

## Senior Adults Sunday - May 1

We will honor Senior Adults in our service on May 1. Come join us for this very special service. A luncheon will be held following the service for those who signed up.



On Sunday, May 8 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. Our children always have a special surprise for mothers too! 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 8. If you are a member and want to dedicate your selves as parents and your child to the Lord, please contact the church office.



Congratulations to **Jonathan & Ashleigh Brooks** on the birth of **Blakleigh Shae Brooks**, born on Monday, April 11. Blakleigh weighed 7 lbs. and was 19-1/2" long. The proud sister is Kinsleigh and grandparents, Michael & Shannon Brooks.

## A CALL TO CORPORATE PRAYER

May 15 at 5pm in the Bryan Whitmire classroom. Come join us in prayer.



May 15 is Preschool Sunday. Our preschoolers will sing during the worship service. Invite your family and friends.

### Preschool Family Fun Day

All preschool parents, preschoolers, and their other children are invited to a picnic lunch in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the morning worship service. After lunch preschoolers and their families will be able to fellowship and have fun together while playing on a water table, with bubbles, riding toys, and games. Families new to our Preschool Ministry will have a chance to hear the vision for Preschool Ministry and discuss parental involvement in the ministry. Preschool Sunday School teachers and members of the Preschool Council and their families are also invited to attend.

Please RSVP by calling the church office or emailing Ruth at [rharrison@northgatebaptist.com](mailto:rharrison@northgatebaptist.com) by Tuesday, May 10.



### Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 22



If you are graduating from high school or college, please call the church office by Sunday, May 15. A luncheon to honor our graduates will follow the service on May 22nd for graduates and their families. **RSVP for the luncheon no later than May 16.**



### Come Support Men's Softball

All games at East Riverside Park (Field 1) on Monday night

May 2 @ 7:30 vs. Lee Road Baptist

May 9 @ 6:30 vs. Covenant UMC

May 16 @ 6:30 vs. St. Matthews UMC

May 23 @ 8:30 vs. Brookwood Church



Monday, May 16

Our May guest will be **Policewoman, Candice Hughes, granddaughter of member, Carol Hughes.** Candice will speak on **Senior Safety Awareness.** Invite some of your family and friends to this very informative Joy Club meeting.

Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship, fun and good food. Contact Judy Rothfuss for reservations **NO LATER THAN Thursday, May 12** at 233-1099.



Enjoy a movie in May! Check out a DVD from the Library, like **Courageous** or **Letters to God**, add popcorn and you've got an affordable family night.

Help us grow this area! Please remember the Library if you have any faith-based films to donate.

We open on Sunday's @ 9am. We open at 5:00pm on Wednesday.

Thank you to all of the ladies that participated in the "Design a t-shirt" contest for the Women's Ministry. **CONGRATULATIONS to Bonnie Burgess** for winning the contest with her design below. The t-shirts will be available for sale soon.



The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 5

Memorial Day is Monday, May 30 - the church office will be closed



### LEARN ABOUT MISSIONS

The second objective of the Woman's Missionary Union is "Engage in Missions Action on Witnessing." To engage in mission action is to perform redemptive, loving service for people of special needs or circumstances. To witness is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with another person.

WMU will meet on Tuesday, May 24 in the fellowship hall at 10am. All women are welcome.



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Donation boxes are in the Fidelis classroom and at the bottom of the stairs near the fellowship hall. **For the month of May bring pastels colors, hair bows, ribbons and clips; brushes, combs, nail clippers, emery boards, etc..** You may also give money to help send the boxes and also provide Bible study materials. **Pray for this ministry and the children.**



We share our sympathies with: Linda Smith, Charlotte Collier, Lawson Smith, and grandchildren Hannah & Ty Collier on the passing of Sam Smith.

Thank You notes have been received from: Peggy Jackson



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## Youth Fundraiser: STAND and SERVE Runs from May 1-31, 2016

This year's youth fundraiser is focused around service projects. We want to give back to the church and community, while still raising money for **STAND Youth group** activities, such as M-FUGE camp. Camp this year is at Ridgecrest, in Black Mountain, NC, which is 77 miles away from Northgate, with a round trip of 154 miles. Our fundraiser involves 154 envelopes, each numbered from 1-154. Individuals can pick an envelope, and donate the face value of the envelope title (\$1 through \$154), as well as fill out an optional **"Act of Kindness"** card in each envelope. A list of samples will be provided. The acts of kindness are for the whole church to get involved, not just the STAND youth group.

These envelopes will be located on the board at the end of the adult education wing by the restrooms. There will be blank envelopes also allowing anyone to donate any amount they wish. We want to allow these envelopes to be used by anyone in or out of the church. Place your envelope with donation and card inside in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

Help our **STAND Youth group** earn funds for camp and other upcoming activities. Thank you for each donation.



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Walt Green  
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## Thoughts from Pastor Barry



What a fun and busy year we are having at Northgate! We began by spending seven weeks learning how to be a better witness for Jesus Christ. *Every Believer a Witness* was an informative and helpful curriculum to equip us to tell our story and engage our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Then we had a great Easter celebration followed by a powerful revival with Dr. Bob Pitman. In the meantime, the Lord called to us **Baxter McGuirt to be our new Minister of Students and Education**. Baxter, his wife, Maggie, and their sons Samuel and Elijah are planning to move to Greenville in early May. The fun continued with Children's Sunday on April 24 and will continue with Senior Adult Sunday on May 1, Mother's Day on May 8, Preschool Sunday on May 15, Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 22 and Memorial Sunday on May 29! Whew!!! We are busy, but we are having fun!

You have heard sermons and read articles about the dangers of being too busy and you have heard and read about not being busy enough!!! So which is it? The answer is both! At times Jesus worked tirelessly and at times He rested. There were even times when Jesus wanted to rest, but circumstances demanded work. Mark 6 records an interesting scene that illustrates this tension well.

*"Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. <sup>31</sup>And He said to them, **"Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."** For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. <sup>32</sup>So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves. <sup>33</sup>But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, *"This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat."* <sup>37</sup>But He answered and said to them, *"You give them something to eat."* And they said to Him, *"Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?"**

So much for the recommended vacation in Mark 6:31! In fact, in John 9, Jesus provides teaching that puts the circumstances of ministry into perspective.

*Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>**I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.** <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."*

We must be about the ministry of Jesus Christ while we can; there is quickly coming a day when that will not be the case.

*Barry*

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