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## It's Time to Start Planning for VBS 2017 *Galactic Starveyors!*

VBS Fun Night is Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 9-13 VBS 5:45-8:30 p.m.

We need volunteers to teach Bible study for preschoolers, children, youth, and adults, to lead in recreation, worship, missions, music, and crafts, promotion/publicity, safety and security, registration, clean-up, technology, attendance, decorating, snack supper, and follow-up. Please begin praying where God is leading you to serve.

### Upcoming VBS Training Dates:

#### Wednesday, May 10

VBS Team Leaders Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. Pick up curriculum in the Fellowship Hall

#### Sunday, June 11

VBS Leader Meeting 5:30 p.m. Training and snack supper for all VBS workers in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 14 VBS Fun Night 5:30 p.m.

VBS T-shirts are available for purchase in size Infant (onesie, 6, 12, and 18 months); Children XS, S, M, L; Adult S, M, L, XL and 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X, and 6X). Order by May 7.



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## Thoughts from Pastor Barry



According to his website, "H. W. Brands was born in Oregon, went to college in California, sold cutlery across the American West, and earned graduate degrees in mathematics and history in Oregon and Texas. He taught at Vanderbilt University and Texas A&M University before joining the faculty at the University of Texas at Austin, where he currently holds the Jack S. Blanton Chair in History."

In a *Lincoln's Genius* (2009) essay entitled "Genius in the Making," Dr. Brands wrote:

Lincoln understood the cost of what he accomplished; he would have been the last to wish it thought that his achievements came without effort. Joshua Speed, who rented a room above his store to Lincoln on Lincoln's arrival in Springfield, recalled a moment from those early days when everything seemed to be going wrong for his friend. 'He was so much depressed that he almost contemplated suicide,' Speed recounted. 'He said to me that he had done nothing to make any human being remember that he had lived, and that to connect his name with the events transpiring in his day and generation and so impress himself upon them as to link his name with something that would redound to the interest of his fellow man was what he desired to live for.' Lincoln eventually achieved his desire, and the achievement was the greater for what it cost him. (6)

Abraham Lincoln's steadfastness of life reminds us of the Christ's commitment to bringing redemption to the world. When Christ called us to be His followers, He called us to a life of service and sacrifice. While many of us find ourselves fatigued, discouraged and depressed at times, we need to be reminded that suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem.

The great Christmas movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*, is a good reminder of what may happen when we convince ourselves that our perspective, our solutions and our intellect are all we need in life. Can you imagine our nation today had Abraham Lincoln decided to take his own life during a low point in his journey? *Every* life is valuable and irreplaceable. Can you imagine where we would be if we chose to lean upon our own understanding rather than to trust in the Lord with all our heart? As Proverbs 14:12 reminds us: *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.*

The truth is quite simple: Real life is found only in Jesus Christ and is punctuated in service rendered to God by serving our neighbor.

To focus our efforts and evaluate our accomplishments by the present is a gloomy proposition for life. Christ called us to a higher life, a life that we must lose in order to find. Christ's example encourages us to keep pushing onward despite the temporal difficulties this life sometimes brings:

*When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it (Mk. 8:34-35).*

Let's not forget: *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many (Mk. 10:45).*

Blessings in Jesus,

*Barry*

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## Sunday - May 7

We will celebrate our Senior Adults in our service on **May 7**. Come join us for this very special service. A luncheon will be held following the service for those who sign up by **May 2**.



On **Sunday, May 14** we will honor our mothers in our worship service. Again this year, Northgate will make a donation to Shepherd's Gate in honor of all of our mothers. Come join us on this special day.

A **Parent-Child Dedication** service will be a part of the morning worship service on **Mother's Day, May 14**. If you are a member of Northgate and want to dedicate yourselves to raise your child for the Lord in His church, please contact **Ruth Harrison** or call the church office by **May 10th**.

### CHURCH-WIDE BABY SHOWERS



A drop-in baby shower will be held for **Matthew & Katie Ellenburg** on **Saturday, May 6 from 2:00-3:30pm** in the fellowship hall.

