#### From Our Pastor

O.K. on February 2, 2012, the local groundhog saw his shadow, which meant that we would have six more weeks of winter weather. March 15 will be the culmination of those six weeks. Since we have had above average temperatures throughout these six weeks and generally very pleasant weather (as reflected in my utility bills!), I say let the rodent see his shadow every February 2!

Now that the groundhog weather forecast is finished, allow me to move on to more appropriate things. Rev. Don Piper, author of *NY Times* bestseller *90 Minutes in Heaven* is coming to Northgate!!! Pray for a sunny day on March 25 with highs reaching the lower 60's. Pray for a salvation forecast of dozens of people coming to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for a revival forecast of a fresh out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon God's church at Northgate. Pray for a safe, enjoyable, and life-changing experience by everyone present.

Thank you to everyone - from those that are leading a Don Piper team to those who are interceding daily in prayer for a church-changing series of events. I am very excited to see what God does in our midst in the coming weeks. There are four major events coming in the next four weeks at Northgate (Friend Day, Don Piper Day, *Egg*stavaganza and Easter).

Sunday is Friend Day. I hope you have already invited many friends to come worship with you this Sunday, March 18.

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

Blessings in Christ,







#### **Don Piper Information**

Please get your ticket this week and be here to welcome our guests (and we have lots of them coming - even from as far away as Wisconsin!) to the Don Piper service on March 25. Tickets are available online or in the church office during regular office hours. Please get tickets only for people you know are going to attend. Since we are expecting an overflow crowd, we do not want to tie up seats that may be used for someone else. Please return all unused tickets to the church office no later than Wednesday, March 21. Thanks, in advance, for your cooperation.

If you have agreed to serve as a counselor for this service and did not attend the session this week, you <u>MUST</u> attend the session this Sunday, March 18 at 6:30 in the Bryan Whitmire classroom.

Due to the large number expected for the Don Piper event on March 25<sup>th</sup>, parking will be over-capacity at the church. Please plan to carpool to conserve parking spaces. We are asking that all workers (remember, you must have a ticket, too!) and other Northgate members park at Summit Drive School. A shuttle bus will bring you to the church and back to your car. This bus will run from 4:00 to 5:15 before the event and start back after the event. Handicap parking will be at the back of the church, with a few spaces out front. Additional parking will be open at the Vietnamese Church on the corner of Summit Drive and Rutherford Road. Please, let's make every effort to reserve the parking spaces at the church for our guests. It is very important that we leave the parking spaces immediately in front of the church open for emergency vehicles.



Check the newspaper for the schedule at Cherrydale and Hollywood Cinemas. Don't miss this one!



This Sunday is Friend Day at Northgate. Invite all your friends, both old and new, to come to church with you this Sunday. Try to make some new friends to invite to Sunday School and worship service.

We are now receiving our annual Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions. Our goal is \$4,000. Pray about your part in missions this year.



#### **Release Time Information**

There will be NO Release Time for League Academy on March 21 and NO Release Time for Sevier Middle School on March 29.

#### **JOY Club**

Senior adults, come to JOY Club Tuesday, March 21 at 11:00 for a program by storyteller, Joada Hiatt. This retired librarian is back by special request. Hostesses: Mary Jane Peden, Charlotte Cameron, Bruce Jackson, Evelyn Bradey.

#### **Preschool Volunteers**

Everyone who volunteers with our preschoolers during worship time is asked to meet in the Bryan Whitmire class room immediately following the service on April 15.



Our Easter *EGG*stravaganza is Saturday, March 31 at 10 a.m. There will be bounce houses, face painting, balloon art, games and prizes, story time, hot dogs, and of course, an egg hunt!

Invite someone to come with you for this fun time.

If you can donate some individually-wrapped candy for the egg hunt, please bring it to the church as soon as possible.

## 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

Clara Caraway 1814 N Main Street, Greenville SC 29609

**Congratulations** to Elsie Crainshaw on the birth of two "great grands"

- William Gray Crainshaw on February 17
- Kayla Alexis Turner on March 6

#### Thank You to the Church Family from

Judy Holland

#### **Christian Sympathy Is Expressed to**

Bonnie Arey on the death of her sister in Texas.



Harry Cunningham IV Parents: Harry and Dawn Deacon: John Folk

#### Giving to the Lord

March 11

Budget Receipts \$ 8,353 Budget Required YTD \$117,964 Budget Received YTD \$ 89,891

#### Happy Birthday March 18-24

18: Will Kirby

19: Tyler Simpson

20: Fred Fuller, Catherine Coker

- 21: Karen Snyder, Haley McClure, Chad Beam
- 22: Warren Peden
- 23: Jim Hardesty
- 24: Isa Marie Harper

#### **Happy Anniversary March 18-24**

- 18: Chasie and Linda Bearden
- 23: Michael and Michelle Shaw
- 23: Robert and Nancy Taylor

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### Ministers for the Week of March 18-24

Every member a minister

**Deacons of the Month:** Jack Dill, Tom Simon, Will Moore **Preschool Worship:** Dawn Cunningham, Jack and Carol Dill,

Pam Waters

Children's Church: Robby Bannister, Almena Simon Wednesday Night: Susan McClure, Pam Waters

Preschool Sunday School: Janet Cartee, Danette Hunter Ushers: Robby Bannister, Chasie Bearden, Mills Hunter, Harry Cunningham

Sound/Video Projection: John Folk, Steve Todd, Payton Wright

Counter: Bonnie Arey

Fellowship Meal: Judy Whaley, Almena Simon, Linda Smith,

Laverne Walls, Perry Folk

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

## The Gate Post

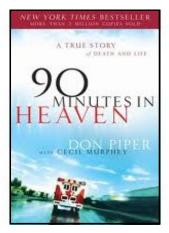
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# **Everyone** MUST have a ticket to enter the buildings!

FREE tickets are available in the church office.

No reserved seats.

No child care.



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