



**BAMM on
Wednesday's @
6:30pm**

Good News Club

**Resumes at Stone Academy and
Summit Drive Elementary**

Good News Club, a Bible-based club featuring Bible stories, games, songs, snacks, and missions stories, meets at Summit Drive Elementary on Mondays at 2:45 p.m. and on Tuesdays at 2:45 p.m. at Stone Academy. The clubs will begin on Monday, September 14 and Tuesday, September 15.

Workers are always needed to assist with this ministry. If you are interested in working in Good News Club, please contact Ruth Harrison rharrison@northgatebaptist.com or 864-380-7850.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE GOOD NEWS CLUB, WHICH BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 14, AND RELEASED TIME WHICH BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16. Pray for the many volunteers and students. Pray that many children will receive Christ as their Savior.



Come join the men of the church on **Tuesday mornings @ 7am** for breakfast and prayer. This is a special time for sharing

the needs of God's people at Northgate and to pray for our nation. **All men are welcome to join us. We hope to see you on Tuesday morning @ 7am.**



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS WILL RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 9. A sign-up sheet for standing reservations will be available in your Sunday School class and

throughout the church in the month of August. If you sign-up for a standing reservation you must attend the supper every Wednesday or call by noon on Tuesday if you cannot attend a particular night or you will be charged. **If you do not have a standing reservation you MUST call the church office by noon on Tuesday to be placed on the list. NO EXCEPTIONS! The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. COME JOIN US!!**



KITCHEN AND CASHIER HELP NEEDED

Contact Rhonda Capparelli @ 325-2111

If you served in the kitchen last year and are willing to serve again, please let Rhonda know.



If you have any family changes such as a child going to college, changes of address, phone, email, birth

of a child or hospitalization of a family member, please call the church office at 864-242-3805. We want this important information and to keep our records up-to-date. **Please keep us informed.**

PLANNING PACKETS: Leaders: If you have not picked up your planning packet, please do so. They are located at the bottom of the stairs near the fellowship hall. They must be returned by October 6. Please sign the sheet when you have returned your packet. If you have any questions, please contact Tina in the church office for assistance.



JOY CLUB IS MOVING TO THE 3rd MONDAY

The Joy Club will meet on Monday, September 21 at 11am.

Our guest for September will be our very own Peter Rothfuss. He will sing some traditional hymns and share his testimony. Sherilyn Ammons will bless us also by playing accompaniment. Peter became a born again Christian at age 38, teaches the Crossties Sunday School class, and sings in the celebration choir. **Come join us!**

For reservations contact Judy Rothfuss at 864-233-1099.



Visit our library, you will find inspiring fiction, insightful books on parenting, faith and finances, intriguing mysteries and more!

Come check us out!

We open on Sunday's @ 9am. We open at 5:00pm on Wednesday.

FACILITIES USE INFORMATION

From the Facilities Use Committee:

Church events or ministries will always be the priority regarding the use of church facilities. Non-Northgate events or ministries will always run the risk of being "bumped" for church use, even at the last minute.



ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, October 5

See Judy Rothfuss or

call her at 233-1099



Women's Missionary Union will meet Tuesday, September 22 at 10am for a Season of Prayer in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome. Come and join us.

The Season of Prayer for State Mission and the Janie Chapman offering is September 13-20. A prayer guide will be available in your bulletin on September 13.

**The State Goal is \$1,850,000.
Help us reach our goal of \$1,500.**

We share our sympathies with: Pam Waters on the passing of her mother, Pauline Sanders; Connie Wilson on the passing of her mother, Edith Bishop.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

For the month of September bring flash lights (we are a light to the world) and hygiene items (toothpaste & brushes, wash cloths, soap, etc.) Donation boxes are in the Fidelis classroom and at the bottom of the stairs near the fellowship hall. **NO candy please.**



The Celebration Choir has begun a practice time during the Sunday School hour @ 9:30. We will meet in the choir room for a devotional and choir practice. We have heard from a few people that would like to be in the choir, that due to work schedules, Wednesday evenings are just not possible.

Our Wednesday evening practice will continue at 6:30pm. Come and join us. You may contact Richard Hendricks for further information.

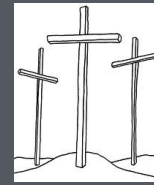
**Week of Prayer for State Missions and Janie Chapman Offering goal of \$1,500 - September 13-20
Ordinance of the Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal - September 20**



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Thoughts from Pastor Barry



Last April, we looked at goals. One of the goals we considered was Sunday School attendance. I stated that my goal is for us to have an average attendance of 160 (not including SS administration) in our Sunday School classes by August 31, 2016. At the time that I presented that goal, it was a 20% increase over present average attendance. We all know that summer takes its toll on Sunday School and church attendance. With one more week left in August 2015, our average Sunday School attendance for this church year was 136 (not including administration). That means we have work to do!

The first thing we must do to achieve this goal of 160 in Sunday School is to become familiar with our church vision statement; especially as it pertains to evangelism: **"We envision the introduction of the people in the Greenville, South Carolina area to Jesus Christ primarily through the work of a strong Sunday School that seeks to express God's love through honest, relational evangelism."** We also need to know our Sunday School vision statement: **"Sunday School seeks to develop and lead people to become Great Commission Christians that are involved in reaching people, teaching people and ministering to people."** We will reach our goal by formulating a plan to achieve our vision.

There are five keys to increasing Sunday School growth. **First**, we must pray. Pray daily for God to glorify Himself through your class. Pray weekly for every member of your class. Find innovative ways to get your class together for the purpose of prayer. Make sure your class is well represented at our monthly church-wide prayer meetings. **Second**, formulate a plan specifically for your class to increase enrollment. Make sure your class is represented at GROW outreach. Interact with people at church events and invite them to your Sunday School class. **Third**, make sure your class has regularly scheduled special events and ALWAYS invite un-churched people to attend. **Fourth**, adopt a goal specific for your class. If your class is averaging ten people in attendance each Sunday, develop a plan that will grow your class to twelve in average attendance by next August. Make sure to track your progress. Make sure your goal is measurable and evaluated. **Fifth**, celebrate the achievement of your goals.

Sunday School (small group ministry) is an important component for church growth. If you are not currently involved in Sunday School class, I pray that you soon will be. It was through Sunday School that I have developed life-long friendships. If you are in a Sunday School class, invite someone to visit your class this Sunday. Plan to meet them in the parking lot of the church or at the front door. Sit with them and make them to feel like a guest in your home. Our commission is to make disciples. Sunday School ministry is a great way to accomplish that commandment.

Finally, pray for your Sunday School classmates, teachers, and other leaders. They need your prayer support.

I look forward to growing with you in Sunday School and worshipping with you in church!

The Gate Post

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Gate Post deadline is
the 15th of each month

Deacons of the Month

Lee Coker
Will Kirby
Tommy Stephens

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



The Ordinance of the
Lord's Supper will be
Sunday, September 20.

A fellowship meal will follow. The church provides the meat for our meal. Please bring a side dish that would feed your family with some to share. And don't forget about the dessert!

There will be no Children's Church on September 20.



Office Closed
September 7



7 NO GROW
14 Team R
21 Team O
28 Team W

Churchwide Prayer

September 20 at 5pm in the Bryan
Whitmire classroom.
Come and pray with us.



Sunday School Promotion Day at
Northgate will be September 6.