release Time:** Jan Calvert, Dawn Painter, Barbara Lollis, Joye Solas, Peggy Kirby

**Wednesday Workers:** Youth, Marian Huskey

**Menu for Dec. 12:** Chicken cutlet in cream sauce, savory rice, creamed corn, tossed salad, Christmas cake - No walk-ins, please!

## Ministers for December 16-22

**Preschool Sunday School:** Syble Hendricks

**Preschool Worship:** Ted Garner, Tony and Laura Green, Will Kirby, Warren and Allison Peden

**Wednesday Night:** Kelly Hall, Pam Waters

**Greeters:** Lee Coker, Layne Winchester, Teresa Howard

**Ushers:** Chasie Bearden, Ken Hall, Michael Britt, Bob Parker

**Sound/Video Projection:** John Folk, Steve Todd, Payton Wright

**Counter:** Bonnie Arey

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

**Wednesday Workers:** Judy West, Rhonda Capparelli, Pam Waters, Tina Jimmerson, Lewis Barker



**Northgate 2013 calendars will be ready soon.  
Keep watching!**

## 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

Grady Watson  
Greenville Place #24, 2006 Pelham Road, Greenville SC 29615

### Christian Sympathy Is Extended to

- Joe Duncan and family on the death of his grandfather, J.C. Graham
- The family of Frank Graves

### Happy Birthday for the Week of December 9 - 31

9: Patti Sanders, Teresa Green, John Spagnolo  
10: Patty Doornbos, Kelly Hall  
12: Sara Chandler, Rusty McAlister  
13: Tammy Bennett, Emily Jimmerson  
14: Rick Hudson  
16: Teresa Howard, Danette Hunter  
17: Christy Johnson  
18: Carter Ann Nix, David Simpson, David McClure, Sarah Pryor  
19: April Turner  
20: Pat Durham, Don Calvert, Sheila Henderson, Stephanie d'Ablemont  
22: Burton Lee  
23: \*Faye McMahon, Ken Shirley, Linda Rumph, Charlie Britt  
26: Tom Estes  
27: James Thompson, Sara Hyett, Kacie Coker  
28: Sue Ridgeway  
29: Wesley Harrison  
30: Barbara Stone  
31: Jack Gerwig

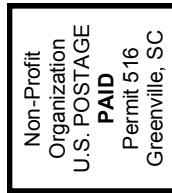


### Happy Anniversary December 9 - 31

10: Monte and Joan Hooper  
12: Don and Jan Calvert  
21: Mick and Lois Griffith  
25: Jackie and Connie McCown  
29: Larry and Patty ertzberger

Thank you to John Brigham and Brian Brigham Lehman for the gift of the **nativity and Chrismon tree** in our sanctuary. They were given in memory of their grandmother and former Northgate member, Vera (Pru) Pruitt.

The **Chrismon ornaments** were made by the WMU ladies of Northgate during the 1980s.



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Return Service Requested

### Ministers for December 23 - 29

**Preschool Sunday School:** Rhonda Capparelli

**Preschool Worship:** Robby and Tiffany Bannister, Dan and Bonnie Burgess, Lee and Kacie Coker

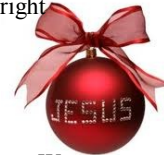
**Children's Church:** Dawn Cunningham, Linda Hardesty

**Greeters:** Patty Runion, Carol Hughes, Pat Durham

**Ushers:** Joey Hall, Walt Green, Danny Capparelli, Jim Hardesty

**Sound/Video Projection:** John Folk, Steve Todd, Payton Wright

**Counter:** Perry Folk



### Ministers for December 30 - January 5

**Deacons of the Month (January):** Sam Smith, John Folk, Dean Waters

**Preschool Sunday School:** Cynthia Hudson

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

**Children's Church:** Cynthia Hudson, Tina Jimmerson

**Wednesday Night:** Kelly Hall, Marian Huskey

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

**Ushers:** Ken Hall, Bill Nix, Richard Hudson, Frank Black

**Sound/Video Projection:** John Folk, Steve Todd, Payton Wright

**Counter:** Ken Shirley

**Release Time:** Jan Calvert, Dawn Painter, Barbara Lollis, Laverne Walls, Pat Foster

**Wednesday Workers:** Tom Simon, Ann Therrell, Del and Roy Sabean, Barbara Lollis

# The Gate Post

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# Christmas at Northgate



by Northgate Children  
December 12  
6:30 p.m.



Christmas Worship  
December 23



Swaddling Clothes  
by Celebration Choir  
December 16  
10:45 a.m.



Christmas Eve Worship  
5:00



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
Our Goal: \$8,000

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