



The cooler temperatures and shorter days are evidence that winter is approaching. Winter was once something to “survive” until the spring. Today, through the many modern conveniences of twenty-first century life, winter hardly makes a difference. When we are cold, we adjust the thermostat. When it is dark, we turn on the light. We bathe in warm water at the turn of a knob. We wash our clothes and dishes at the push of a button. We draw our water at the turn of a faucet. When we do need to go out, our cars are heated and unless we are going to a rare outdoor event we are virtually assured of comfort when we arrive at our destination. Generations have passed since the advent of the era of modern convenience. How have these changes affected our relationship with God?

When I was young, I had the blessing of speaking with my grandparents about life in the 1920’s and 1930’s. One question I would ask on a regular basis (trying to trap them in a nostalgic moment) was, “Would you rather live today or in the days when you were young and newly married?” Their answer never wavered, “Of course, we would rather live today!” “Son, you have no idea how hard life was in those days.” The implication was clear: life in the United States today is easy.

I fear we have become spoiled and thus weak. We have become dependent upon our own ingenuity; trapped by our own progress. Yes. The modern era has affected our relationship with God. Progress has put us at risk of separating ourselves from God with the temptation of leaning upon our own vast knowledge and understanding. I invite you to read a book that I read in the air-conditioned comfort of my home (or wherever I was) over the summer that helped me to revisit the glorious “achievements” of our comfort goals. Progress may not be the blessing we always thought it would be! If you have time, read *In Search of Balance* by Richard Swenson, M.D.

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

Blessings,

Bany



**NO GROW
This Week**

Pack a shoebox for **Operation Christmas Child** with gifts for children around the world who are suffering from poverty, disease, war, and natural disaster. Information and a list of approved items are located near the bottom of the stairs. Get a box soon and start packing! You can use your own shoe box or get a plastic one at the Dollar Store. Return them to the church by November 6.



Our youth will be going to the Charlotte distribution center November 26 to help get the boxes ready for shipping.

We now have 303 enrolled in our Released Time programs for League Academy and Sevier Middle School. Our Good News Clubs at Summit Drive and Stone Academy have 91 members with 9 children having accepted the Lord as their personal Savior.

Please do not leave donations of any kind at the Lighthouse next door. Contact Rhonda Capparelli if you have items you are interested in donating for a youth yard sale.

If you are interested in participating in a Parent Child Dedication service during the month of December, please contact the church office or Ruth Harrison as soon as possible.

Visit Your Church Library!

Don’t miss this book: *In Search of Balance: Keys to a Stable Life* by Dr. Richard A. Swenson. It was said by an interviewer. “Nobody sees the future like Dr. Swenson! Read this book. It may catch you off balance, but it will change your future.” We also have Dr. Swenson’s best-selling book, *Margin*. These books are recommended by Dr. Jimmerson.

A new **Discovery Class** will be taught on November 6, 13, and 20. This class is mandatory for youth through adults who are new members at Northgate. If you started a Discovery Class and missed a session, if you are a new member, or if you are a long-standing member and have questions, then this class is for you. The class will meet on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 203.

We need a couple more players to have a K-5 through grade 2 basketball team. Registration for this team only has been extended a few more days. If your child and their friends are interested in playing at Northgate, please register them as soon as possible. See Blue Bryan.

Beginning November 1, Zumba will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 6:15 and on Thursdays at 7:15 in the gym.

It’s time to order pecans! Help our youth with mission trip expenses while enjoying delicious pecans. Get an order blank and return it by Wednesday, November 2. They make great Christmas gifts. Please, no late orders!



- October 30: Baptism, Lord’s Supper and Fellowship Meal
- November 2: Church Conference
- November 6: Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall Backward)
Discovery Class Begins

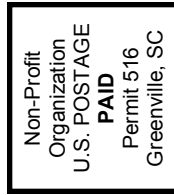
Our church family **MATTERS**

In Case of Emergency Call

Barry Jimmerson @ 609-1845

Blue Bryan @ 243-7377

Ruth Harrison @ 380-7850



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Return Service Requested

Our Homebound Member of the Week

Vera Jamison
10 Woodland Lane, Greenville SC 29615

Christian Sympathy Is Expressed to

Brenda Stroud and Clara Caraway on the death of their son and grandson, David Stroud

Frances Gregory on the death of her sister-in-law, Smitty Gregory

Thank You Notes Have Been Received From

Suzanne and Jay Dugan, Gilbert and Willine Littlejohn, teachers at Summit Drive Elementary, teachers at East North Street Elementary

Giving to the Lord

October 23

Budget Receipts \$ 5,933
Budget Required YTD \$443,631
Budget Received YTD \$380,604

Happy Birthday October 30 - November 5

30: Debbie Hudson, Marie Parker

- 1: Ben Pittman
- 3: Porter Huskey
- 4: Barbara Moore

Ministers the Week of October 30 - November 5

Every member a minister

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

November: Nick Shaler, Warren Peden, Sam Smith

Preschool Worship: Harry and Dawn Cunningham, Laverne Walls, David and Susan McClure, Beth Todd

Children's Church: Robby and Tiffany Bannister

Wednesday Ministers: Sam Harp, Katie Nisky

Preschool Sunday School: Peter and Anne Danciu

Ushers: Wesley Harrison, Bob Landers, Jack Nance, Danny Capparelli

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk, Debbie Hudson, Taft Jimmerson

Counter: Ken Shirley

Fellowship Meal: Youth Team 1, Marian Huskey

Release Time: Jan Calvert, Barbara Lollis, Dawn Painter, Laverne Walls, Pat Foster

Church Staff

Call the office before noon on Tuesday to remove your name from the permanent supper list or to add/remove it for the week. Payment will be expected the next week for meals not canceled by this time.

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

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*This Sunday
at 10:45 a.m.*



*Ordinance of
Baptism*



*Ordinance of
Lord's Supper*

Following the service everyone is invited to a fellowship meal in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a veggie dish and a salad or dessert and enjoy the food and fellowship.

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