### **Deacons of the Month** David McClure, Warren Peden, Tom Simon



Tuesday, April 16 @ 11:00

By request from members, Mr. Lindsay O'Rear, retired Minister of Music at Taylors First, returns as our guest. Join us and hear Mr. O'Rear

sing. You'll be glad you did! Hostesses: Judy Holland, Evelyn Bradey, volunteers

#### Not a Fan Bible Studies

New Bible studies for youth and adults begin on April 7 at 5:00. These studies focus on what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

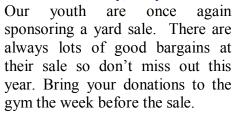
#### **Ladies Birthday Party**



Ladies, join us on Saturday, April 20 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate our birthdays. Everyone has a birthday so come out and let's celebrate them together - at one time. Secret sisters will be revealed at this time.

Ladies, have you used the Journey magazine for your daily quiet time? Journey has wonderful devotions that appeal to ladies. We have several free copies each month on the table downstairs first-come, first-serve.

#### Saturday, May 4





**GROW IN APRIL** 

G Team: April 1 R Team: April 8

O Team: April 15



## **Church Conference** Wednesday, April 17 @ 6:30

#### Work Day on the Grounds on April 27

Come help our Grounds Committee with their spring spruce-up. Lots of help is needed to get our grounds ready for the spring and summer.

#### **Church-wide Mission Trip Butler, PA. at Cornerstone Baptist Church** July 20-27, 2013

To raise money for our church-wide mission trip, we are hosting a Golf Tournament on April 20.

Golfers are sending out support letters to raise funds. Please support only one golfer because the money raised all goes to pay for the cost of the mission trip.



#### Ladies, come give the men a challenge!

See Blue about the mission trip or the golf tournament.

Senior Adult Synday May 5

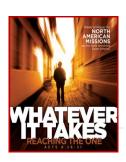
Information for next month's Gate Post must be in the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month.

#### **Marriage Retreat** Map, Markers, and Rules of the Road **Six Ground Rules to Communication**

If you would like to attend this retreat November 15-17 at Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC, contact Tina Jimmerson by April 15. She needs a deposit of \$50 by then. The total cost is \$255 per couple.

Our new Ministry Assistant, Tina Speakman, began her ministry with us on April 1. Come by and meet Tina Speakman and welcome her to Northgate.

We are receiving our annual offering for North American Missions. Pray for these missionaries and give from your heart so that they can continue to share the gospel with others. Our goal is \$4,000.



Our Good News Club Celebration and Dinner for workers, club members, and their parents is April 18 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Leadership Council meets Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 in the Hope classroom. Let the office know if you cannot attend.

#### **WMU Information**

Tuesday, April 23 @ 10:00

Thursday, April 25 @ 7:00 at Nancy Stephens' home. This is a hands-on-project meeting.

The Greenville Baptist Associational WMU Spring Meeting is a catered dinner on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 at Augusta Heights Baptist. The speaker is Barbara Moseley, a retired IMB missionary. See Nancy Stephens or Dawn Painter for more details.

#### **Women of Honor**

Ladies, don't miss this free event on Saturday, May 4 at Calvary First in Greenville. Our own Lynette Eason will be the speaker. Register at and get more information at honorevent.com.



Children's Sunday is April 21. Our children will lead in various areas of the worship service.

Join us that morning in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 for a fundraiser breakfast for our children's ministries. You will enjoy breakfast casserole, cheese grits, fruit, muffins, juice and coffee for a cost of only \$6 per person. Register by April 17 by emailing Ruth at rharrison@northgatebaptist.com or by calling the church office.

Preschool Sunday is April 28. Our preschoolers will sing during the worship service.

All preschoolers and their families are invited to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. At this time we will explain the vision for our Preschool Ministry and discuss parental involvement in this ministry. Preschool Sunday School teachers and members of the Preschool Council and their families are also invited. Please RSVP by April 24 by emailing Ruth at rharrison@northgtebaptist.com or by calling the church office.

#### McCall RA Camp

Bradley Waters has volunteered to take five (5) boys who have completed grades 1-4 to Lad Camp at Camp McCall this summer. The cost is \$125. See Bradley Waters or Ruth Harrison to register.

## **Christian Sympathy Is Extended to**

David Simpson on the death of his father, Haskell Simpson

Carolyn Gerraci on the death of her mother, Mary Alice Wynn

Sarah Nell Phillips on the death of her nephew, Norman Anderson

Chris Brooks Julie Brooks Kamre Brooks Khoner Moser Ethan Moser Angela McGee Carol Hughes Scott Ferguson **Emily Jimmerson** 

Brycen Bannister Carol Traynham Family Linda Craig Wilson Capparelli Marc Wilson Hudson Peden Caleb Rameriz Chaz Rameriz

## **Our Church Matters**

#### **Homebound Member of the Month**

Lee Chapman

1501 State Park Road, Greenville, SC 29609

#### **April Birthdays**

- 2: \*Yvonne Floyd, Lance Hendrix, John Boehm
- 3: Jimmy Cox
- Suzanne Dugan, Lauren Guthrie
- 5: Lyle Doornbos
- 7: Larry Ertzberger, McKenzie Merritt
- 8: Frances Gregory, Cynthia Hamilton, Kristopher Newman
- 9: Nolan Peden
- 11: Evelyn Bradey, Kelly Smith, Ellen Stephens, Noah Brazell
- 13: Jeannie Strickland, Jake Cox
- 14: Heather McGuire, Zack West
- 15: \*Leland Chapman, Pam Simpson
- 16: Steve Todd
- 17: Nathan Witt, Sam Sanders, Savannah Vernon
- 18: Shannon Brooks, \*Willine Littlejohn
- 19: John Folk
- 20: Sue Lutz, Nathan Hamilton
- 21: Richard Hendricks, Violet Shehan, Mat Wallace, Bonnie Burgess, Blue Bryan, Luke Ross
- 22: Sarah Folk
- 24: Betty Agnew
- 25: Kathe Walker, Jonathan Sherrill
- 26: Barbara Lollis
- 27: Evelyn Williams, Sara Beth Johnson
- 28: John Hooper
- 29: Stephanie Poole

