

Christmas Eve Service



December 24th

3:00pm

Bring a non-perishable food item for the Eastside Crisis Center to help feed those in need during the holidays. Don't miss this special Christmas Eve service.



Get ready to deck the halls! It's that time of year again, and the flower committee would like your help decorating Northgate for the holidays. If you are available either **Saturday November 30 or Sunday December 1** and would like to help out please contact:

Valia Warren at valiajadewarren@gmail.com or (864)303-5552 for more info.

In lieu of poinsettias, we are again accepting donations to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Loved ones and honorees will be listed in the bulletin later this month.

Christmas Dinner and Children's Program

Wednesday, December 11



Join us for our annual Christmas dinner and children's program on **Wednesday, December 11**. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm. If you have standing reservations for Wednesday supper, they will apply. Reservations must be in by noon on Tuesday, December 10. Following dinner, you are invited to a Christmas sing-a-long and program presented by the children in the sanctuary. After the program, dessert will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Children will have a chance to visit with Santa Claus during this time of fellowship.



Women's Christmas Ornament Craft Time and Cookie Swap - Sunday, December 1 from 3:00-5:30pm. Women/girls (K3 and up) are invited to start your Christmas season off to a festive beginning. Please come and join us. Contact Debbie Hudson for more details.

On Saturday, December 15 we have the opportunity to serve in Charlotte, NC at the Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center. We will leave around 4pm and return around 11:30pm. The only cost will be money for dinner. 16 spots are left. Students must be at least 13 years old. If you would like to go, contact Blue Bryan by email call the church office 242-3805.



Northgate collected 31 boxes. Thank you!!



We have had some success with our early practice time of 6:45 for those who need to come earlier. So, in January we will continue this early practice time as we begin the new year. If you have thought about joining the choir but the time has been too late for you, please try our new 6:45 practice time. **We need you!!**

Contact Richard Hendricks (864) 884-6912



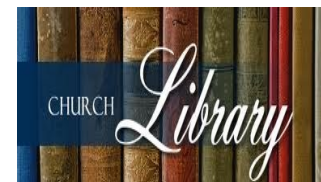
Sunday, December 15

Parents, if you would like to participate in this meaningful time of dedicating yourself to nurturing your child in the way of the Lord, please contact Ruth Harrison by December 4.

The Joy Club will meet on **December 17 at 11:00am.** Our Guest Speaker will be our very own Sherilyn Ammons. She will be leading us in singing some of our favorite Christmas Carols. This will be a covered dish luncheon so bring a couple of dishes to share with everyone. Meat, Tea, and Rolls will be provided. For Reservations contact Violet Stephens At 271-0527. **Also, please bring some non-perishable food items for the Eastside Crisis Center.**



The Anderson Senior Follies will be presenting their 25th Anniversary Show on March 15, 2014 at 12:30pm and the Joy Club has 13 seats still available on the bus if anyone would like to attend. The cost is \$12 per person payable by **December 1, 2013** for advance group sales. Contact Violet Stephens for more information or reservations at 271-0527.



T'was the season of Christmas, so busy and full, some downtime enjoying a book would be cool! Yuletide stories - we've got them! Some merry ones too! What a great time to read a good book just for YOU. No gift like the present...just what you've been needing. Have a wonderful Christmas - and to all, Happy Reading!

We open Wednesday's @ 5pm and Sunday's @ 9am.

THANK YOU cards have been received from David & Linda Craig; Linda Hardesty; the Jimmerson family; Dawn Painter; Joan Taylor .

We share our sympathies with: Joan Taylor on the passing of her aunt, Opal Poole; Glenn Winchester on the passing of his brother in Kentucky.



Season of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Offering- December 1-8

SBC Goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions is \$175 Million. Northgate's goal is \$8,000

Jesus says in Matthew 22:37-39, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself" (HCSB). As followers of Christ, we must give our all so people can know the love of Jesus. That's what being totally His requires: pouring ourselves out completely to be His heart, hands and voice — individually, as a church, as Southern Baptists working cooperatively to reach all the nations. We are part of the task to fulfill the Great Commission. And although Southern Baptists have been praying, giving and going for more than 160 years, the task is far from finished.

If you would like to make a donation to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please pick up a form at the church. Place it in the offering plate with your donation no later than December 22. Offering envelopes will be available in the pew racks and around the church during the month.

Let's give generously and share the love of Christ with the world.



Moms in Prayer Each Friday morning from 8:30-9:30am a group of moms from League Academy meet

in the Fellowship Hall to pray for our children and schools. All ladies are invited to be a part of this prayer group. Pick up a flyer at the church for further information.



GROW will not be meet during the months of December and January. We will resume February 3rd.

The Ordinance of Baptism will be held on December 15.



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Thoughts from Pastor Barry



“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons” (Galatians 4:4-5, NKJV).

We celebrate Christmas, the incarnation of God, because “God sent forth His Son.” We must remain diligent and disciplined to remember the reason for the season! Be warned, there are many distractions!

Brian Harbour and James Cox remind us of the marvels of Christmas with the following thoughts: “When Pope Julius I authorized December 25 to be celebrated as the birthday of Jesus Christ in 353 A.D., who would have ever thought it would become what it is today? When Professor Charles Follen lit candles on the first Christmas tree in America in 1832, who would have ever thought that Christmas decorations would become as elaborate as they are today? It has been a long time since 1832, longer still from 353, and even longer from that dark night brightened by a special star at the birth of King Jesus. Yet, as we approach December 25 again, it gives us another opportunity to pause, and in the midst of all the excitement and elaborate decorations and expensive commercialization that surrounds Christmas in the 21st century, to consider again the event of Christmas and the person whose birth we celebrate.”

Beloved, may I remind us all that Christmas is the celebration of the incarnation of God. It is the very manifestation of the love of God. Do not allow the busyness of the season to cause us to forget the reason we celebrate Christmas. “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:1, 14, NKJV).

From my family to yours: may you and your family have a blessed and wonderful time celebrating Christmas in this holy season!

Merry Christmas!

Barry



MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Gate Post

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change

ADVENT

"Advent" simply means *coming* as in Christ is coming, and for us now He has arrived. This is referring to His birth in history and in humanity. It meant the welcoming or the arrival of a special king and for us; He is our King of kings. This is what the Old Testament prophecies foretold concerning Jesus' Incarnation, the Word made flesh for our hope and Atonement that brought us our deliverance. Advent represents our expectation, anticipation, and preparation for who Christ is and what He has done for us. He arrived into the world as a human being, being fully God and fully man. He came to identify as one of us, as the *Son of Man*, as a baby born in a manger. He came for us, He came for you and He comes into our lives and into our hearts. He is coming again in great power and glory to bring His Kingdom into fruition.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The church office will be closed for Christmas on December 24 & 25. The entire staff wishes you a blessed and joyous Christmas as we celebrate of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

NO Wednesday service or activities on December 25 and January 1.

Glory in the Highest



The Celebration Choir, under the direction of Rev. Richard Hendricks, will present **"Glory in the Highest"** on **Sunday, December 8 at 10:45am**. Invite your family and friends to hear this beautiful Christmas music. You will most certainly feel the Christmas spirit as you hear our choir sing. **Don't miss the blessing!**