Contact Myra King if you have any questions or for more information.

**CHURCH SECURITY:** Northgate has installed security locks at the portico doors and the preschool doors at the back of the church. When coming to the church during the church office hours, you **MUST** ring the bell and then wait for the door to be unlocked. Please **DO NOT** yank or pull on the door after you ring the bell. Thank you for being patient with us as we get use to this new and greatly needed security system.



### Northgate Women's Retreat will be September 29-October 1 in Folly Beach, SC.

The cost is \$125.00. The cost includes a 2 nights stay at Folly Beach House, 4 meals (dinner Friday and Saturday, and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday). A deposit of \$50 is **due by April 30**. See Tina Jimmerson for further information.

### Women's Swap Party will be on Saturday, May 6 from 9-11am in the fellowship hall.

Here is how it works: 1) Think of something special that cost less than \$5 each; 2) Bring five of those items. They can be different colors, shapes and sizes; 3) If you bring a friend, they will need to bring five items; 4) Everyone leaves with five amazing new finds! Contact Tina Jimmerson at 569-4628 for further information.

### Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 21



If you are graduating from high school or college, please call the church office by **Sunday, May 14**. A luncheon to honor our graduates will follow the service on **May 15th** for graduates and their families. **RSVP for the luncheon no later than May 14**.



### NORTHGATE BAPTIST BASKETBALL CAMP June 12-16, 2017

Camp times are Monday-Friday from 8am-12pm. The camp is open to boys and girls that have completed grades K-5 through 9th grade and is led by Coach Wimphree of SMU. **Pick up a registration form soon and get your registration fee in by June 5. They are available throughout the church.**



### Monday, May 15 11:00am

Our guest for May is our very own **Dan Burgess**. Dan will be speaking to us about **modern technology and safety. EVERYBODY LOVES DAN!**

All are invited for this time of great food and fellowship together. Come join us! **We ask that you plan to arrive at 10:45.**

For reservations contact **Judy Rothfuss** at 864-233-1099 no later than **Thursday, May 11**.



Visit our Library We open on **Sunday @ 9am** and **at 5:30pm on Wednesday**.

**May 1st** kicks off **National Children's Book Week!** With summer coming fast, it's a great time to get tangled up in tales of Narnia or tag along with Christopher Churchmouse... Come check out our selection of children's books for families to enjoy!

**Good stuff!** If you read a book from our library that encourages or challenges you, make sure and tell a friend! Then stop by and check out another.



May  
1 Team G  
8 Team R  
15 Team O  
22 Team W

## Northgate Discovery Class

**Discovery Class** will be held on Sunday morning during Sunday School @ 9:30am on **May 7, 14 and 21**. Baxter McGuiert will be leading the class in the Library. New members must take the class to complete membership and guests can attend to become more acquainted with Northgate.



**Women's Missionary Union** will meet on Tuesday, May 23 at 10am in the fellowship hall. If you are not a part of the WMU, please come and join us for a time of fellowship and missions ministry. All ladies are invited to attend.

Contact **Nancy Stephens** for more information.



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Fidelis Sunday School class will be collecting items for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes all year. Every month a different item is suggested for those who wish to donate. Donation boxes are in the Fidelis classroom and at the bottom of the stairs near the fellowship hall. **For the month of May bring dolls, cars, and balls. Pray for this ministry and the children.**



Congratulations to **Wilson & Makenzie Capparelli** on the birth of **Eloise Winfield Capparelli** born on April 3. Eloise weighed 8 lbs. 4 ounces.

Also, congratulations to **Al & Marilawren Phillips** on the birth of **Harrison Coker Phillips** born on March 29. Harrison weighed 8 lbs. 13 ounces.



We share our sympathies with: **Carol Dill, Ken Hall and their families on the passing of Barbara Lollis; the family of Alberta Odom on her passing.**

National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 4

Church-wide Prayer - May 21 at 5:30pm in the Bryan Whitmire classroom

Memorial Day - Monday, May 29 - Church office closed