#### **April Anniversaries**

- 10: Bob and Sylvia Lee
- 13: Will and Peggy Kirby
- 15: Markus and Joan Heinis
- 15: Ronald and Sharon Warday
- 17: Chris and Kelly King
- 18: Rusty and Charlene Hill
- 22: Tom and Almena Simon
- 24: Bill and Shirley Bishop
- 28: Steve and Beth Todd

#### Thank You Notes Have Been Received From

Barbara Lollis, Maxine Grooms, Triune Mercy Center

#### **Counting Team**

- 1: Marian Huskey
- 7: Porter Huskey 8: Mary Jane Peden 14: Tom Simon
- 15: Bonnie Arey
  - 21: Peter Rothfuss
- 22: Perry Folk 29: Ken Shirley
- 28: Warren Peden

**Offertory Prayer** 

**Projection/Audio Team** Debbie Hudson, Kristopher Newman

#### **Preschool Worship**

- 7: Blue and Heather Bryan, David and Susan McClure, Jered and Katie Nisky
- 14: Jamie and Teresa Brazell, Tom and Elaine Estes, Carter Ann Nix. Beth Todd
- 21: Chasie Bearden, Dawn Cunningham, Will Moore, Jack and Carol Dill, Pam Waters
- Sarah Folk, Joey and Kelly Hall, Danette Hunter, Almena Simon, need volunteer

#### **Preschool Sunday School**

- 7: Rhonda Capparelli
- 14: Almena Simon
- 21: We need volunteers!
- 28: We need volunteers!

#### **Children's Church**

- Cynthia Hudson, Tina Jimmerson
- 14: Dan Burgess, Susan McClure
- 21: Linda Hardesty, Ann Therrell
- 28: David and Susan McClure

#### **Wednesday Preschool Care**

- 3: Kelly Hall, Joan Taylor
- 10: Danette Hunter, Michelle Shaw
- 17: Rhonda Capparelli, Ted Garner
- 24: Tiffany Bannister, Teresa Green

#### **Wednesday Night Meal Helpers**

- 3: Tom Simon, Ann Therrell, Roy and Del Sabean, Barbara Lollis
- 10: Youth Team
- 17: Judy West, Rhonda Capparelli, Pam Waters, Tina Jimmerson, Lewis Barker
- 24: Melissa Lawton, Peter Danciu, Ted Garner, Carol Coker, Eunice Graham

#### **Ushers**

- 7: Frank Black, Richard Hudson, Walt Green, Steve Poole
- 14: Lewis Barker, Mike Cartee, Bill Nix, Michael Britt
- 21: Jim Hardesty, Robby Bannister, Jack Nance, Scott Ferguson
- 28: Richard Hudson, Dan Burgess, Will Moore, Roy Sabean

#### Greeters

- Tommy Stephens, Almena Simon
- 14: Peter and Anne Danciu, Jessie Parker, Taft Jimmerson
- 21: Lee Coker, Layne Winchester, Teresa Howard
- 28: Patty Runion, Carol Hughes, Pat Durham

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# A word from our pastor!



In November 2012, the ministerial staff at Northgate and two lay people began to fast and pray for revival. We didn't pray a presumptuous prayer but a simple one. We prayed that God would simply move in and through His church at Northgate. We prayed for revival. In December, we enlarged that circle of fasting and prayer to include the deacons. In January, the circle of fasting and prayer was widened further to include Sunday School teachers. In February and March we widened our circle of fasting and prayer to include the entire church family. Throughout February and March Sunday School classes gathered for the purpose of fellowship and prayer for revival. We prayed for revival!

At the same time, from November through February, God chose to grow His glorious Kingdom through His church at Northgate. From November through February we saw sixteen people come to faith in Christ and follow Him in believer's baptism. Amazingly, fifteen of those sixteen were already regular attenders in Sunday School when they were baptized! In addition, God was calling other believers to join God's work at Northgate. Sunday School and church attendance increased. The giving of tithes and offerings has been steadily increasing as well.

On March 17, the revival meetings with Ken Freeman for which we had been praying and fasting began and the Spirit of God fell on Northgate in a way such as this pastor has never before seen at Northgate! From Sunday morning to Wednesday night Ken Freeman preached the Word of God with great power and conviction! Dozens of people were born again or had their faith in Christ renewed! As a result, on Easter Sunday, a dozen or more people were baptized. The Ken Freeman revival is one of the great movements of God that I have witnessed as pastor. Revival is sweeping through Northgate. Lives are being changed. Not only was the Ken Freeman revival a blessing to Northgate and our community, it was a blessing to Ken Freeman. The love offering given by Northgate to Ken Freeman Ministries was \$7,600 – the largest offering Ken Freeman Ministries has ever received from a church the size of Northgate!

As we proceed, we will continue to fast and pray that God's Spirit will continue to fall upon His church at Northgate. We will revise our vision statement as God gives revelation by the authority of His Word and for the needs of our community. I pray you are as excited about the future of God's church at Northgate as I am!

Blessings, Sam