



Preschool Sunday and

Preschool Parent Luncheon - April 19

All preschool parents, preschoolers, and their other children are invited to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the luncheon is to explain the vision for Preschool Ministry and to discuss parental involvement in the ministry. Preschool Sunday School teachers and members of the Preschool Council and their families are also invited to attend. **Please RSVP by calling the church office or emailing Ruth at rharrison@northgatebaptist.com by April 14.**



Congratulations to our own precious two year old, **Logan DuFour**. Logan was chosen to be this year's Greenville Ambassador for March for Babies (March of Dimes).

Logan is the son of Christina DuFour. What an honor for Logan and his family and for our Northgate family! Take time to speak to Logan and Christina and express your congratulations.

DISCOVERY CLASS WILL BE HELD

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 10, 17

The class will be held during the Sunday School hour. Please mark your calendar. If you are a new member, the class is a requirement. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about Northgate, plan to attend the Discovery Class.



Eastside Crisis Center:

The Crisis Center is always in need of monetary donations or canned goods to give to the homeless and those in need. Bring a bag with you on Sunday or Wednesday and place in the buggies in the foyer or the

fellowship hall. **Help feed a hungry person or family. You will be blessed!**

Youth Yard Sale Saturday, May 9

Our youth are once again sponsoring a yard sale. The proceeds from the yard sale go to send students (7th-12th grades) to **Centrifuge Camp June 23-27**. Centrifuge is a camp where the gospel will be shared and students will be encouraged to live out their faith in Jesus.

The cost of the camp is \$290 per person. Each camper is paying \$50 toward this cost. We currently have 20 people signed up. God has already provided \$1,100 through the pecan fundraiser and donations. We are praying that the Lord will provide the remainder of our financial needs (approximately \$3,700) from the yard sale and other donations. Please consider joining this cause by donating items for the yard sale and/or make a financial contribution. This will be our only fundraiser before the trip.

We will begin receiving yard sale items on April 13th. If you have any questions, contact Moses Jonnalagadda. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



2015 Women's Birthday Party

**Saturday, April 18th
"Celebrate Life!"**

Tina Jimmerson will be sharing her testimony!
Saturday, April 18, 2015
in the Fellowship Hall
1:00-3:00pm

Join us for fun, fellowship, and food! Secret Sisters will be revealed.

We share our sympathies with: Jerry Gaines and family on the passing of Rodgers.

Joy Club

Come and join us at Joy Club **Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 11:00am. Tim Womack will be our guest.** Tim is the Regional Information Referral & Assistance Specialist with the Appalachian Council of Government. Tim will provide information about services that are available to Seniors by the Governments. Don't miss this time of information, fellowship and great food. For reservations contact Violet Stephens at (864) 271-0527.



The sweet month of April brings Easter and spring, signs of new life and bright color in things, good books can revive and inspire fresh thoughts, so stop by our library and see what we've got!



CHURCH LIBRARY News We open **Wednesday's @ 5pm and Sunday's @ 9am.**



Thank you to everyone who volunteered with Good News Club and Released Time this year. There were 5 salvations at Good News Club. Many elementary and middle school students that may not normally hear about Christ had the opportunity through both of these ministries. We appreciate each and every one that gave of their time to minister to these students.

Sunday School Training

will be held for Sunday School classes from grade 7 through Senior Adult on **Sunday, April 26th** during the Sunday School hour at **9:30am in the sanctuary**. ALL teachers and students are asked to go to the sanctuary during Sunday School on April 26. Dr. Jimmerson will be teaching about how to grow our Sunday School. Please make plans to attend.

Leadership Council meeting will be Tuesday, April 14 @ 6:30pm in the Hope classroom

Church Conference will be Wednesday, April 22 @ 6:30pm



Annie Armstrong Offering: Northgate's goal is \$4,000. \$2,565 received to date.

Women's Missionary Union will meet Tuesday, April 28 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome. Come and join us.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Fidelis Sunday School class would like to begin collecting items for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and would like to do this all year. Donation boxes are in the Fidelis classroom and at the bottom of the stairs near the fellowship hall. **NO candy please.** Join us in getting an early start for this wonderful outreach and ministry to children of all nations.



PIEDMONT WOMEN'S CENTER

The Crossties Class will be collecting items throughout the month for the Piedmont Women's Center. You may join them in giving by donating items for newborn babies or through a financial gift. The unwrapped gifts may be left in the Crossties class. If you wish to help monetarily through the church, please do so and mark in the memo line "For Piedmont Women's Center."

Church-wide Prayer on April 19 @ 5pm

in the Bryan Whitmire Classroom

PRAYER

Seeking God with all your heart



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Thoughts from Pastor Barry



Spring is the season for new beginnings. Spring is the season for Easter. I pray you are planning even now to celebrate Easter with all of your heart, soul, strength and mind.

Max Lucado, in his book, *Six Hours One Friday*, tells the story of a missionary in Brazil who discovered a tribe of Indians in a remote part of the jungle. They lived near a large river – they called it “The River of Death.” The tribe was in desperate need of medical attention. A contagious disease was ravaging the population; people were dying daily. A hospital was not too terribly far away – across the river, but the Indians would not cross it because they believed the river was inhabited by evil spirits. To enter that river would mean certain death.

The missionary explained how he had crossed the river and was unharmed, but the tribe was unimpressed. He then took them to the riverbank and placed his hand in the water, but they still would not go in. He even walked into the water to his waste and splashed around but it didn’t matter. They were still too afraid to enter the water.

Finally, he dove into the water, swam beneath the surface and emerged on the other side. He raised a triumphant fist into the air! He had entered the river and escaped safely to the other side. It was then that the Indians cheered and followed him across. They followed him to the place where the healing was.

Isn’t that what Jesus did? He entered the river of death and came out on the other side so that we might no longer fear death, but find eternal life in Him.

I encourage you to honestly ask yourself what fear(s) keep you from fully trusting in the risen Christ. Being a follower of Jesus Christ is not an intellectual “belief” about Jesus (James 2:19). A true Christian is a person who has put faith and trust in the person and work of Jesus Christ, including His death on the cross as payment for sins and His resurrection on the third day to give new life. **John 1:12 – “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”** The mark of a true Christian is love for others and obedience to God’s Word. A true Christian is a born-again child of God, a part of God’s family, and one who has been given new life in Jesus Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:17 – “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”**

Know these four truths: there is a God; He loves you unconditionally; He is in control of all things all the time; He can only be known through a personal relationship with His Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding” (Proverbs 3:5).**

Happy Easter,

Barry

Gate Post deadline is the
15th of each month

Deacons of the Month
Lee Coker
David McClure
Tommy Stephens

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Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



Dear Church Family,

I am so grateful that the Lord brought me to Northgate seven years ago to serve as your organist and accompanist. I have served in many churches, but there has not been a congregation as loving and appreciative as you are.

In the last months, I have sensed that the Lord is leading me to spend my time and energy caring for my 90 year old parents. Many of you have prayed for them in their health struggles in the last few years and now my Mother's health is in serious decline due to a fall two weeks ago. So, because of this I am offering my resignation, effective March 1, 2015.

I truly love Northgate and I have been richly blessed during my time with you. I know that God is going to continue to accomplish great things for His kingdom through you.

Love in Christ, Karen Beason



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6 Team G
13 Team R
20 Team O
27 Team W



The church office will
be closed in
observance of Good
Friday on April 3.

Easter Sunday
Services



NO Sunrise Service
Sunday School @ 9:30
Worship Service @ 10:45

The Gate Post

