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### *The dog days of summer are here!*

These are the days when dogs lie around and pant because it's hot, right? Wrong!!! The dog days of summer didn't originally have as much to do with dogs, but stars. The dog days of summer have to do with the ancient Greeks and constellations! They begin when the star, Sirius, rises just before dawn in late July or early August. Homer referred to the appearance of Sirius as "Orion's dog's rising," and the Greeks identified a unique constellation during this time of year: a dog chasing a rabbit.



Over time, things lost meaning and fuzzy thinking set in. We forgot the dog days have more to do with stars than dogs...we forgot the stars and remembered only the August heat!

This year, the week of prayer for Northgate Baptist Church is August 20-27. That's the week when we remember to pray for the ministries and activities of God's church at Northgate. We just celebrated the Lord's Supper in July and soon, on September 17, we will once again remember God's atonement for our sins through the shed blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper.

It is important that we remember.

Southern Baptists adopted ten resolutions this year at the Southern Baptist Convention. One of those resolutions was entitled, "On the Necessity of Penal Substitutionary Atonement." It was adopted to remind us and to reaffirm "The truthfulness, efficacy, and beauty of the biblical doctrine of penal substitutionary atonement as the burning core of the Gospel message and the only hope of a fallen race."

It would astonish our Christian ancestors that anyone claiming to know Christ would attack the doctrine which is at the very center of the Gospel. The Resolutions Committee of the SBC wrote, "The denial of penal substitutionary atonement constitutes false teaching that leads the flock astray and leaves the world without a message of a sin-cleansing Savior." **"For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. <sup>10</sup>For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. <sup>11</sup>And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation"** (Romans 5:6-11, NKJV).

The shed blood of Jesus Christ is the greatest gift God has ever given! May we never forget:

*There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r in the precious blood of the Lamb!*

Blessings in Jesus,

*Barry*

# The Gate Post



Please pray for our children, principals, administrators, teachers and all of those involved in our schools and the lives of our children.



**Bethany Wallace will be speaking Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 about her missions trip to Ethiopia.** Come and

hear about how God is working through these special missions trips.



**Galactic Starveyors VBS was awesome and very successful.** Our enrollment was 211 with 135 participants and 76 workers. The average attendance was 164. The missions offering for Operation Christmas Child totaled \$734.97. At this point, four children have accepted Jesus as their Savior. At least 3 children reconfirmed their decision to follow Jesus. Two children expressed interest in accepting Jesus as their Savior. Other children want to know more about becoming a Christian.

The parents of these children received a letter telling them about their child (children's) interest in knowing more about Jesus. Follow-up on these requests is being done now. Contacts are being made with children who do not attend church and cards are being sent to all the children and workers.

Many thanks to every person involved in making VBS a huge success. Special thanks go out to our awesome director, Teresa Brazell, and assistant directors, Beth Humphries and Jamie Brazell.

It was an awesome site to see all ages of persons working together for the common goal of reaching people for Jesus through VBS. Thanks for your prayers, planning, hard work, energy, enthusiasm and excitement. You prayed, invited, decorated the church beautifully, taught crafts, missions, music, recreation, and Bible study, prepared and served meals, greeted, served as security personnel, took hundreds of pictures, worked the video and sound, put all the names in the computer, coordinated and directed, and most of all shared of yourselves and your faith.



## Wonderful Wednesday August 9

Picnic in the fellowship hall @ 5:30pm. **RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE** and there is no charge for supper. Everyone is invited. Reservations required by calling the church office by Tuesday, August 8 at noon. **At 6:30pm** Kids (age 2-completed Grade 6) join us for Water Night and have fun sliding down the slippery slope on the grassy hill beside the church. Please wear a swimsuit and bring a towel.

### Children's Mission Action Project Wednesday, August 30

Children (completed K-5 to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. for supper. We will then go to Dollar Tree on Wade Hampton Boulevard for the children to shop for the contents of Operation Christmas Child boxes. Each child will be accompanied by an adult and will shop. The contents purchased will be purchased with a portion of the VBS offering given for this purpose. After shopping we will return to the church for ice cream sundaes. Registration and completion of a permission form is required for this event. Please contact the church office or Ruth to register. **Deadline to register is Tuesday, August 29.**

### INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**Northgate Renovations:** Please plan to attend at least one of two very important and identical informational and prayer-centered meetings regarding renovation needs at the Lord's church at Northgate. The first meeting will be on **Sunday, August 13 at 6:00pm** and the second will be on **Wednesday night, August 16 at 6:30pm.**



**Sharing Testimony Always. Never Deny**

On **Septempter 23** Northgate STAND will be attending Dare2Share Live in Statesville, NC. This one day event will begin with worship and evangelism at the main site in the afternoon. Then we'll head out into the community to put into practice what we learn by doing door to door evangelism. Then we'll gather again for worship at the main site before heading home. Find out more at [Dare2ShareLive.org](http://Dare2ShareLive.org). We'll leave the church at 9 am that morning and return at 10 pm. **Cost will be \$20. RSVP to Baxter McGuirt by 8/15.**



**Northgate will host Released Time for League Academy again this year, beginning September 13.**

Released Time is a program where students are released from school for an hour to eat lunch and have a Bible lesson at the church. Without volunteers, this ministry wouldn't happen! If you're interested in volunteering this year, and are available on Wednesdays from 11am - 2pm, please speak with Baxter McGuirt or Will Kirby. Please begin to pray for this ministry in the upcoming school year, that God would move in the hearts of these students!



### Preschool Workers Meeting

An extremely important meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 20**, immediately following the worship service in the Bryan Whitmire classroom. This meeting is for anyone who volunteers or teaches in the Preschool Area, Sunday School, Worship Care, Mission Friends, and Wednesday Night volunteers. It is imperative that everyone attend! This will be a short meeting.



**Good News Club Workers Meeting  
Wednesday, August 16 at 5:30 p.m.  
Hope Classroom**

All Good News Club workers please plan to attend. Information will be shared and forms completed for Good News Club 2017-18.



**A Retirement Reception for Tammy Wallace will be held on Sunday, August 13 from 3:00-5:00pm in the fellowship hall. Plan to join us as we celebrate Tammy and thank her for her years of faithful service as our Food Service Manager.**



**We open on Sunday @ 9am and at 6:00pm on Wednesday.**

**It's not where we've been that matters to God. It's who we are becoming in Him.**  
**-Liz Curtis Higgs**

Liz's story and transformation are an illustration of 2 Corinthians 1:4. In her past, she was desperate for hope; now she encourages countless people with her writing. God can change us and use the hard parts of our story to help others. **Good stuff!**



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**Women's Missionary Union** will meet on Tuesday, August 22 at 10am in the fellowship hall.



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**For the month of August bring school supplies (no liquids). Paper, pens/pencils, erasers, etc. are always needed.**

**Thank You notes have been received from:**

**Cecil & Bonnie Arey**



**We share our sympathies with:**

**Lou Ann Cox and family** on the passing of her mother and **oldest Northgate member, Margaret Bennett.**

**Marian & Porter Huskey**, and their daughter, Janet O'Rear, on the sudden passing of Janet's husband, Larry.



**Congratulations to Matthew & Katie Ellenburg on the birth of Oliver Logan Ellenburg** born July 1. Oliver weighed 6 lbs. 7 ounces and was 18.5" long.

### GROW in August

**7 Team G**  
**14 Team R**  
**21 Team O**  
**27 Team W**



**Week of Prayer for Northgate—August 20-27**

**Sunday School Workers and Leaders Meeting—August 20 @ 6:15pm**