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Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from Pastor Barry

Happy New Year! When we think of the New Year, we think of resolutions, right? Well, my motto for 2019 is: Forget resolutions...*Just do it!*

Life is short, friends. We can't relive the minutes that have passed. One of my grandmother's favorite "stories" on TV was Days of Our Lives. The show's catchy intro contained one singular truth: "Like sand through the hourglass, so are the days of our lives." Time is fleeting, and I encourage you to embrace something challenging in the New Year. Maybe you've never:

- Truly tithed – you know, given the first 10% of your gross income to the Lord through His church.
- Read all the way through the Bible in one year.
- Spent the first fifteen minutes of every morning in prayer and meditation – getting your daily marching orders from our Lord Jesus.
- Led anyone to faith in Jesus. Maybe you have never tried.
- Prayed aloud.

I hope you will decide to take on a challenge, commit it to the Lord, and just do it in 2019. One of the keys to success in life is allowing the Lord to live His life through us. In those times when you feel inadequate or insecure, ask God to be:

- Smart through you.
- Strong through you.
- Faithful through you.
- Generous through you.

The Lord taught me that lesson at the beginning of a new year many years ago. As I was praying the typical prayer: "Lord, help me do this; Lord, help me do that." God revealed I was praying the wrong prayer, and the Holy Spirit began teaching me to pray a different prayer: "Lord, whatever it is that You would like to accomplish, please just do it through me."

I just wanted in on the action! I wanted to quit wasting time. I wanted to quit wasting my life. I wanted to do something meaningful, something important, something vital, so I learned a few verses from Scripture and truly allowed the Lord to have my life as His. Almost immediately, He began to reveal things I would have never seen or known had He not moved upon me. During that time, He revealed a Scripture to me that has been my comfort and peace:

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.—Romans 8:26

Resolution often leads to contemplation. Contemplation opens the door to doubt. Doubt feeds fear. Fear destroys faith. Break free of this hopeless cycle. Instead, in 2019, ask God to *just do it* in your life! Give up – not on salvation, but FOR Lordship. As the bumper sticker reads: "If God is your co-pilot, you need to switch seats!" In this New Year, discover what the sovereign Lord of the universe can do through you!

If you truly trust Jesus Christ and risk all you have for all He is, you will never regret it!

The Gate Post

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Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



The staff would like to thank you for your many and generous expressions of kindness and love this Christmas season. It is our joy to serve the Lord with you. Have a wonderful New Year! We love you all!

IMPORTANT NOTICE



The portico is for the purpose of drop off and pick up only. **It is not for parking.** Please keep this area clear for those that need to drop off or pick up someone, and for emergency vehicles to access the building. Thank you for keeping the portico clear of vehicles.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
The church office will be closed **Tuesday, January 1, 2018.**



January 20 at 5:30pm in the Friendship classroom. Come join us for prayer.



The seasons are changing. In case of inclement weather on a Wednesday evening or Sunday morning, please check our website at www.northgatebaptist.com or watch WYFF-4 or Fox 21 for information about services and activities.

GROW will not meet in January. We will resume on February 4 @ 6pm.



2019 Calendars will be ready soon and will be available on the table in the sanctuary. Watch upcoming bulletins to see when they are available.



HAPPY NEW YEAR !

It's time to get ready for CentriKid Camp. The dates are Thursday, June 20-Monday, June 24. CentriKid Camp is for kids who have completed 3rd-6th grade. Children who have completed 2nd grade may attend and these children's parents will be contacted individually about the camp. **There will be an informational meeting about CentriKid Camp on Sunday, January 20, immediately following the morning worship service in the Friendship Classroom.** The meeting is for the parents of all kids who are interested in attending camp. **Please make every effort to attend.**



Happy New Year to all of Northgate Preschoolers and their families. As we enter into the 2019 year, this is a wonderful time to begin reading the Bible through and a new devotion with your Preschoolers. Dr. James Dobson has amazing family devotions online, if you are in need of one. Our Preschool Ministry has many new up and coming adventures and we cannot wait to make this the best year ever. Be sure to watch the bulletins and the Gatepost for activities that are planned. Please be in prayer as we begin our Preschool Outreach Ministry. This is such an important thing to show the Preschoolers that they can witness to anyone, anywhere they go. I pray your family has a Jesus filled year!

Maranda Williams
Minister of Preschool and their families



It's time to begin planning for **VBS 2019 In the Wild!** If you feel God leading you in this direction, please contact Ruth Harrison. A group of our VBS leaders will be attending the VBS Preview Event at Ridgecrest Conference Center on Friday, January 11 and Saturday, January 12. Pray for these leaders to get excited, prepared, and motivated to make VBS 2019 an awesome outreach to our church and community. **Begin praying how God would have you serve in VBS this year!**



Winterjam 2019 is around the corner! This year's concert will be on March 24, 2019, and feature Newsboys, Danny Gokey, Mandisa, Ren Collective, and more. Greg Stier from Dare2Share will be speaking as well. Doors will open at 3:30pm. We'll leave the church by 3pm and take the bus. Tickets are \$35; if you'd like to come, you'll need to **RSVP to the church office or Baxter McGuirt by Sunday, February 10.**



New **Experiencing God** course groups are forming. This is a life-changing Bible study! If you are interested in being a part of a group, please see Robby Bannister. New study groups will begin **Sunday, January 20.**



The Library is temporarily closed due to the renovation. If you have books to return, please put them in the Grace classroom.

Contact Kathy Todd at 864-907-6058 if you have any questions about the Library.



FACILITIES USE: Please be reminded that you must call the church office if you desire to use any part of the church facilities. Also, be sure to turn off all lights and please leave the gym, kitchen, classroom, or any place you reserve in good order following your event or use of God's church. Thank you for being good stewards of the facilities at Northgate.



The Intensive Financial Peace University course being offered at the church will be on **January 11 from 6:30-8:30pm, January 12 from 9:00am-4:00pm and during Sunday School at 9:30 on January 13, 2019.** We will learn about Dave Ramsey's Baby Steps. The event will cost \$20 per person. Refreshments, coffee, and lunch on Saturday will be provided. You may purchase the book if you wish but we will have some handouts. See Katie Ellenburg or Tina Jimmerson for more information and to sign-up. You must sign up for the course so we will know how many to prepare for. You may also call the church office to sign up at 864-242-3805.



WMU will meet on Tuesday, January 29 at 10:00am in the Crossties classroom. All ladies of the church are invited to join us for this time of getting together and planning our new year in Missions. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Danciu at 884-4885.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you Northgate family for praying and giving to Operation Christmas Child throughout the year. Continue to bring items as we start the New Year off and begin collecting for 2019.



FROM THE FLOWER TEAM

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.**



Thank you to ALL volunteers this past year. Northgate is blessed with so many of you giving of your time with all of the various ministries. May God bless you as you minister in His church and the community. We appreciate each one of you!



We share our sympathies with

Dan, Bonnie, and Lily Burgess, and Myra King on the passing of Josh. Continue to pray for them during this sudden and tragic time of loss, and for the healing of Lily and Jeffrey Brooks.

Leadership Council Meeting - Tuesday, January 8 @ 6:30pm in the Hope class
Church Conference - Wednesday, January 16 @ 6:30pm