

# Northgate Baptist Church

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**Northgate**  
Seek. God. First.

**Seek. God. First.** has begun, and we are off to an exciting start! As we have said all throughout the process, the key to our faithfulness to the Lord Jesus lies in our faithful praying that His will be done.

Light always shines brightest in the darkest places. One of my favorite prayer stories occurred during one of the darkest times in our nation's history, just four years before onset of the Civil War. On September 3, 1857, 588 people boarded the USS *Central America*, leaving behind the Gold Rush in San Francisco and setting out for New York City.

On September 9, the USS *Central America* encountered a hurricane off the Carolina coast, and on September 12, she sank. 425 people drowned. Of lesser importance was the cargo the ship was carrying: 9.1 tons of gold, valued in today's dollars at about \$300 million. Of course, the initial shock was the great loss of life. Then news of the enormous loss of gold began to spread across the country, contributing in part to the infamous financial panic of 1857.

A few weeks following the sinking of the USS *Central America*, a man named Jeremy Lanphier was commissioned by the Dutch Reformed Church in New York City to inner city missions. Jeremy believed the best strategy to reach people for Christ was through prayer. So, he began praying for his city. On September 23, 1857, Jeremy called for a noontime prayer meeting. According to the website, Reformedresource.net:

*Shortly before noon on Wednesday September 23, 1857, Lanphier opened the doors of the Dutch Reformed Church of Manhattan. He waited in the upper room of the consistory building. Nobody came, until around 12:30 he heard the footsteps of a man climbing the stairs. A few minutes after that more came until a total of six men, representing five different denominations had joined Lanphier to pray. The next Wednesday between 14 and 20 people were in attendance. The third week, the prayer meeting was attended by between 30 and 40 men. The meetings were so encouraging that it was decided that they should meet daily. The next day attendance increased again. Soon they filled the Dutch Reformed Church building. The agenda was simple: They prayed for the salvation of souls. There was communal singing, and edifying exhortations were presented. There were no discussions and those in attendance prayed by name for the souls of family members, neighbors, and co-workers.*

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Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change

## MEN'S MINISTRY

**Northgate Men's Ministry** meets on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall. We will be praying, sharing testimonies and reading God's Word. **All men are welcome to join us. See Lee Coker for further information.**

## Deacon Ministry

**Deacon's Meeting**  
Sunday, February 18 at  
4:00pm in the Hope  
classroom.

## February GROW @ 6:00pm

- 5 Team G
- 12 Team R
- 19 Team O
- 26 Team W



## Women's Bible Study

is held every Wednesday night at 6:30pm in the Hope classroom. The Bible study is on prayer. All ladies encouraged and invited to attend.



## NORTHGATE BAPTIST

## BASKETBALL CAMP

June 11-15, 2018

**Northgate Basketball Camp is on this year!** Coach Charles Wimphrie will be leading this camp that focuses on basketball fundamentals and spiritual growth June 11-15, 8am-12pm each day. The camp is open to boys and girls that have completed K-5 through 9th grade. Kids will be placed in groups according to age and skill level for drills, practice, and scrimmages. The cost is \$90 for reservations before May 15.

## Pastoral Staff

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Worship Leader

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## Deacons of the Month

**Robby Bannister**  
**Jamie Brazell**  
**Nick Shaler**

# The Gate Post

On October 10, 1857, the stock market crashed, and 30,000 people in New York City instantly became unemployed. People began coming to the noon prayer meeting in droves. By March 1858, the prayer meetings became so large and numerous that Horace Greeley, editor of the *New York Tribune* sent a journalist to report on the phenomenon. The reporter wrote that in one hour he could only get to twelve locations, but he counted more than more than 6,000 men praying. Other reports are that by this time more than 10,000 businessmen were attending the prayer meetings. In the spring of 1858, revival exploded across New York City, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, St. Louis, Washington D.C., etc. People were converted to Christ in unimaginable numbers. At a time when the population of the United States was about 30 million, at least a million came to faith in Jesus Christ. Secular historians often overlook the great revival of the late 1850s, but the truth is, it happened.

Could it happen again? We will have many opportunities to meet and pray in February and March. Let's start meeting for prayer and see what happens. Let's **Seek. God. First.**

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Please pray for the **Seek. God. First.** emphasis. Our desire is to renovate our hearts as we renovate God's church at Northgate. Look for important information about the emphasis in your mail and email.



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**Winterjam this year will be on March 25, 2018** at Bon Secours Wellness Arena in Greenville. Artists participating this year include Skillet, Kari Jobe, Building 429, and comedian John Crist. Students, friends, family, and guests are all welcome! The cost is \$42. Please reserve a spot ASAP. **The deadline for reservations will be March 5.** Buses will leave the church on the 25th at 3pm. You may make a reservation through the church office or by emailing Baxter McGuirt at [bmcguirt@northgatebaptist.com](mailto:bmcguirt@northgatebaptist.com).



**"What would you do for the glory of God if you knew you could not**

**fail?"** That's the question posed at **Student Leadership University 101**, which Northgate STAND will be attending June 17-21! This camp will challenge students to understand that "leadership begins at the feet of Jesus." We'll be going behind the scenes at Seaworld and Universal Studios, hearing from Christian educators and business leaders, and learning how to develop biblical vision and life skills. All Northgate students who will have completed 7th-12th grade may attend. You can find more info about SLU at [slulead.com](http://slulead.com).

**There will be an informational meeting Sunday, February 4 immediately following the worship service, in Class 633.** Come to this meeting to hear more information about the camp and to sign up. **Deposits of \$50 are due by March 1.**



**CentriKid Camp is June 21-25 at Ridgecrest Conference Center**

The camp is for children who are entering or completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade. All children who plan to attend must pay a non-refundable \$50 deposit. **The deposit made payable to Northgate Baptist Church must be submitted by Sunday, February 11.** Please see Ruth if you have questions about CentriKid Camp.



**Monday February 19 @ 11:00am**  
**Please arrive by 10:45am**

Our guest speaker for February will be our very own **Warren Peden**. Come join us and invite your friends.

**Everyone is invited for this time of great food and fellowship together.** For reservations contact **Judy Rothfuss** at 864-233-1099 no later than **Wednesday, February 14.**



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

Please come by and check out the library. If you would like to donate to the library, we would appreciate any new book printed in the last 4 years to update our books. If you know of a book you would like us to have available in the library, let us know and we will try to find it.

**We need volunteers to assist in the library. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kathy Todd at 864-848-4305.**



**Volunteers Needed:** A cashier is needed for Wednesday night supper. If you can help, contact **Rhonda Capparelli at 864-325-2111.**



**Church-wide prayer will be held on Sunday, February 18 at 5:30pm in the Bryan Whitmire classroom. Come join us in prayer.**



**Women's Missionary Union** will meet on **Tuesday, February 27 at 10am** in the fellowship hall. All ladies are invited. Contact Anne Danciu if you would like further information.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**



**As we begin another year of requesting items monthly for Operation Christmas Child, we thank you for your generosity.**

**For the month of February, bring valentine stuffed animals that you may find on sale.**



**No Annual Children's Ministry Fundraiser**

The annual fundraiser for CentriKid Camp **will not** be held this year because of the **Seek. God. First.** Stewardship campaign for the Northgate Renovations. Thanks to the generosity of our church members and the success of the fundraiser auctions and dinners in the past few years, there are adequate funds in the CentriKid designated fund to be able to send the kids and adult leaders to camp this year.



**We share our sympathies with: Mike Shaw and family on the passing of Mike's father, Richard Shaw.**

**Thank You notes have been received from:**

**Nick & Laurel Shaler**

