



Children's Sunday is March 22

Children will sing the 2015 *Journey Off the Map* VBS songs and lead in other areas of the morning worship service. Plan to attend this service and support our children as they serve God.

Thanks a million to everyone who helped make our Children's Ministry Fundraiser Dinner and Silent/Live Auction an unbelievably awesome success. Thank you for sharing your time, talents, creativity, and money. We raised \$10,887 for CentriKid Camp.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, March 28

10 a.m.-12 Noon

For Kids: Birth-Grade 6

Activities, such as cookie decorating, balloon art, face painting, crafts, storytelling and prizes!



You can be a part of this outreach event by bringing individually wrapped Easter candy that will fit into plastic eggs for the egg hunt. Boxes will be located throughout the church where you may put the candy. Volunteers are also needed to help with the activities, games, lunch etc. If you can help with the event, please contact Ruth Harrison.

FREE HOTDOG LUNCH!

WELCOME New Members

Jessica Addington

125 Shoals Creek Church Road, Easley, SC 29640

Shannon and Maddie Humphries

9 Greenview Drive, Greenville, SC 29609

Wayne Jones

104 Leyswood Drive, Greenville, SC 29615

Daniel Omar

700 N. Parker Road, Greenville, SC 29609

Dee Dee Rhodes

125 Shoals Creek Church Road, Easley, SC 29640

Joy Club

Come and join us at Joy Club **Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 11:00am.** *The Sweet Caroline's*, a four part harmony acappella group, will be our guest. To have a great time with fun, food, and fellowship, please join us. For reservations contact Violet Stephens at (864)271-0527.



THE ANDERSON SENIOR FOLLIES: Those of you who have tickets for the Saturday, March 21st performance, please be at the church at 11am. We will leave promptly.



Come see why "MARCH" is always part of the Library! Our shelves are filled with:

Memorable, motivating fiction
Awe-inspiring autobiographies
Riveting, edge of your seat mysteries
Charming, cheerful children's books
Helpful hints for home life, money management and more!

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



ZUMBA OPEN HOUSE

@ NORTHGATE

MONDAY, MARCH 2 7:00-8:30pm

Grab a friend and come "Let It Move You".

This will be a FREE class. Regular class price is \$5/class (for ladies only!)

Contact Teresa Green for further information at 268-2569.

Thank You notes have been received from:

Sara Jo Jennings

We share our sympathies with: Sam Beason on the passing of his uncle, Don Addyman; Francis Gregory on the passing of her brother, Bill; Gayle Runion on the passing of her mother, Jennie Scott.

CHOIR PRACTICE WILL BE HELD AT 6:30 ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS BEGINNING

Contact Richard Hendricks if you are interested in joining the Celebration Choir.



Annie Armstrong Offering: Northgate's goal is \$4,000. Help us reach it!!

Women's Missionary Union will meet Tuesday, March 24 at 10am for a Season of Prayer. All ladies are welcome. Come and join us.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Fidelis Sunday School class would like to begin collecting items for Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes and would like to do this all year. Every month a different item will be suggested for those who wish to donate. Donation boxes are in the Fidelis classroom and at the bottom of the stairs near the fellowship hall. The month of March we are looking for **green items (no candy please)**. Next month we will have a different item, although whatever you wish to donate is greatly appreciated. Join us in getting an early start for this wonderful outreach and ministry to children of all nations.

Life Transformation Groups informational meeting will be held **Sunday, March 29 @ 5pm** in the Bryan Whitmire classroom. A Life Transformation Group is made up of two or three people, all of the same gender, who meet weekly for Bible study, prayer and personal accountability for their spiritual growth and development. All interested are invited to attend.

Church-wide Prayer on March 15 @ 5pm

in the Bryan Whitmire Classroom

PRAYER

Seeking God with all your heart

Season of Prayer for North American Missions Board and the Annie Armstrong Offering March 1-8. Prayer brochures and envelopes will be in the March 1st bulletin.



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Week of Prayer for North American Missions and

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

2015 SBC Goal is \$60 million-Northgate's Goal is \$4,000 - March 1-8



Check out these facts:

Reason we give: To support the efforts of the North American Mission Board's Send North America strategy, as missionaries and church planters push back lostness in the United States and Canada.

- **Amount of AAEO used to support missionaries and their work: 100%**
- **Amount of NAMB budget that comes from AAEO: 49%**
- **Amount of NAMB budget from Cooperative Program: 38%**
- **Year offering started: WMU started it in 1895**



MARCH

**2 Team G
9 Team R
16 Team O
23 Team W**



In case of inclement weather on a Wednesday evening or Sunday morning, please check our website

at: www.northgatebaptist.com or watch WYFF-4 to see if services or events have been canceled.



Pastoral Staff

Dr. Barry Jimmerson
Pastor

Mr. Moses Jonnalagadda
Interim Youth Minister

Mrs. Ruth Harrison
Preschool and Children

Rev. Richard Hendricks
Worship

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Deacons of the Month
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Thoughts from Pastor Barry



John Maxwell writes in his book, **Partners in Prayer**: "In the summer of 1876, grasshoppers nearly destroyed the crops in Minnesota. So in the spring of 1877, farmers were worried. They believed that the dreadful plague would once again visit them and again destroy the rich wheat crop, bringing ruin to thousands of people. The situation was so serious that Governor John S. Pillsbury proclaimed April 26 as a day of prayer and fasting. He urged every man, woman and child to pray and ask God to prevent the terrible scourge. On that April day all schools, shops, stores and offices were closed. There was a reverent, quite hush over all the state. The next day dawned bright and clear. Temperatures soared to what they ordinary were in midsummer, which was very unusual for April. Minnesotans were devastated as they discovered billions of grasshopper larvae wiggling to life. For three days the unusual heat persisted, and the larvae hatched. It appeared that it wouldn't be long before they started feeding and destroying the wheat crop. On the fourth day, however the temperature suddenly dropped, and that night frost, covered the entire state. Result - it killed every one of those creeping, crawling pests as surely as if poison or fire had been used, it went down in the history of Minnesota as the day God answered the prayers of the people."

Two parishes of the Catholic Church in Minnesota gave thanks by coming together and constructing "Assumption Chapel" on seven acres of land donated by two farmers in Cold Springs, Minnesota. A chapel stands on that site to this very day.

What an awesome story! But understand, it was NOT the first and certainly was NOT the last time that Almighty God answered the prayers of his people.

Yet some doubt the wisdom of a government leader calling for prayer. In the summer of 2007, the state of Alabama was in the grips of a severe drought. In response, Gov. Bob Riley issued a proclamation calling for a week of prayer for rain. Gov. Riley encouraged Alabamians to pray for rain, starting June 30, "individually and in their houses of worship." On Sunday, July 1, a series of strong thunderstorms brought torrential rain, flash floods and lightning to the area, but apparently not enough to bring much relief to the drought-stricken area. In response to Gov. Riley's call for prayer to end the drought, Rev. Barry Lynn, director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State said, "He [Gov. Riley] shouldn't do these things that raise the specter of government promoting a particular religion," "It's just a bad idea." (USA TODAY, July 3, 2007).

I don't think prayer is ever a "bad idea." I am very pleased to pastor a church that comes together on a regular basis for the purposes of prayer. I hope you will make plans to attend our weekly prayer service on Wednesday nights in the sanctuary and our next monthly prayer service on Sunday March 15 at 5:00 p.m. Northgate Baptist Church believes prayer changes things.

Prayerfully yours,

Barry

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