

# Northgate Baptist Church

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**"Advent"** simply means *coming*, as in Christ is coming, and for us now He has arrived. This is referring to His birth in history and in humanity. It meant the welcoming or the arrival of a special king and for us; He is our King of kings. This is what the Old Testament prophecies foretold concerning Jesus' Incarnation, the Word made flesh for our hope and atonement that brought us our deliverance. Advent represents our expectation, anticipation, and preparation for who Christ is and what He has done for us. He arrived into the world as a human being, being fully God and fully man. He came to identify as one of us, as the *Son of Man*, as a baby born in a manger. He came for us, He came for you and He comes into our lives and into our hearts upon our willingness to receive Him. He is coming again in great power and glory to bring His Kingdom into fruition.



The church office will be closed for Christmas on December 22 & 25. The entire staff wishes you a blessed and joyous Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**NO** Wednesday services or activities will be held on December 27.

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018 for New Year's Day. We wish you all a wonderful 2018.



## Pastoral Staff

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*Pastor*

**Mr. Baxter McGuirt**  
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*Minister of Students  
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*Minister of Preschool  
and Children*

**Mr. James Tegeler**  
*Worship Leader*

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## Deacons of the Month

**Lee Coker**  
**Will Kirby**  
**Joel Warren**

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## *"Mary Did You Know?"*

*The Northgate Celebration  
Choir will bless us with special  
Christmas Music on Sunday,  
December 17 @ 10:45am  
Invite your friends.*



## *Christmas Eve Services*

*December 24th*

*10:45am and 5:00pm*

*Come join us for our*

*Christmas Eve services.*

*Our candle lighting service*

*will be held at 5:00pm*

*Invite your family and friends for  
this very special day of worship.*



# *The Gate Post*

# Christmas Thoughts from Pastor Barry

It is very easy to lose sight of the real meaning of Christmas in the midst of the commercialism of our culture and the busyness of the season. Christians must be disciplined in our faith and diligent with our time to keep Jesus Christ at the center of the holidays. One way we succeed in this is to remain in the Word of God. Read the Christmas story in each of the four gospels and study the corresponding Old Testament prophecies. Wondering where to find the Christmas story in the Gospel of Mark? In Mark's typical immediate and efficient style, the Christmas story is clearly found in Mark 1:1 – "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Mark 1:1 is John 1:1-18 in a nutshell! **Happy reading and Merry Christmas!**

Barry



**Youth Christmas Party**  
December 17th at 6:00pm at the  
home of Jamie & Teresa Brazell  
3 Lakecrest Drive, Greenville

All students 7-12th grade are invited to join us for our STAND Christmas party. We'll have a pasta dinner, games, and lots of fun! Bring a \$10 gift to participate in the White Elephant gift exchange. Contact Teresa Brazell if you can bring a drink or dessert.



**GROW will not meet in  
December and January.  
We will resume  
on February 5.**



## Preschool and Children's Christmas Party

**Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. in  
the 3's and 4's classroom and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom.**



**Wednesday, December 20**

*Our annual Christmas Dinner and Preschool/Children's Christmas Program will be held on Wednesday, December 20. The evening will begin with a Christmas dinner at 5:30 p.m. Reservations for dinner will follow the normal way of registration. Our Preschool/Children's Christmas program will follow in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. The preschoolers and children will present the play, "What God Wants for Christmas."*

*Rehearsals for the Preschool/Children's Christmas Program are scheduled for Wednesday, November 29, December 6, and December 13 in the Sanctuary at 6:10-7:00 p.m. The kids will then go to the Children's classrooms to finish the rehearsal until 7:30 p.m.*

Kids of all ages are invited to join us for refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the Christmas Program.



The seasons are changing. In case of inclement weather on a Sunday morning, please check our website at [www.northgatebaptist.com](http://www.northgatebaptist.com) watch **WYFF-4 or Fox 21** for information about services and activities.



**Monday  
December 18**

Our guests will be **The Gap Creek Singers**, a community choir who, through 2 concerts every year, raises money for students who are going to take music as their major in college. They also sing when invited at churches, malls and special events. **Come to our December Joy Club and enjoy them singing Christmas music. You don't want to miss it!**

**All are invited for this time of great food and fellowship together. For reservations contact Judy Rothfuss at 864-233-1099 no later than Wednesday, December 13.**



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

T'was the season of Christmas,  
so busy and full,

Some downtime curled up with a book would be cool!

Advent stories- we've got them...  
Some merry ones too!

What a great time to pick up a book just for YOU!

No gift like the present...  
just what you've been needing,

**Have a wonderful Christmas – and to all,  
Happy Reading!!**

**A CALL TO  
CORPORATE  
PRAYER**

**December 3 at 5:30pm** in the Bryan Whitmire  
classroom. Come join us in prayer.

**Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
December 3-10, 2017**



**Women's Missionary Union** will meet on **Tuesday, December 5** at 10am in the fellowship hall. All ladies are invited. Our program will be the **Season of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Northgate's goal for 2017 is \$10,000.**

Pray about what the Lord would have you to give. Special prayer inserts and envelopes will be in your bulletin on Sunday, December 3. You may also make a donation in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend. Forms will be available in upcoming bulletins. A donations list will be in the December 24th bulletin.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



**Thank you to everyone who  
donated throughout the year for  
the shoeboxes. Many children  
will be blessed by your  
generous giving.**



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**We share our sympathies with:  
Ralley Shirley on the passing of her  
brother, Jerry Turner.**