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Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from Pastor Barry

October is one of my favorite months. This is a month of gives and takes. It's harvest season – the earth gives its fruit. It's leaf season – the earth takes the falling leaves. October is football season – our teams give us excitement. This is also cancer awareness month – we pray for an end to a disease that takes too much. We might sum up October with a single word: "Change."

We see change all around Northgate. The renovations are going great! The exterior renovations are nearing completion, and the interior renovations are well under way. The preschool area and fellowship hall will be renovated this fall, and we will soon begin work on the HVAC system and the sanctuary. These renovations are exciting! We are experiencing good and needed change at Northgate.

"Change" also sums up the gospel. It sums up Jesus Christ's impact upon our lives and the life of our community. Of course, we will enjoy renovated facilities. However, the real excitement comes to harvest as God uses both renovated facilities and hearts to reach out to our community with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

During this time, we must grasp the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. You see, we live in the age of improvement:

- We want to improve.
- We want to be better.
- We want others to be better.
- We want to be the best we can be.
- We want to share our successes.

With all the focus on improvement in mind, we must remain cautious. The intent of the gospel of Jesus Christ is not improvement. It is not to help us or our neighbors change for the better. It is not to change bad people into good people.

Without Christ, we aren't necessarily bad. We are dead. And it's well-documented that being dead is a huge problem! Dead people don't improve. In fact, dead people can't do anything. The gospel begins with bad news: We were dead in our sin and couldn't do anything to improve our position with God.

Fortunately, the gospel continues by sharing the greatest news imaginable: *It doesn't improve us. It makes us alive!* Through Jesus Christ, we were raised from death to life. We were changed. Likewise, our community doesn't need improvement. It does need change, though: The life-giving change of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the renovations' planning and implementation phases, we've had four ongoing prayer requests. *Please continue to faithfully pray for these needs:*

- Unity
- Community
- Physical renovations
- Spiritual revival

Blessings in Jesus,

Barry



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Deacons of the Month
Donald Durham
Ted Garner
Will Hunt

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Deacon Ministry

Please pray for our Deacons: Donald Durham—Chairman, Chad Alexander, Robby Bannister, Jamie Brazell, Ted Garner, Will Hunt, Wayne Jones, David McClure, Nick Shaler, and Tommy Stephens. **Thank you to outgoing deacons** Justin Few, Will Kirby, Roy Sabean, Steve Todd, and Joel Warren for their committed diaconate service at Northgate.

GROW in October

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



GLOBAL HUNGER RELIEF SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 14. If you would like to give to Global Hunger, please mark "Global Hunger" on the memo line of your check. Thank you for giving.

Let's Pray! October 21 at 5:30pm in the Bryan Whitmire classroom. Come join us for prayer.

PLANNING PACKETS

Planning Packets are due to be turned in no later than Sunday, October 14. If you need any assistance preparing your packet, please see your Cluster Leader.

October is Minister Appreciation Month

Please pray for our Northgate Ministers: Barry, Baxter, Ruth and Matthew. Let them know how much you appreciate their ministry in God's church at Northgate.



October 28 at 4:30-6:00pm

Trunk or Treat/Games is an outreach event for preschoolers, children, youth, and their families at Northgate and in our community. Kids, come dressed in your festive costumes and have fun visiting the various trunks and getting treats and playing games and doing activities such as, face painting, balloon art, Cake Walk and other fun things in the gym. Activities especially geared for Youth will be a part of the event. Prizes will be given at all the games and activities along with door prizes that will be given.

Adult Sunday School Classes! We need your help! The Children's and Youth Councils would like to ask your class or individuals in your class to consider sponsoring two trunks or one trunk and one game. You can choose a theme for your trunk or game and decorate it to fit the theme. Candy will be given as a treat at the trunks and a small prize will be given for the games and activities. If you need help in deciding on a theme for your trunk(s), please contact Ruth Harrison for ideas.

Popcorn and Sno-cones will be served during the event in the Gym.

