

## From Our Pastor

An article in the publication, *InSight*, the newsletter for Syncrude Ltd., a Canadian energy company, sheds interesting light on "almost." While unsure of the date of this publication, the point is very clear! Consider the following:

- "If 99.9 percent is good enough, then...
- Two million documents will be lost by the IRS this year.
- 811,000 faulty rolls of 35mm film will be loaded this year.
- 22,000 checks will be deducted from the wrong bank accounts in the next 60 minutes.
- 1,314 phone calls will be misplaced by telecommunication services every minute.
- 12 babies will be given to the wrong parents each day.
- 268,500 defective tires will be shipped this year.
- 14,208 defective personal computers will be shipped this year.
- 103,260 income tax returns will be processed incorrectly this year.
- 2,488,200 books will be shipped in the next 12 months with the wrong cover.
- 5,517,200 cases of soft drinks produced in the next 12 months will be flatter than a bad tire.
- Two plane landings daily at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago will be unsafe.
- 3,056 copies of tomorrow's Wall Street Journal will be missing one of the three sections.
- 18,322 pieces of mail will be mishandled in the next hour.
- 291 pacemaker operations will be performed incorrectly this year.
- 880,000 credit cards in circulation will turn out to have incorrect cardholder information on their magnetic strips.
- \$9,690 will be spent today, tomorrow, next Thursday, and every day in the future on defective, often unsafe sporting equipment.
- 55 malfunction automatic teller machines will be installed in the next 12 months.
- 20,000 incorrect drug prescriptions will be written in the next 12 months.
- 114,500 mismatched pairs of shoes will be shipped this year.
- \$761,900 will be spent in the next 12 months on tapes and compact discs that won't play.
- 107 incorrect medical procedures will be performed by the end of the day today.
- 315 entries in Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language will turn out to be misspelled."

When it comes to our salvation, 99.9% is not nearly good enough. A

perfect God demands nothing short of perfection; and since that is impossible, we need help. Perfection can be achieved; but only through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I hope you know Him as your personal Savior and Lord today.

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

Blessings,

*Barry*



### 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.

### Learn About Christianity and Cults

Join the Bryan Whitmire class at 9:30 each Sunday morning for a study on Christianity and cults. Barry Agnew will be leading the study through March 4.

*With Sympathy*  
Ann Henderson  
January 21, 2012

**GROW will begin again on Monday, February 6. Mark your calendar and join us in our outreach ministry at Northgate. Will you give 1 hour per month to write cards, make phone calls, or make visits?**

Sunday is the last day to give to the **Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions.**

We have received \$8,768.

### For Parents of Our Children

Sunday is the final day to pay the \$50 deposit for your child to go to **CentriKid** June 21-25 at Ridgecrest, NC. 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.

### Preschool Volunteers Needed!

We need more volunteers with our preschoolers on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, especially during Sunday School. If you are not currently serving in this area, contact Bonnie Burgess or Ruth Harrison to volunteer. You must have a confidential background check done by Northgate and must have been a member for at least 6 months.

### WMU Happenings

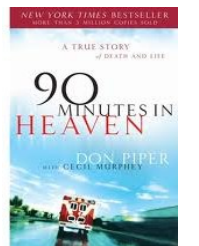
An associational WMU Salad Supper is planned for February 16 during WMU Focus Week. It will be at First Baptist Mauldin at 6 p.m. (\$6 per person for the meal). Contact Nancy Stephens or Elsie Crainshaw if you can go. The speakers will be Catherine Ritch Guess and Miz Eudora. Bring staple goods for the Crisis Center.

Begin now to collect money for world hunger. What a great time for teaching children about world needs, poverty, sharing, our love for others, God's love, etc. Nancy Stephens has some re-useable Bread Banks (similar to rice bowls) for \$1.50 each to use for this purpose.



### What Is Heaven Like?

Ever wonder what Heaven is like! Be here the evening of March 25 and catch a glimpse from Rev. Don Piper, author of *90 Minutes in Heaven*. We have several copies of this book in our library and you are encouraged to check one out and read it beforehand.



## 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

Lib Simkins

275 Commonwealth Drive, Greenville SC 29615

### Giving to the Lord

January 22

Budget Receipts \$ 4,958

Budget Required YTD \$42,896

Budget Received YTD \$25,802

### Christian Sympathy Is Expressed to

- Nancy Taylor and family on the death of her brother, Tommy Batson.
- The family of Ann Henderson

### Thank You to the Church Family from

the family of Ann Henderson

### Happy Birthday Jan. 29 - Feb. 4

29: Bob Lee

30: Judy Whaley, Adam Cartee

31: Bob Whaley

1: Joseph Grunewald, Sophie Hobbs

2: David Zywiczynski, Catelyn Newman

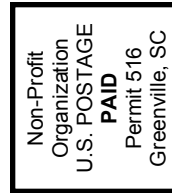
4: Jack West

### Happy Anniversary January 28-February 4

30: John and Kellee Vernon

3: Al and Evelyn Pugh

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.



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Return Service Requested

### Ministers for the Week of Jan. 29 - Feb. 4

Every member a minister

**Deacons of the Month (Feb.):** Walt Green, Steve Todd, Don Calvert

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

**No Children's Church:** Ordinance of the Lord's Supper

**Wednesday Night:** Robby Bannister, Dan Burgess

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

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

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

**Counter:** Ken Shirley

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

**Release Time:** Jan Calvert, Barbara Lollis, Dawn Painter, Lou Jean Barker, Nancy Stephens

### 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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Pastor, Dr. Barry Jimmerson



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## Ordinance of the Lord's Supper This Sunday Morning

A fellowship meal will follow the service. Bring a dish of veggies and a dessert or salad to share at the meal. This is always a fun time at Northgate.

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