

From Our Pastor

I can never get Groundhog Day right. If the rodent sees his shadow (which means that the sun must be out) then it means six more weeks of winter weather, but if it doesn't see its shadow (which means the sun must not be out) then spring weather will come in six weeks. That doesn't make any sense to me. If we want an early spring (and who doesn't) then we have to hope for a cloudy day today. On March 15, who will remember the weather on February 2? We will! Because this year, we are going to pay attention! Did you know that Groundhog Day and the Super Bowl have several things in common?

First, no one remembers the results! Without looking it up, did the most famous groundhog (Punxsutawney Phil) see his shadow in 2008? See, I told you. Without looking it up, which team lost the Super Bowl in 2008? I told you.

Second, many pay attention. Do you know who will deliver the speech at this year's Groundhog Day (Eve) celebration on February 1 in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania? No, it is not Bill Murray (Star of the movie *Groundhog Day*), it will be the governor of Pennsylvania, Tom Corbett (his wife will be there too). In 2008, the rodent did see his shadow and the largest crowd ever - thousands (maybe tens of thousands) were there to see it at dawn on a 29 degree morning! Do you know how many people watched the Super Bowl in 2008? 97.5 million people watched the New York Giants defeat the New England Patriots 17-14.

Third, they have no lasting effect upon our lives. There is nothing wrong with having fun with Groundhog Day and there is nothing wrong with being a sports fan (Roll Tide!). But there is something dangerously wrong with living apart from Christ and His Church. According to the Gallup Research Organization, 118 million people attend church on a typical Sunday morning in America (about as many people as will watch the Super Bowl Sunday night).

So, have a great time watching the groundhog and have fun watching the Super Bowl, but please plan to attend Sunday School and church on Sunday.

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

Blessings,



Wednesday February 8

This Sunday is the last day to add your name to the Valentine Dinner reservation list. It's also the last day to **remove** your name from the permanent list without having to pay for a no-show. There will be a form in the Sunday bulletin to fill out 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.

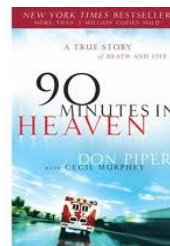
Join us on *The Love Boat* at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and a show. The silent auction will be from 5:00 p.m. until 5:45. Come and try to buy one of the great items that will be available while, at the same time, help send a child to CentriKid this summer.

Please, Please, Please Help Us!

Greenville County has informed us that we **MUST** leave the space directly in front of our sanctuary open **at all times** in case there is an emergency in our church. There **MUST** be enough room left for a fire truck and ambulance to park in front if the need arises. If we have an emergency and your car is parked in front . . . Beware! Greenville County emergency personnel can move your car - even though it is locked and that doesn't sound like a good situation at all.

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.

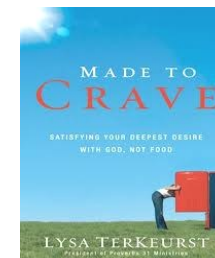


Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions

Our final gift for 2011 is \$9,093

New Women's Bible Study

Made to Crave (Satisfying your deepest desire with God, not food!) begins February 15 at 6:30 in the Crossties classroom. See Heather Bryan or Debbie Hudson 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.

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.



Baby Items Needed

The Crossties Class is collecting baby items for Piedmont Women's Center during the month of February. They are asking the church family to bring any type of baby supplies to the Crossties class.

Our church family **MATTERS**

In Case of Emergency Call

Barry Jimmerson @ 609-1845

Ruth Harrison @ 380-7850

Blue Bryan @ 243-7377

Richard Hendricks @ 884-6912

Our Homebound Member of the Week

Helen Smith

227 Brambleton Road, Winston Salem NC 27127

Giving to the Lord

January 29

Budget Receipts \$ 8,388

Budget Required YTD \$53,620

Budget Received YTD \$34,190

Happy Birthday February 5-11

5: Elsie Crainshaw, Olivia Green

6: Sean Smith, Kylan Ertzberger

8: Elli Grace Nuttall

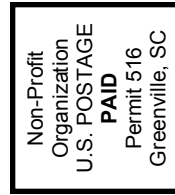
9: Peggy Taylor, Caleb Hudson

11: Alicia Henry, Michelle Harp, Lauren Newman

Happy Anniversary February 5-11

11: Bill and Carter Ann Nix

Remember to make or cancellations your reservations for the Valentine Dinner by **Sunday, February 5 (note change for this week)**. Tickets are \$12, \$8 and \$5. Don't miss the fun!



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Return Service Requested

Ministers for the Week of February 5-11

Every member a minister

Deacons of the Month: Walt Green, Steve Todd, Don Calvert

Preschool Worship: Chasie Bearden, Harry and Dawn Cunningham, Jack and Carol Dill, Pam Waters

Children's Church: Tina Jimmerson, David McClure

Wednesday Night: Tiffany Bannister, Bonnie Burgesss

Preschool Sunday School: Rhonda Capparelli, Joan Taylor

Ushers: Jamie Brazell, Markus Heinis, Nick Shaler, David McClure

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk, Joey Hall, Daniel Mejia

Counter: Marian Huskey

Fellowship Meal: Valentine Prime Rib Dinner - Judy Whaley, Almena Simon, Linda Smith, Laverne Walls, Perry Folk

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

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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Our Church!

GROW will begin again this Monday, February 6 at 6:00. Will you give 1 hour per month for 10 months, only 10 hours per year to write cards, make phone calls, or make visits?

Weekly team leaders for GROW are:

Week 1: Barry Jimmerson

Week 2: Blue Bryan

Week 3: Ted Garner

Week 4: Ruth Harrison



Choose the Monday that suits your schedule best, come to the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 and help Northgate GROW!

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