#### **From Our Pastor**

We will celebrate the sanctity of human life at Northgate this Sunday, January 15, 2012, during the morning worship service.

I came across an article recently on the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention's website about OB-GYN's opinions concerning pregnancy and abortion. The article cites Reuters News Services as the source of the data. 1,000 obstetricians and gynecologists responded to a survey published in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The survey showed that 57% of those who responded said that pregnancy starts at conception. 28% said pregnancy begins at implementation of the tiny embryo in the uterine wall. Implementation occurs about a week after conception and is also known as fertilization. The remaining 15% said they were uncertain.

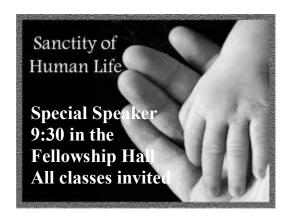
The ERLC points out that these distinctions are very important. "Pro-life advocates point out that a new human being, and therefore pregnancy, is established at conception. Some contraceptive methods not only can prevent fertilization but also have the ability to block implantation if fertilization occurs. When implantation is prevented, an abortion takes place, pro-lifers point out in voicing opposition to the use of contraceptives that have abortion-causing properties."

Human life is sacred. Please pray that life would be valued in America from conception to natural death.

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

Blessings,





#### JOY Club

The JOY Club will meet at 11:00 on Tuesday, January 17. Our guest is a member of our staff. She is an excellent organist, pianist, and singer. Yes, you guessed it . . . our own Karen Beason. Come and be entertained like never before! Be sure to make a reservation when called.

Hostesses: Dawn Painter, Sue Ridgeway, Joan Taylor, and Violet Stephens.

# **Ordinance of the Lord's Supper**

We will have the Lord's Supper on Sunday, January, 29. Be thinking about what you can bring to the fellowship meal following the service.

# **Please Help!**

Lights are still being left on, especially on Sunday nights and occasionally doors are being left unlocked, BUT we are doing much better at turning off the coffee pot. Thanks!

# **Learn About Christianity and Cults**

The Bryan Whitmire class is beginning a study on Christianity and cults on January 29 and are inviting anyone who is interested in this subject to join them. Barry Agnew will be leading the study through March 4.

# **Church Conference**

Church conference is Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30.

# March 25

Rev. Don Piper, author of *90 Minutes in Heaven* will be with us. Check this book out of our library and read it.

GROW will begin again on Monday, February 6.
Mark your calendar.

# **Lottie Moon Offering**

Northgate Goal: \$10,000 Received: \$8,718

You may give to this offering through the month of January to support international missions.

#### For Parents of Our Children

CentriKid is just 5 months away (June 21-25 at Ridgecrest, NC). CentriKid is a fun, high-energy camp for kids who have completed grades 3-6 and is filled with creative Bible study, music, activities, and worship. The cost is \$294 for each child, with the family paying a \$50 deposit and the church paying \$50. Fundraisers will help with the remainder of the cost, but each family is responsible for the portion not covered by available funds. The deadline to pay your \$50 deposit is **Sunday, January 29.** Please see Ruth or bring it to the church office.

The children's ministry is selling **concessions** at the home basketball games to help defray the cost of CentriKid. We need volunteers to work during the Saturday games. If you are available, please contact Bonnie Burgess.

## Join Us for a Fun Time!

Our Family Enrichment Team is having their annual Valentine's Day Fundraiser Dinner on February 8. Join us on *The Love Boat* for dinner, a show, and a silent auction. Purchase your tickets for dinner by February 1. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for ages 6-12, and \$5 for children 5 and under. Proceeds go to help defray the cost of CentriKid.

Our **WMU** is sponsoring a picnic to welcome students back to school after winter break this Saturday, January 14 @ 12:30 on the campus of North Greenville University. We are coordinating this event through Leslie Brown, NGU missionary for international students. Contact Elsie Crainshaw if you would like to help.

# Our church family MATTERS

### In Case of Emergency Call

Barry Jimmerson @ 609-1845 Ruth Harrison @ 380-7850 Blue Bryan @ 243-7377

#### Our Homebound Member of the Week

June Scott

10 Indian Springs Drive, Greenville SC 29615

### **Giving to the Lord**

December 25

Budget Receipts 12/25 \$ 38,500 Budget Required YTD \$536,484 Budget Received YTD \$507,001

# Giving to the Lord

January 8

Budget Receipts \$10,292 Budget Required YTD \$21,448 Budget Received YTD \$16,548

## Happy Birthday January 15-21

15: Grant McClure

16: Millie Swofford, Lou Jean Barker

17: Judy Rothfuss, Marsha Jones

18: Ted Garner, Beverly Cannon, Shirley Bishop, Joey Hall

19: Vickie Brazell

20: Rachel Poole

21: Carole Coker, Michael Huskey

## **Happy Anniversary January 15-21**

17: Jon and April Turner

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# **Ministers for the Week of January 15-21**

Every member a minister

**Deacons of the Month:** Peter Rothfuss, John Folk, Mat Wallace **Preschool Worship:** Robby and Tiffany Bannister, Dan and Bonnie

Children's Church: Joey Hall, Ann Therrell Wednesday Night: Katie Nisky, Joan Taylor

Preschool Sunday School: Janet Cartee, Joan Taylor

**Ushers:** Frank Black, Dan Burgess, Joey Hall, Lewis Barker **Sound/Video Projection:** John Folk, Debbie Hudson,

Kristopher Newman

Burgess, Sarah Folk, Danette Hunter

Counter: Bonnie Arey

Fellowship Meal: Melissa Lawton, Peter Danciu, Ted Garner,

Carole Coker, Eunice Graham

Release Time: Jan Calvert, Barbara Lollis, Dawn Painter,

Evelyn Pugh, Almena Simon

#### **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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# Marriage Retreat Weekend

# November 9-11, 2012 Bonclarken Flat Rock, North Carolina

Learn how to strengthen your marriage at this weekend retreat designed especially for you and other couples from Northgate. It doesn't matter if you are a newly wed couple or have been married for 50 years. You will benefit from this retreat. You must turn in a \$40 deposit per couple by January 15 to reserve our rooms. See Tina Jimmerson.

# The deadline to register and pay your \$40 deposit is this Sunday!

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