



According to the January 21, 1994, edition of *Our Daily Bread*, in his book *Facing Loneliness*, J. Oswald Sanders writes, "The round of pleasure or the amassing of wealth are but vain attempts to escape from the persistent ache...The millionaire is usually a lonely man and the comedian is often more unhappy than his audience." Sanders goes on to emphasize that being successful often fails to produce satisfaction. Then he refers to Henry Martyn, a distinguished scholar, as an example of what he is talking about. Martyn, a Cambridge University student, was honored at only 20 years of age for his achievements in mathematics. In fact, he was given the highest recognition possible in that field. And yet he felt an emptiness inside. He said that instead of finding fulfillment in his achievements, he had "only grasped a shadow." After evaluating his life's goals, Martyn sailed to India as a missionary at the age of 24. When he arrived, he prayed, "Lord, let me burn out for You." In the next 7 years that preceded his death, he translated the New Testament into three difficult Eastern languages. These notable achievements were certainly not passing "shadows."

According to the International Mission Board's website, as of October 17, 2011, Southern Baptists had 4,880 international missionaries on the field. In 2010, 360,879 people were baptized overseas, overseas church membership was 3.1 million and 29,237 new churches were planted. As of October 17, 2011, there were still 3,629 people groups in the world that have never been engaged with the gospel of Jesus Christ. According to Peoplegroups.org, a people group is defined as "the largest group through which the gospel can flow without encountering significant barriers of understanding and acceptance." John Piper defines an unengaged people group simply as "no Christians and no missionaries."

God is clearly reaching people through Northgate in our community. Pray that more people are reached in 2012. According to City-Data.com, in 2009, there were 449 congregations in Greenville County (half of them SBC) yet still 42.7% of our county's population has no religious affiliation. Let's pray for the lost in Greenville County; but even more so, let's pray for people in the world who have no access to the gospel of Jesus Christ at all. Pray for God to call out missionaries to go to them. Pray about how much God would give through us to support these mission efforts in the New Year. In 2012, I pray that Northgate Baptist Church can engage an unengaged people group if only through prayer. Let's make sure, very sure, that we are not "grasping shadows," but making an eternal difference among peoples in the world where there is no light.

Praying for changed lives,

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**GROW
Team W**

Joint Worship Service at Enoree
this Sunday, November 27 @ 5:00 p.m.

There will be **NO Gate Post** next week.

Christmas Events

- 4: Parent Child Dedication
- 11: *Majesty of Heaven* by Celebration Choir
- 14: Christmas Dinner and Children's Play
- 18: Christmas Worship
- 23: Office and Buildings Closed
- 24: Candlelight, Carols, Communion @ 5 p.m.
- 25: Christmas Day Worship @10:45 (No Sunday School)
- 26: Church Offices and Buildings Closed



There will be a discussion time on our **2012 Budget** on Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30. Vote will be December 4.

Parent Child Dedication: December 4

The **Celebration Choir** will have a dress rehearsal for Christmas music on Saturday morning, December 10 at 9:00 in the Sanctuary.



I would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary during the Christmas season. Please return this form with your payment of \$10 per plant to the church office **by Wednesday, December 7.**

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Placed by _____



*You are invited to hear
Majesty of Heaven
arranged by Tom Fettke
and presented by
The Celebration Choir
Northgate Baptist Church
December 11
10:45 a.m.*

For Preschoolers and Children

All preschoolers and children are invited to Christmas Craft Day on Saturday, December 10 from 10 a.m till noon in the Fellowship Hall.

CentriKid Fundraiser

Order Liquid Highway products (coffees, teas, lemonade, hot chocolate, etc.) from a child. They are \$10 each.

The Library Corner

These new fiction books have been added to our library:

- The Race Trilogy by Beverly Lewis
The Thorn, The Judgment, and The Mercy
- Bailey Flannigan series by Karen Kingsbury
Leaving, Learning, and Longing

We have added 31 new fiction books to our library since the beginning of September. There's always a new book waiting for you. Come to the library and check it out!

