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On Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 4:00pm, our congregation will gather in the Fellowship Hall and give thanks to Jesus Christ for 10 years of His faithfulness in ministry through His servant Barry Jimmerson and the Jimmerson family. Refreshments will be served and a love offering received.

Thoughts from Pastor Barry

A decade. Ten years. 120 months. 520 weeks. 3,640 days. 87,360 hours. 5,241,600 minutes. Life doesn't go by in decades; it goes by one minute at a time. When I reflect upon my life, the most important decade of my life was between the ages of thirty to forty. Two of our three children were born. Tina and I moved off to seminary and then into our first and second ministry assignments. If I could sum up that decade in two words, they would be education and experience. I had formal education but not enough practical life experience! Oh, how I wish I knew then what I know now!!!! I think many of us older folks would agree with that life assessment.

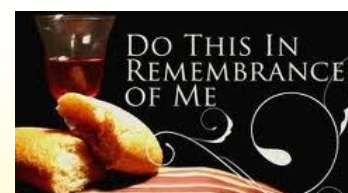
It has been a decade since I answered God's call to pastor God's church at Northgate. God is so full of grace. It has been one of the great joys of my life to serve as pastor of the wonderful people of Northgate Baptist Church since January 1, 2007! At a time when the culture seems to be moving away from God and His church – in a time when the need for revival has never been greater - it is important to remember that while it is good and important to celebrate milestones in a pastor or church's life, it is never about an individual, it is always about Jesus Christ and His church. We can celebrate the office of the pastor and the institution of God's church, but it is imperative that we never forget it is about Jesus Christ (it is His church)! If we celebrate, let's celebrate how God has brought glory to Himself through His church.

A wise man told me recently that when we recognize first responders on Patriot's Day (9/11) and veterans on Veteran's Day, we are not celebrating individuals, we are appreciating sacrifice. The individual serves only as a representative and reminder of an institution that we deeply love, value and appreciate.

So, ten years have come and gone in our journey together in God's church at Northgate. Let's pray that God continues to bring glory to Himself in the next ten years!!!

Barry

The Gate Post



The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be Sunday, January 29. A fellowship meal will follow. The church provides the meat for our meal. Please bring a side dish that would feed your family with some to share. And don't forget about the dessert! There will be no Children's Church on January 29.



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!

Sanctity Of Human life

Sunday, January 22

You will have a special bulletin insert on Sunday, January 22 as we focus on this special Sunday set aside for the sanctity of human life.



GROW will not meet in December and January. We will resume on February 6.

2017 Calendars will be ready soon and will be available in the foyer. 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 22-Monday, June 26.* 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 15* immediately following the morning worship service in the Bryan Whitmire Classroom. The meeting is for the parents of all kids who are interested in attending camp. Please make every effort to attend.

The annual Children's Ministry Fundraiser Dinner and Silent and Live Auction are scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, at 5:30 p.m. Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this fun event. This event is the only fundraiser for Children's Ministry the entire year of 2017. Pray for these leaders. The monies received will be used to offset the cost of attending CentriKid Camp and other expenses related to Children's Ministry. We deeply appreciate all the monetary support you have given this ministry in the past. We are excited about the ministries planned for 2017. Prayerfully consider your part in helping Children's Ministry events become a reality.



It's time to get informed, to network with other VBS leaders, and to get excited about **2017 VBS Galactic Surveyors**. A group of VBS leaders will be attending LifeWay's VBS Preview Event at Ridgecrest, Friday, January 6 and Saturday, January 7. Details about the trip will be emailed to those persons attending. **Pray for these leaders.**



STAND Event - January 21, 2017 Snowtubing at Moonshine Mountain

The youth group will be going snowtubing at Moonshine Mountain January 21st. Invite your friends! The cost will be \$20.00 per person. Contact Baxter McGuirt to reserve a spot. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, January 18th in order to ensure a ticket is available.

STAND Winter Conference: The Lift Tour in Columbia, SC on February 3-4, 2017

STAND will be attending SLU's The Lift Tour conference in Columbia this year. All students in 7th through 12th grade are welcome to attend! The cost will be \$25.00 per student. Buses will leave the church at 4:30pm February 3rd. Contact Baxter McGuirt to reserve a spot. **Reservations must be made by Wednesday, January 18th.**

Northgate Basketball

Come support our Northgate Basketball Teams

Monday: 9-12 grade boys and men

1/2 Northgate - Boys vs Changing Your Mind @ Taylors First #1 7:30

Men Over 30 vs. Berea @ Berea First 7:30

1/9 Northgate - Boys vs. Mitchell Rd. Red @ Mitchell Rd. 7:30

Men over 30 vs. LCOS @ Earle St. 7:30

1/16 Northgate - Boys vs. Brushy Creek "Blue" @ Edwards Rd. 7:30

Men over 30 vs. Fairview @ Earle St. 8:30

1/23 Northgate Boys vs. Earle St. @ Earle St. 6:30

Men over 20 vs. Taylors "Bulls" @ Earle St. 7:30

1/30 Northgate Boys vs. Taylors "Martians" @ Taylors First #1 7:30

See Sunday bulletin calendar each week for the 1st-2nd Grade Boys Games.



**Monday
January 16**

Our guest will be Haley McClain. Haley will be playing the flute and give her testimony. She will also have her mother-in-law with her and she will be pleasuring us with some special instrumental music.

All are invited for this time of great food and fellowship together. Come join us!

For reservations contact Judy Rothfuss at 864-233-1099 no later than Thursday, January 12.



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

"You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me." - C.S. Lewis

A quilt and a warm mug, a good book and a soft rug...January is the perfect time to tuck in and read up!

FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE

The flower room will be cleaned out on **Saturday, January 7**. If any committee has anything stored in the flower room, please mark the committee and chairperson on the item(s). Otherwise, it will be disposed of. If you have any questions, please see Valia Warren.

A CALL TO CORPORATE PRAYER

January 15 at 5:30pm in the Bryan Whitmire classroom. **Come join us in prayer.**

Leadership Council Meeting - Tuesday, January 10 @ 6:30pm in the Hope class
Church Conference - Wednesday, January 18 @ 6:30pm



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering:
Northgate's goal is \$10,000. Received to date is \$6,525.

Women's Missionary Union will meet Tuesday, January 24th at 10am. All ladies are welcome. Come and join us.

From the Personnel Committee

Northgate's Personnel Committee is accepting resumes for **Environmental Services Technician** through January 16th. If interested, send your resume to: resume@northgatebaptist.com



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Thank You notes have been received from:

Ken Shirley



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.**



We share our sympathies with:

Rose Welborn Shockley on the passing of her father, Dan Welborn.