

### From Our Pastor

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, I read again Dr. King's famous speech delivered in our nation's capital on August 28, 1963. I find great inspiration in his words and great truth in this speech. I would encourage you to spend some time, like I have done, reading the text of this great speech. I do not find the words of a victim; rather, I find words of a responsible leader reminding his followers that change is found not in playing the victim, but in being a peaceful agent of change. He communicated shared values and clearly pointed to common goals. Dr. King communicated vision in this speech.

Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner in their classic book, *The Leadership Challenge*, interviewed thousands of leaders and followers around the world for more than thirty years. They found that "Every organization, every social movement, begins with a dream. The dream or vision is the force that invents the future." George Barna in his book, *The Power of Vision*, defines vision as: "Vision for ministry is a clear mental image of a preferable future imparted by God to his chosen servants and is based upon an accurate understanding of God, self and circumstances." Aubrey Malphurs states in his book, *Values – Driven Leadership*, that "A vision has everything to do with the organization's direction. Many churches have no answer for the vision question. They have no idea where they are going; they are not aware that they even need a vision or a particular direction. While they have core values, the values are somewhat vague, diverse, and have never been clearly articulated. Hence these churches have no focus. Other churches have multiple visions – they are attempting to move in several directions at the same time. This is a problem of competing core values."

Having read all three of the excellent books listed above (and everything that Barna and Malphurs have written), I find that Dr. King was a great leader because he had the ability to communicate leadership through vision. I appreciate Dr. King as a great American leader and celebrate his contributions to our nation. Furthermore, I am thankful that I have the privilege to lead a church that appreciates the value of vision. Vision allows us to set aside good things to accomplish what God has called us to do.

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



### March 25

Rev. Don Piper, author of *90 Minutes in Heaven*, will be with us on the evening of March 25. Set this time aside and tell your friends. We have several copies of this book in our library and you are encouraged to check one out and read it beforehand.

### Church Conference

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

### Scheduling Program Available

We now have a computer program to schedule all of our volunteers . . . preschool, Wednesday nights, children's church, ushers, Wednesday meals, etc. Dan Burgess is providing this service to the church. Watch for a meeting of class/committee/group leaders.

### 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.

### An Apology

On Sunday, January 15, 2012, during the sermon, I mistakenly said that Ruth Harrison attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Ruth is in fact a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. I regret any confusion that I caused when I misspoke. Sincerely, Barry Jimmerson.

### Now That I'm a Christian!

Ruth will be teaching a class on January 22, 29, and February 5 for children in grades 1-6 who are Christians and have never taken a class like this. Contact Ruth if your child would like to attend.

### Lottie Moon Offering

Northgate Goal:	\$10,000
Received:	\$ 8,768

### 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 annual Valentine's Banquet is on Wednesday, February 8. Join us on *The Love Boat* for dinner, a show, and a silent auction. We will keep the same permanent meal list so you will have to **cancel** if you are not coming. You can also **add** your family for this dinner.

Both must be done by Sunday, February 5. There will be a form in the Sunday bulletin to tear off and place in the offering plate. Tickets for the prime rib dinner 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.

If you are able to secure donations from businesses or individuals for new or nearly-new goods or services, please bring them to the church by February 1. You can contact Ruth Harrison or Bonnie Burgess for more information.

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

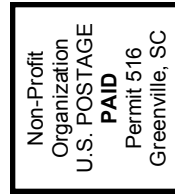
## Our church family **MATTERS**

### 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

Dorothy Sabeau

Skylyn Place #30, 1705 Skylyn Drive, Spartanburg SC 29307



**Congratulations** to Thomas and Tammy Mills on the birth of their son Thomas Jackson, born on January 6. Proud grandparents are Ken and Joan Hall.

### Giving to the Lord

#### January 15

Budget Receipts	\$ 4,296
Budget Required YTD	\$32,172
Budget Received YTD	\$20,844

The Lord used Northgate members and contributors to reach **92.75%** of our 2011 budget. Praise the Lord!

### Happy Birthday January 22-28

22: Rusty Hill

23: Brock Snyder, Banner West

25: Will Traynham, Jackson Pittman

26: Elizabeth Folk, Scotty Johnson

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.

### Ministers for the Week of January 22-28

Every member a minister

**Deacons of the Month:** Peter Rothfuss, John Folk, Mat Wallace

**Preschool Worship:** Blue and Heather Bryan, David and Susan McClure, Jered and Katie Nisky

**Children's Church:** Robby Bannister, Cynthia Hudson

**Wednesday Night:** Susan McClure, Pam Waters

**Preschool Sunday School:** Janet Cartee, Joan Hall

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

**Sound/Video Projection:** John Folk, Debbie Hudson, Kristopher Newman

**Counter:** Perry Folk

**Fellowship Meal:** Youth Team, Perry Folk

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

### Church Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson

Minister of Students and Education: Blue Bryan

Minister of Children/Preschool: Ruth Harrison

Worship Leader: Richard Hendricks

## The Gate Post

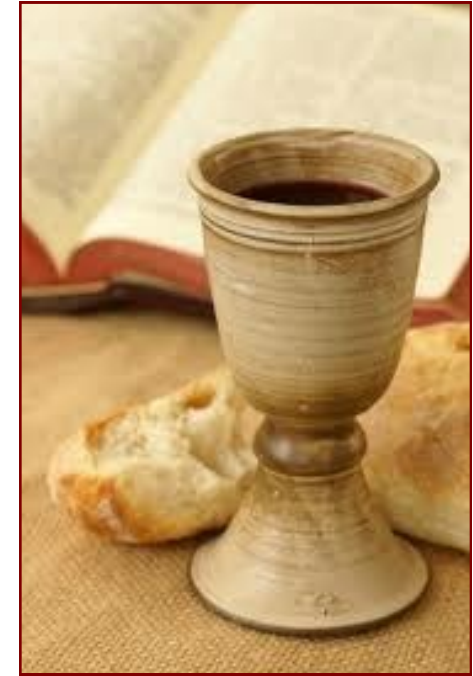
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## Ordinance of the Lord's Supper Sunday, January 29

A fellowship meal will follow the service.

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