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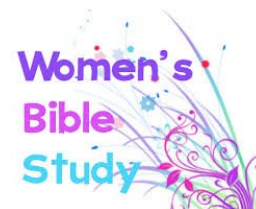
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We appreciate everyone that volunteers in the various activities at Northgate. If you are an usher, greeter, or preschool worker on Sunday or Wednesday a reminder email is sent out to you on Wednesday of each week. Please be sure to check your email for the reminder. If you have a change of email address, please contact Tina in the church office so we can keep email addresses up-to-date. If you are unable to serve, please be sure YOU find a replacement so that your area will be covered. If you are currently not serving and wish to become a volunteer, you may contact Ruth Harrison for Children's Ministry, Baxter McGuirt for Youth Ministry, Don Calvert for Ushers, Judy Rothfuss for Greeters or Rhonda Capparelli for Wednesday night meals. **Thank you for serving in the Lord's church.**

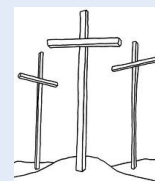


Women's Bible Study will began on Wednesday January 25 and will go through March 22 at 6:30pm in the Hope classroom. The study is Liz Curtis Higgs' "The Women of Easter." The study will be led by Laurel Shaler. All ladies encouraged and invited to attend.

Basketball Banquet



Northgate Basketball Team Recognition will be held on Sunday, February 19. Families of children participating in 1st-2nd grade, middle school boys and high school teams are invited to attend a banquet in the fellowship hall following the worship service. Pizza will be provided and trophies will be presented.



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**Gate Post deadline is the
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Thoughts from Pastor Barry



We are in the "dead of winter." Have you ever thought about the meaning or the origin of that particular idiom? According to the British website, Bloomsbury-International.com, the phrase references a very specific time of year:

[T]he time of year when it is coldest and darkest and the days are the shortest. If something or someone is "dead," then they are lifeless, silent and completely still...[T]he phrase "In the dead of winter" means in the middle of the coldest season, much as "in the dead of the night" means in the middle of the quiet, dark night.

For many of us, winter is a cold, dark and lonely time; but winter is necessary. It is an important season in God's creation. If there were no winter – if there were no death – it would be difficult to appreciate spring, to appreciate life.

Winter is necessary. It is a passage.

The four seasons reflect the seasons of life. Spring is the season of renewal, of birth. Summer is the season of life. Autumn is the season of dying. Winter is the season of death. All four are important, necessary, and certain. We must pass through winter to get to spring. The only path from autumn to spring passes through winter. While no one looks forward to dying and death with great anticipation and joy, we can look forward to these seasons of life with hope.

Winter has many benefits. Winter brings the death of annoying insects and also annual plants. Common wheat is an annual plant. Jesus gave an insightful illustration using this plant:

But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain (John 12:23-24, NKJV).

Without death there is no life. We see this in nature. We also see it in the Word of God: "And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again" (Mark 8:31, NKJV). Without Crucifixion Friday, there would be no Resurrection Sunday!

Some of us are facing trials – seasons of pain in our lives. With the hope that comes only through a personal relationship with God through His only Son, Jesus, we can embrace the cold, dark and lonely trials of life:

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing" (James 1:2-4, NKJV).

It's February but hang on, April is coming! It may be hard now, but as the Psalmist wrote: "For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5, NKJV).

Happy February,

Barry

The Gate Post



Fundraiser Dinner and Auction February 22 beginning @ 5:00

**Silent Auction 5:00-6:30; Supper 5:30;
Live Auction at 6:30**

Spaghetti, garden salad, garlic bread,
chocolate dip strawberry cake, tea

Cost:

Adults age 13 and up \$10.00

Children 6-12 \$ 5.00

Preschoolers FREE

After expenses are paid, the proceeds from the meal and silent/live auctions will go to offset the cost of CentriKid Camp.

