

# Northgate Baptist Church

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Northgate  
Seek. God. First.

## Thoughts from Pastor Barry

**There are many exciting and important events coming during the month of April at Northgate:**

April 1: Resurrection Celebration!  
April 8: Preschool Sunday  
April 15: Evangelical Institute Sunday  
April 22: Evangelist David Ring – 10:45 a.m. and 6:33 p.m.  
April 29: Children's Sunday

Though all of these events are important and exciting, in particular, I want to draw your attention to April 22, when evangelist David Ring will be at Northgate for Sunday morning and evening services. **The following biographical information comes from David Ring Ministries:**

Few individuals have felt the crushing blows that have besieged David Ring since birth. He was born to lose. On October 28th, 1953, in Jonesboro, Arkansas, David was born with Cerebral Palsy. Orphaned at age 14, he was cast about from family to family with nowhere to call home. He endured constant physical pain, humiliating public ridicule and constant discouragement. Yet in the face of these seemingly insurmountable obstacles, David emerged not victimized . . . but victorious! Life was worse than hopeless to him until his relationship began with Jesus Christ who taught him self-respect and acceptance of his physical challenges. To most, physical challenges of this magnitude would prove to be a tombstone. For David Ring, this coming of age was and remains a milestone.

You've never heard a speaker quite like David Ring. Although difficult to understand at first, you will soon find yourself captured by his quick wit and warm personality. Whether giving a motivational message at a sales convention, or inspiring church leaders, David always focuses on an individual's need to conquer the personal challenges an adversities of life. As you hear David Ring, you will laugh...and cry. You will be amazed at his triumph over odds. You will be moved to consider your own life. As one who has not been stifled by his physical limitations, he clearly stakes his challenge to everyone. **"I have Cerebral Palsy - What's your problem?"**

As a nationally known speaker since 1973, David shares his story with over 100,000 people each year at churches, conventions, schools and corporate events. He has been featured on numerous occasions on several nationally televised programs.

David's book Just As I Am, (Moody Press, Chicago, IL) tells about his heartaches and victories, and addresses the central theme of his life: "Triumph Over Odds." David and his wife, Karen, make their home in Nashville, Tennessee. They are the parents of four children, April, Ashley, Nathan and Amy Joy.

Blessings,

# The Gate Post

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change

**Thank You!** Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped with Good News Club and Released Time this year. We could not have been a part of these ministries without each one of you. May God bless you.

We will start Good News Club and Released Time again in September. If you would like to be a part of either of these ministries, please contact Ruth Harrison for Good News Club or Baxter McGuirt for Released Time.

**Sue Thomas** will be our special speaker on **Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 in the sanctuary.** Come hear about her inspiring life. The TV show, "F.B. Eye", is based upon her life.

A CALL TO  
CORPORATE  
PRAYER

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



Continue to pray for the **Seek. God. First.** emphasis. Our desire is to renovate our hearts as we renovate God's church at Northgate.

Leadership Council - Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30pm in the Hope Classroom  
Church Conference - April 18 at 6:30pm

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## Deacons of the Month

Chad Alexander  
Will Hunt  
David McClure



## Preschool Sunday is April 8

Our Northgate Preschoolers will sing during the morning worship service on April 8.

Following the morning worship service we will have a Preschool Family Pizza Lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

All preschool parents, preschoolers, and their other children are invited to a pizza lunch in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the morning worship service. There is no charge for the lunch... After lunch, the preschoolers and their families will be able to fellowship and have fun together playing games. Families new to our Preschool Ministry will have a chance to hear the vision for Preschool Ministry and to discuss parental involvement in the ministry. Preschool Sunday School teachers and members of the Preschool Council and their families are also invited to attend. **Please RSVP by calling the church office or emailing Ruth at [rharrison@northgatebaptist.com](mailto:rharrison@northgatebaptist.com) by April 4.**



## Sunday, April 29

Children will lead in the various parts of the service, praying, making announcements, taking the offering, and reading Scripture. **The children will sing several of the 2018 Game On songs and present several VBS skits. We will also be highlighting our Good News Club Ministry during this service.**

**NO Children's Church on April 29**

## April GROW @ 6:00pm

- 2 Team G
- 9 Team R
- 16 Team O
- 23 Team W



**Good News Clubs** completed 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 thirty-nine children at Stone Academy. **Four 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.**

## Evangelical Institute Day

**On Sunday, April 15**, Northgate welcomes the Staff and Students of the Evangelical Institute as they join us in worship. **Art Nuernberg, the Pastoral Director of the EI Bible School, will preach the message for our worship service.** Northgate is one of the trusted Greenville congregations where students may attend church, and this day is a special opportunity to express our thanks to the Lord, and our appreciation to the staff and students.

To learn more about The Evangelical Institute and their associated ministries visit the website: [www.eibibleschool.org](http://www.eibibleschool.org)



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER NOTE:** Reservations for Wednesday night supper must now **be received by noon on Monday.** We are using a new vendor who requires a count on Monday. Call the church office at 864-242-3805 or email [admin@northgatebaptist.com](mailto:admin@northgatebaptist.com) by noon on Monday to cancel or add a reservation for supper.

## Congratulations

*Andrew & Emily Jimmerson Fleming*

*on their marriage March 9*



## Monday April 16 @ 10:45am

Our guest speaker for April will be our very own **Debby Folk**. Debby will give her testimony and sharing about the Shepherd's Gate Ministry. 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, April 12.**



**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 864-907-6058 (please note corrected phone number).**

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.

## 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.



**Women's Missionary Union** will meet on **Tuesday, April 24 at 10am** in the fellowship hall. All ladies are invited. Contact Anne Danciu if you would like further information.

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering received to date is \$2,038. Our goal is \$2,500.**

## 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 April, bring washcloths and soap.**



A trip to the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte is planned for **Monday, April 23.** We will leave at 8:30am and return by 4:30pm. Lunch will cost \$10 to \$15. Contact Carole Coker at 864-320-2263 to sign up. The tour of the library and the family home is a walking tour. There are a few steps at the entrances. **Everyone is invited.**

## Thank You notes have been received from:

*Mike, Michelle, Dylan & Maddie Shaw; Child Evangelism Fellowship Staff; and the Piedmont Women's Center.*



## We share our sympathies with:

**Mary Ashley Deese** on the passing of her mother, Anna Nasworthy; **Will Moore** on the passing of his mother, Hazel Moore; **Connie Wilson (Brian)** on the passing of Connie's father, James Frank Bishop.