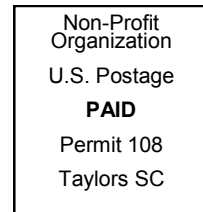


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It's Time to Start Planning for VBS 2018 Game On

VBS is Sunday, July 8 to Thursday, July 12 5:45-8:30 p.m.

We are looking for a few good team players. Our team leaders will be reaching out to enlist team players. We need volunteers to help with Bible study for preschoolers, children, youth, and adults, to help 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 16 VBS Team Leaders Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. Pick up curriculum in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 3 VBS Leader Meeting 5:00 p.m. Training and snack supper for all VBS workers in the Fellowship Hall

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 13.

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Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from Pastor Barry

Where are we with Northgate's needed renovations? That is a good question. I hope to provide some answers.

Seek. God. First. was a great success! God provided \$780,000 in commitments including \$250,000 that is already in the bank! But that is not the best part. The best part is that God has moved upon our hearts and has called us to a powerful season of prayer. I have never seen Northgate pray like she is praying now.

We are experiencing a prayer revival! In February, we met for cottage prayer meetings with more than 100 of us involved. Then, on the weekend of March 16-18, we prayed for 48 continuous hours in the sanctuary! 160 of us, in thirty minute increments, prayed around the clock – twice!! **“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16, NKJV).** I know we believe that verse because we are living it! We are praying because prayer changes things.

The **Seek. God. First.** Construction Team met during Holy Week and discussed the path forward. Easter Sunday was also First Fruits Sunday at Northgate. We began giving our offerings to meet our commitments. God instantly blessed us! The Construction Team has developed an agenda for the beginning of renovation:

- The pricing of the renovation is being reviewed and confirmed or updated.
- We have requested proposals from banks for a construction loan (if needed). Of course, the church will not assume any debt without first receiving church approval.
- We will request proposals from qualified general contractors well suited for church renovations. These companies have been identified.
- We are evaluating:
 - a) Updated construction pricing.
 - b) The giving results of the **Seek. God. First.** emphasis.
 - c) General contractors.
 - d) A construction loan proposal.

Upon completion of these items of business, the Construction Team will present a recommendation to the congregation as soon as possible. The Construction Team hopes to provide this in very short order and will ask for a special business meeting to share information and seek approval to begin work.

It is the desire and intention of the Construction Team to begin renovation quickly. However, there are many moving parts. Following a particular order of steps is necessary if we are to be wise stewards of what God has provided. For instance, it would be great to replace the roof immediately, and that would seem reasonable. However, the damaged and decaying wood in the soffits must be replaced (followed by the drip-edge) prior to the shingles being installed. There is simply an order of construction, and it behooves us to follow it.

Thank the Lord for providing an excellent team of leaders who know these things! It will take careful and considerate planning to be the best stewards of the time and resources The Lord has graciously provided for His church at Northgate.

Blessings,

The Gate Post



Sunday - May 6

We will celebrate our Senior Adults in our service on **May 6**. Come join us for this very special service. A luncheon will be held following the service for those who sign up by April 29.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! On Sunday, May 13 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.

Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 20



If you or your student will be graduating (high school, college, or another academic program) and would like to participate in the recognition service, contact Baxter McGuirt at bmcguirt@northgatebaptist.com or phone the church office at 864-242-3805.



Children's Mission Action Project Wednesday, May 30

The children will make cheery cards for the residents at Pendleton Manor during BAMB in the month of May. We will take the cards to Pendleton Manor on Wednesday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. After the visit, the kids will have a surprise back at the church.

Dare 2 Share Live

On October 13, Northgate will be a satellite site for Dare2Share Live. At sites all over the country teenagers from youth groups will be coming together to pray for revival, receive evangelism training, and go out into the community to knock on doors share the gospel. We're praying that over 200 teens from across the upstate will gather at Northgate, and that the youth groups that participate can be a part of starting a revival in their communities and churches!

We need your help! First, pray that God would be glorified and that he would prepare the hearts of those that will be reached through Dare2Share Live. Pray during your regular prayer time, or set a reminder on your phone for 10:13 am/pm each day to stop and pray for this event. We'll also need volunteers to help with everything from concessions to production to greeting, so pray how God might use you as part of this event, and let Baxter McGuirt know where you'd like to get involved!

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Northgate Men's Ministry, led by Lee Coker, usually meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month. **We will not meet in the month of May because the 2nd Sunday is Mother's Day.** Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 6. All men are welcome so plan to join us.



Northgate's Men's Prayer Breakfast is now on **Monday mornings at 7:30am**. This is a special time for sharing the needs of God's people at Northgate and to pray for our nation. **All men are welcome to join us.**

Thank You notes have been received from:

Evangelical Institute Staff



Monday May 14 @ 10:45am

Our guest speaker for April will be our very own **Dan Burgess**. Dan's topic will be Technology and Security. Everyone loves Dan! 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 Thursday, May 10.



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

We need volunteers to assist in the library. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kathy Todd at 864-907-6058 (please note corrected phone number).

Please come by the library and check out some wonderful books. If you do not find what you are looking for, please let Kathy Todd know.

May GROW @ 6:00pm

- 7 Team G
- 14 Team R
- 21 Team O



NO GROW on May 28 Memorial Day



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.**



Women's Missionary Union will meet on **Tuesday, May 22 at 10am** in the fellowship hall. All ladies are invited. Contact Anne Danciu if you would like further information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



In the June Gate Post, look for stories from some of the children that receive boxes at Christmas. You will see how much these gifts are needed and appreciated. For the month of May, bring dolls, cars, and balls.

From Northgate's Financial Secretary:

If you have your tithes and offerings mailed to the church by your bank, please note on the check the amount of the offering and the amount for the **Seek God. First.** Campaign pledge/donation. Contact Brenda Whitaker in the church office if you have any questions.



May 20 at **5:30pm** in the Bryan Whitmire classroom. Come join us in prayer.



Monday, May 28 the church office will be closed.