Our church family **MATTERS**

In Case of Emergency Call

Barry Jimmerson @ 609-1845

Blue Bryan @ 243-7377

Ruth Harrison @ 380-7850

Our Homebound Member of the Week

Gertrude Moore

Aldersgate Retirement, 3800 Shamrock Dr. Charlotte NC 28215

Thank You Notes Have Been Received From

The family of Irene Black, Robby Bannister and family



Braylen Hunter

Parents: Mills and Danette Hunter

Deacon: John Folk

Happy Birthday November 27-December 10

27: Catherine Berry, Linda Hardesty

29: Carol Hughes, Harriett Carmichael, Randy Bishop

30: Josh Capps, Jacob Hudson

1: Syble Hendricks, Patty Ertzberger

2: *Margaret Bennett, Denise Agnew, Frank Gerwig

3: Susan Hughes, Lawrence Williams, Teresa Brazell, Austin Beam

4: Cheryl Massa

5: Anthony Capparelli

6: David Brazell, Jamie Hobbs

8: Cynthia Hudson

9: Patti Sanders, Teresa Green, John Spagnolo

10: Patty Doornbos, Kelly Hall

Ministers for the Week of November 27-December 3

Every member a minister

Deacons of the Month: Nick Shaler, Warren Peden, Sam Smith

Preschool Worship: Warren and Allison Peden, Chasie Bearden, Joel and Valia Warren, Dawn Painter

Children's Church: Mike and Janet Cartee

Wednesday Ministers: Anne Danciu, Joan Hall

Preschool Sunday School: Almena Simon, Joan Hall

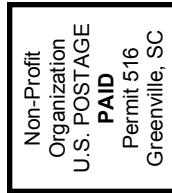
Ushers: Robby Bannister, Chasie Bearden, Mills Hunter, Harry Cunningham

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk, Joey Hall, Payton Wright

Counter: Perry Folk

Fellowship Meal: Youth Team, Perry Folk

Release Time: Jan Calvert, Barbara Lollis, Dawn Painter, Evelyn Pugh, Almena Simon



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Return Service Requested

Ministers for the Week of December 3-10

Every member a minister

Deacons of the Month: Will Kirby, Barry Agnew, Porter Huskey

Preschool Worship: Blue and Heather Bryan, Tony and Laura Green, Jered and Katie Nisky

Children's Church: Harry and Dawn Cunningham

Wednesday Ministers: Susan McClure, Pam Waters

Preschool Sunday School: Rhonda Capparelli, Sarah Folk

Ushers: Michael Britt, Walt Green, Perry Folk, Ken Hall

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk, Steve Todd, Kelsey Todd

Counter: Marian Huskey

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

Release Time: Jan Calvert, Barbara Lollis, Dawn Painter, Joye Solas, Peggy Kirby

Giving to the Lord

November 20

Budget Receipts \$ 7,003

Budget Required YTD \$484,899

Budget Received YTD \$416,106

Happy Anniversary November 27-December 10

28: Ed and Karen Snyder

1: Mike and Patti Murphy

4: Nathan and Heather Witt

10: Monte and Joan Hooper

The Gate Post

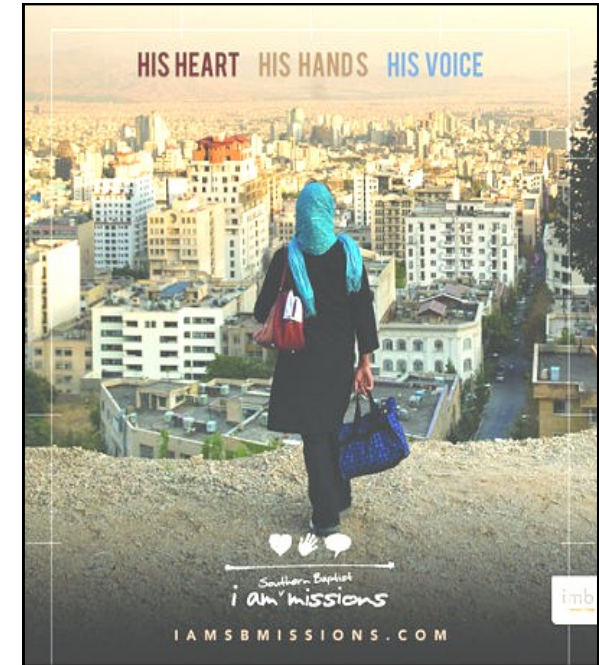
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Pastor, Dr. Barry Jimmerson



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Our Goal at Northgate

\$10,000

Envelopes are in your envelope packet
and in the pew racks

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