You must have tickets to attend the dinner. If your name is on the "standing reservations" list for Wednesday night, you need only to purchase a ticket in the church office or from Bonnie Burgess. If your name is on the weekly supper list and you cannot attend, please call and cancel your reservation.

COME SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES.



Summer is rapidly approaching... and so is Fuge! Northgate STAND will be attending camp at Ridgecrest, NC this year from June 22-26. This year students have the option of choosing Centrifuge and participating in recreation and bible study tracks, or MFuge to do missions projects. Morning and evening worship and bible study will be spent together as a group.

All students who have completed 7th-12th grade are invited to attend! Please contact Baxter McGuirt @ [\(864\) 242-3805](tel:8642423805), or via email @ bmcguirt@northgatebaptist.com, to reserve a spot or to answer questions.

Tickets for the Children's fundraiser must be purchased in the church office by noon on Monday, February 20th. See Bonnie Burgess to purchase tickets at church on Sunday morning or Wednesday night or you may call the church office at 242-3805.

Family Comedy Night with Tim Hawkins @ First Baptist North Spartanburg on Saturday, February 11 at 4pm. Tickets are \$27 each. Contact Bonnie Burgess or Tiffany Bannister by February 1 if you would like to attend.

Northgate Basketball

Come support our Northgate Basketball Teams

Monday - Men over 30

2/13 Northgate vs. Edwards Rd. "Omega"
@ Taylors First #1 at 8:30pm

Saturday - 1st-2nd Grade Boys - All games at 10am

2/4 Northgate vs. Taylors "Spurs" @ Taylors First #2
2/11 Northgate vs. Taylors "Warriors" @ Taylors First #2
2/18 Northgate vs. Mitchell Rd. "White" @ Mitchell Rd.

**Monday
February 20**



Our guest for February will be Grace Muraya. Grace has been a counselor at **Shepherd's Gate for 20 years.** She will talk about how the Lord has blessed the program and the ladies that work there and women they serve. **Come hear about this wonderful ministry.**

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, February 16.



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

February is Library Lovers' Month! Our shelves are filled with new finds and old favorites about faith, followers, family, friendship and fun...all to lend for free!



FEBRUARY

6 Team G

13 Team R

20 Team O

27 Team W

**A CALL TO
CORPORATE
PRAYER**

February 19 at 5:30pm in the Bryan Whitmire classroom. Come join us in prayer.



The following is a way to share your personal testimony through John 3:16.

The greatest person - **For God**; the greatest reason - **so loved the world**; the greatest act - **that He gave**; the greatest gift - **His one and only Son**; the greatest inclusion - **that whoever believes**; the greatest exception - **in Him shall not perish but**; the greatest possession - **have eternal life.**

The One and only God, Who created the universe loves you and has a special plan for your life.
(Diana Derringer, Missions Mosaic, November, 2016 edition)

Women's Missionary Union will meet Tuesday, February 28 at 10am. All ladies are welcome.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Fidelis Sunday School class will be collecting items for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes all year. Every month a different item is suggested for those who wish to donate. Donation boxes are in the Fidelis classroom and at the bottom of the stairs near the fellowship hall. **For the month of February, we are collecting winter items such as gloves, hats, scarves, and socks and Valentine stuffed toys on sale. Pray for this ministry and the children.**



**NORTHGATE BAPTIST
BASKETBALL CAMP
June 12-16, 2017**

Camp times are Monday-Friday from 8am-12pm. The camp is open to boys and girls that have completed grades K-5 through 9th grade. Further information, along with registration forms will be coming soon, so mark your calendar now.



**CentriKid Camp is
June 22-26**

Every child who is planning on attending camp must turn in a non-refundable deposit of \$50 by Sunday, **February 5.** Make checks payable to Northgate Baptist Church. Please give your deposit to Ruth Harrison.

**Deacon's Meeting - Sunday, February 19 @ 4pm in the Hope class
Children's Fundraiser Dinner and Auction - February 22 beginning @ 5:00pm**