

From Our Pastor

This week we are praying for North American missions. This month (and through Easter) we are giving to financially support North American missions. You received a prayer guide in your bulletin on Sunday, March 4. Please pray for these and all of our North American missionaries. North American missions consist of the United States, her territories, and Canada. In those geographical areas, there are an estimated 259 million people who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Of course, it is imperative that we do all we can to reach our nation and Canada with the gospel.

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) has a strategy known simply as SEND to reach people for Christ in North America. Their research reveals that the average existing Southern Baptist church will be used of God to baptize 3.4 people per 100 resident church members, while a new church plant will baptize 11.7 people per 100 resident church members. Therefore, planting new churches is a good strategy to reach the lost. In WWI, there was one church for every 430 people in America. Today that ratio is one church for every 6,194 people in America. In Canada, that ratio today is one church for every 123,971 people. NAMB's response is to plant many new churches. Different kinds of churches are needed to reach different kinds of people. The gospel never changes, but our methods of reaching people with the gospel must constantly change. NAMB has identified twenty-six strategic cities to target for church planting. While most of those cities are in the north and west, three are in the southeast – Atlanta, New Orleans and Miami.

Please pray and give during this Easter season that people might come to Christ in North America. Northgate's goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is \$4,000. The national goal is \$70 million (46% of NAMB's annual budget).

Northgate has many strategies to reach people in our corner of North America with the gospel. God is certainly using His ministry to the local schools, but He is also using His Sunday School and many other ministries. One strategy He has given to us is the invitation for Rev. Don Piper to visit Northgate on March 25. We are praying that many unsaved and unchurched people will come to this event. The gospel will be presented and people will have an opportunity to come to Christ and receive the free gift of abundant and eternal life. Pray for our North American mission efforts!

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

Blessings,



GROW Team R
Monday
6:00



We need all of our Northgate family to be at the Don Piper service on March 25 so we can extend a warm smile and a welcoming handshake to our guests.

Tickets are available online or in the church office during regular office hours. Please get tickets only for people you know are going to attend. Since we are expecting an overflow crowd, we do not want to tie up seats that may be used for someone else. Please return all unused tickets to the church office as soon as you possibly can. Thanks, in advance, for your cooperation.

If you have a copy of *90 Minutes in Heaven*, please read it and return it to our library as soon as possible. People are waiting to read it before Rev. Piper come to Northgate.

Sunday School Leadership Meeting

Sunday School teacher, leaders, and workers are encouraged to attend a meeting this Sunday, March 11 at 6:00.

Important Usher, Deacon and Greeter Meeting

There will be an usher, deacon, and greeter meeting this Sunday, March 11 at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We need to make preparations for Friend Day and Easter.

Counselors for the Don Piper Service

Everyone who has agreed to serve as a counselor for this service on March 25 MUST attend one of the following identical training sessions:

- ◆ Monday, March 12 at 6:30 in the Bryan Whitmire class
- ◆ Sunday, March 18 at 6:30 in the Bryan Whitmire class

We are now receiving our annual Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions. Our goal is \$4,000. Pray about your part in missions this year.



Set your
clocks
AHEAD
before you
go to bed
Saturday.



JOY Club

Senior adults, come to JOY Club Tuesday, March 21 at 11:00 for a program by storyteller, Joada Hiott. This retired librarian is back by special request. Hostesses: Mary Jane Peden, Charlotte Cameron, Bruce Jackson, Evelyn Bradey.



Pick up some of the Friend Day cards located around the church and use them to invite your friends to church March 18.

Women's Birthday Party 2012

This Saturday, March 10

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us and celebrate YOUR Birthday!

Our guest speaker will be Michelle Campbell, founder of *Women by Design* and a graduate of *Proverbs 31 She Speaks* ministry.



Our Easter *EGG*stravaganza is Saturday, March 31 at 10 a.m. There will be bounce houses, face painting, balloon art, games and prizes, story time, hot dogs, and of course, an egg hunt!

Invite someone to come with you for this fun time.

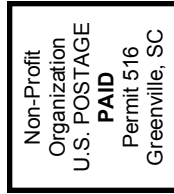
If you can donate some individually-wrapped candy for the egg hunt, please bring it to the church as soon as possible.

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



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633 Summit Drive
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Return Service Requested

Our Homebound Member of the Week

Yvonne Almeida
10 Meadow Crest Circle, Greenville SC 29609

Giving to the Lord

March 4

Budget Receipts \$ 14,616
Budget Required YTD \$107,240
Budget Received YTD \$ 81,538

Thank You to the Church Family from

Pendleton Place Children's Shelter and the Renewal Ladies

Happy Birthday March 11-17

- 11. Mills Hunter
- 12. Rose Shockley, Carolyn Wynn, Tony Brown, Kelli Merritt
- 13. Laverne Walls, Bonnie Guzik, Michael Pryor
- 14. Dawn Cunningham, Kimberly Shillinglaw
- 15. Gloria Owings
- 17: *Bill James, Jerry Gaines

Happy Anniversary March 11-17

- 17: Joey and Kelly Hall



Check the newspaper for the schedule at Cherrydale and Hollywood Cinemas.

Ministers for the Week of March 11-17

Every member a minister

Deacons of the Month: Jack Dill, Tom Simon, Will Moore

Preschool Worship: Jamie and Teresa Brazell, Ted Garner, Beth Todd, Joel and Valia Warren

Children's Church: Joey and Kelly Hall

Wednesday Night: Katie Nisky, Joan Taylor

Preschool Sunday School: Janet Cartee, Danette Hunter

Ushers: Frank Black, Dan Burgess, Joey Hall, Lewis Barker

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

Counter: Mary Jane Peden

Fellowship Meal: Tom Simon, Ann Therrell, Roy and Del Sabeau, Barbara Lollis

Menu: Memphis pork loin, garlic smashed potatoes, green beans, key lime pie

Release Time: Jan Calvert, Barbara Lollis, Dawn Painter, Marian Huskey, Linda Smith

Church Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson
Minister of Students and Education: Blue Bryan
Minister of Children/Preschool: Ruth Harrison
Worship Leader: Richard Hendricks

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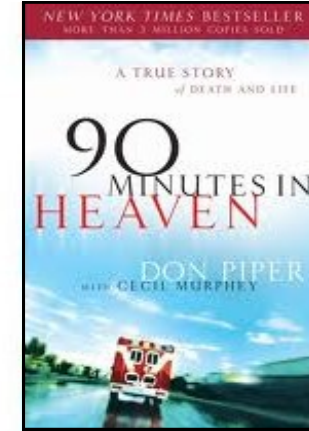
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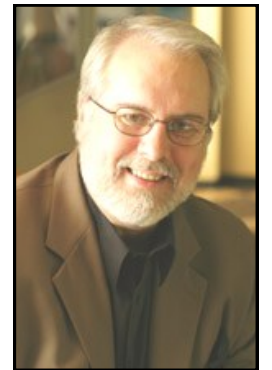
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March 25 6:00 p.m.

An inspiring story of life beyond death!

Free tickets are available
in the church office.
No reserved seats.
No child care.



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