Cakes or cupcakes are needed for the Cake Walk in the gym. Please contact Ruth by phone 864-380-7850 or email her at rharrison@northgatebaptist.com if you can donate cakes.

Candy is needed for Trunk of Treat on October 28. Please bring individually wrapped candy to be used as treats for children. Containers will be available in several locations in the church for you to place the candy you bring. You may begin bringing candy at any time. Thank you for all donations!

Special Speaker

Wednesday night, October 3, at 6:30 in the sanctuary, Nick Barr will be speaking about his summer in Uganda. Don't miss this special service.



Dare 2 Share Live at Northgate

On October 13th teens and youth leaders from across the upstate (and beyond) will be coming to Northgate as one of the 98+ host sites for Dare 2 Share Live! There will be a time of prayer and evangelism training to equip teens to share the gospel, followed by those groups going out into the community with their leaders to knock on doors, collect canned food for donation to a local food pantry, and above all to engage people in our neighborhood in gospel conversations. They'll gather back at Northgate that evening for a time of worship and celebration of all God does through this event in Greenville and at the other sites across the nation!

What Can I Do?

Pray – Sign up for a slot to pray during the 24 hours of prayer for Dare 2 Share Live, which will be October 6th and 7th (Sign up sheets will be in the vestibule of the church on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings). If you're not volunteering in other roles on the 13th, come to the church and pray along with our prayer team during the event in the Class 633 classroom. Be on the lookout for more prayer opportunities after the event as we pray for our follow up efforts.

Volunteer – There are a variety of needs still for volunteers for the dress rehearsal on October 12th and all day on October 13th. To see the remaining volunteer needs and to sign up, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ydd82cl6>.

Can I Volunteer To Go Out With Groups During The Event?

We ask that you not go out with the groups on the 13th. We will have a variety of church youth groups here on that day and want them to own the leadership of their groups so that they can fully benefit from the training. Contact Baxter McGuirt to be a part of our follow up team!



Let's commit to pray for a cure for cancer during October. On October 28, we will have a special time during the worship service to pray for a cure, as well as for those fighting the disease.



We open on Sunday at 9:00am and at 5:00pm on Wednesday.

Now that school has started back, come by the library and check out some great reading material for your children. Pick one out for yourself also. We have a great selection.

Contact Kathy Todd at 864-907-6058 if you have any book requests.



FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on a particular Sunday during the year in memory or honor of someone, for a birthday or special event, please contact **Ralley Shirley at 864-268-8649**.



Youth Sunday is October 21

Our Youth will lead the service on Sunday, October 21. Don't miss this very special worship service led by our young church leaders of the future.

Basketball Registration

Church Basketball League Sign-ups:

Forms are available throughout the church. Basketball for all ages. Pick up a form at the church and take some to your friends. See Will Hunt for more information.



We share our sympathies with Matthew Ellenburg and family on the passing of his grandmother, Meredith Driggers Humphrie and his 98 year old Aunt Sarah.; the family of Jim Williams who passed away on August 30, 2018.

Leadership Council Meeting—Tuesday, October 2 @ 6:30 in the Hope classroom

The Ordinance of Baptism—Sunday, October 7

Church Conference is Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30



Women's Missionary Union will meet on Tuesday, October 23 at 10am in the Crossties classroom.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A Calculator to attend School:

For months, a child in Liberia prayed for a scientific calculator so he could do his schoolwork. His friends invited him to an Operation Christmas Child outreach event where he heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. When the boy opened his shoebox gift and saw a scientific calculator, he called it "the gift from Jesus." Now a graduate of The Greatest Journey discipleship program, he continues to tell his friends that "truly, God answers prayers." Thank you Northgate family for praying and giving!

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A Fall Mountain Trip is planned for Tuesday, October 22, 2018.

We will meet in the side parking lot at 9:30am and we will return by 4:00pm. There is no charge for the trip, but plan to pay for your lunch. The trip is for anyone who would like to go. You may contact Carole Coker at cbcoker121@gmail.com or 864-320-2263 to sign up for the trip. Rain date is October 30, 2018.

