

Northgate Baptist Church

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Northgate
Seek. God. First.

As you know, we are well into our **Seek. God. First.** emphasis for spiritual and physical renovation at God's church at Northgate. Just four weeks into the emphasis, God has already provided commitments of more than \$400,000.00 towards \$1.3 million of renovation needs. 131 members of the Northgate family have gathered for prayer in homes for cottage prayer meetings. A variety of people from all walks of life have shared testimonies in the worship services. We are praying for continued spiritual growth and revival, and God is moving!!

I want to thank you for your faithful commitment to God's church at Northgate.

We are experiencing a renewed joy as we progress in this exciting endeavor. A key theme of **Seek. God. First.** is "Not Equal Gifts But Equal Joy." God may not give the same amount of money through each of us to meet the renovation needs for the facilities at Northgate, but through faithful giving we can all experience the same joy!

One principle I have found to be true is the simplest of realities: God funds His will, and He allows us to join Him in His work. Giving is not related to income; it is related to faith. When faith is genuine and deep, giving is generous and joyous as we discover that we cannot out-give God!! Therefore, **Seek. God. First.** is not a fundraising program. It is a faith-raising, life-changing experience! God will use our faithful commitment to Christ and His church as a witness to all who know us.

I hope you are making plans to attend the celebration event on March 18. The 10:45 worship service at Northgate is going to be an exciting time of celebration and revelation of God's faithful provision. Following that, we will transition to the Greenville Commerce Club for a celebration lunch. We serve a great God!! He is worthy of our great worship and celebration!

Easter Sunday this year is April 1. That day will also be First Fruits Sunday: the day we will begin giving our commitments for these needed renovations. This will be a great time to invite friends, family and neighbors to Northgate. Begin inviting others today!

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" – Matthew 6:33, NKJV.

Glory to God,

Barry

Deacons of the Month
Don Durham
Roy Sabeau
Steve Todd

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



The Season of Prayer for North American Missions Board and the Annie Armstrong offering will be March 4–11. The SBC goal for 2018 is \$70 Million. Northgate has set a goal of \$2,500.

A prayer guide will be inserted in your bulletin on Sunday, March 4. Pray about what the Lord would have you give to missions.



March 11 is time change



**NORTHGATE BAPTIST
BASKETBALL CAMP**
June 11-15, 2018

Northgate Basketball Camp is on this year! Coach Charles Wimphrie will be leading this camp that focuses on basketball fundamentals and spiritual growth June 11-15, 8am-12pm each day. The camp is open to boys and girls that have completed K-5 through 9th grade. Kids will be placed in groups according to age and skill level for drills, practice, and scrimmages. The cost is \$90 for reservations before May 15.

March GROW @ 6:00pm

5 Team G
12 Team R
19 Team O
26 Team W



The Gate Post



EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, March 24—10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Check-in is at 9:45 a.m.

For Kids: Birth-Grade 6

We will have activities such as pictures with the Easter bunny, a cupcake walk, bunny bean bag toss, face painting, crafts, balloon art, Easter video, Bingo, games, prizes and a **FREE HOTDOG LUNCH**.



You can be a part of this outreach event by bringing individually wrapped Easter candy that will fit into plastic eggs for the egg hunt. Boxes will be located throughout the church where you may put the candy. Volunteers are also needed to help with the activities, games, lunch etc. If you can help with the event, please contact Ruth Harrison at 864-242-3805 or by email at rharrison@northgatebaptist.com.

Preschoolers and Children

Seek. God. First. Party on March 18

Preschoolers and Children (Grades 1-4) are invited to a pizza lunch and party **immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, March 18**. The children will celebrate the **Seek. God. First.** Campaign at the church while their parents are celebrating at the Commerce Club. **Please RSVP if your child (children) plans to attend by calling the church office by Wednesday, March 14**. If your child cannot eat pizza or you prefer him/her having something different for lunch, please pack a lunch for your child/children.



Good News Clubs complete the 2017-18 year on March 26 and 27. We have had a wonderful year. Twenty children have been enrolled in the club at Summit Drive Elementary and 39 children at Stone Academy. Two children have accepted Jesus as their Savior at Stone Academy. Praise God! Thank you for supporting this ministry through your prayers, serving, and monetary gifts.



Winterjam this year will be on March 25, 2018

at Bon Secours Wellness Arena in Greenville. Artists participating this year

include Skillet, Kari Jobe, Building 429, and comedian John Crist. Students, friends, family, and guests are all welcome! The cost is \$35. Please reserve a spot ASAP. **The deadline for reservations will be March 5.** Buses will leave the church on the 25th at 3pm. You may make a reservation through the church office or by emailing Baxter McGuirt at bmcguirt@northgatebaptist.com.



The Crossties class is collecting newborn baby items for the Piedmont Women's Center. The item most needed is diapers. All items are appreciated. You may bring them and place them in the Crossties classroom.

Special Speaker

Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall, Ennys Kobak will be our special speaker. Ennys will share his testimony and tell how the Lord has blessed his life.
Come join us and be blessed.



Please pray for the **Seek. God. First.** emphasis. Our desire is to renovate our hearts as we renovate God's church at Northgate. Look for important information about the emphasis in your mail and email.



**Monday
March 19 @ 10:45am**

Our guest speaker for March will be Eric Taylor. Eric is the VP for Development at the Connie Maxwell Children's Home. Come join us and invite your friends.

Everyone is invited for this time of great food and fellowship together. For reservations contact Judy Rothfuss at 864-233-1099 no later than Thursday, March 15.



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

We need volunteers to assist in the library. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kathy Todd at 864-848-4305.

Please come by the library and check out some wonderful books. If you do not find what you are looking for, please let Kathy Todd know.

Let's Pray!

NORTHGATE INTENSIVE CHURCH PRAYER

March 16-18

Please be in prayer for these 2 days of 24 hour intensive prayer for the **Seek God. First.** Emphasis.

Watch your upcoming bulletins for more information about these 2 days of prayer. A sign-up sheet will be available soon so that everyone can be a part of this intensive church prayer time.



Women's Missionary Union will meet on **Tuesday, March 27 at 10am** in the fellowship hall. All ladies are invited. Contact Anne Danciu if you would like further information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



As we begin another year of requesting items monthly for Operation Christmas Child, we thank you for your generosity.

For the month of March, bring toothbrushes and toothpaste.



Our Northgate children are participating in the **Seek. God. First.** Emphasis. The

children are collecting \$1 bills with the letters "J" or "G" on them. If you find these \$1 bills, please give them to your child so they can participate. See Ruth Harrison if you find some of these bills that you would like to donate for the children.



We share our sympathies with:

Will Moore and family on the passing of Will's father, Bill Moore; Joel Warren and family on the passing of Joel's father, Daniel Warren; and Ross and Layne Winchester on the passing of their father and long time Northgate member, Glenn Winchester.