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Northgate Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from Pastor Barry

Dr. David A. Slamp, discipleship expert, is affiliated with ChurchGrowth.org. Recently, I received an email from this ministry that truly encouraged my personal growth in Christ. I hope, in the near future, we can use some of their resources at Northgate to help us to grow in our faith in Christ. Below are twelve practices a Christian might consider in order to nurture his or her personal spiritual growth:

Practice	Description
Worship	Regularly attend and participate in corporate worship.
Personal Devotion	Spend time daily in Bible reading, prayer and other spiritual disciplines.
Giving	Give a tithe of your income first to the local church and then above and beyond the tithe, give to other Christian causes.
Lay Ministry	Become actively involved in serving the Lord Jesus through His church.
Bible Knowledge	Make sure that your understanding of the Bible is increasing. Learn to interpret the Bible into everyday life situations so that daily living might be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Pray that the Holy Spirit would bear fruit through you.
Missions	Actively support missions. Become involved in supporting and doing local, North American and international missions.
Fellowship	Establish personal relationships with other Christians through regular participation in Sunday School, church and through personal contacts with others who share our faith in Christ.
Witnessing	Be faithful to share your personal faith in Jesus Christ with others. Know your own personal testimony and faithfully share it with others.
Attitude Toward Ministry	Regard your Christian activities as a service to God rather than a means to advance your personal needs.
Distinctive Lifestyle	Manifest faith in Jesus Christ by living a lifestyle that is clearly and notably distinct from that of non-Christians.
Service	Become involved in serving others. This includes direct personal involvement with the poor and needy.
Social Justice	Express your Christian beliefs, principles and convictions through personal action. This includes becoming involved in sociopolitical structures that will contribute to a more moral and just society.

These are twelve excellent reminders for us to follow as we become more intentional about growing in our faith in Jesus Christ. As we *Seek. God. First.*, we all need to look continually for opportunities to mature in our personal relationships with Jesus Christ. It is a great blessing to walk through life by faith in Christ!!

Blessings in Jesus,

Barry

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PLANNING PACKETS



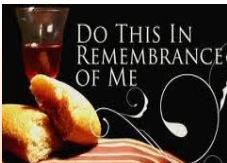
Planning packets are ready!!

They are located at the bottom of the stairs near the Sunday School office and should be returned there when completed. The packets must be completed and returned by **Sunday, October 14.**

Your Cluster Leader can assist you with your packet if you have any questions about completing it for 2019. A copy of last years packet is in the church office. Contact Tina if you would like a copy.

PLANNING PACKET MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 @ 7:30pm in the fellowship hall we will have a meeting for anyone who receives a planning packet, cluster leaders and their assistants. This meeting will provide assistance for completing the planning packet. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.



The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be Sunday, September 30.

NO fellowship meal.

There will be no Children's Church on September 30.

Let's
Pray!

September 16 at 5:30pm in the Bryan Whitmire classroom. Come join us for prayer.

ATTENTION!

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

Please contact Tina in the church office if you have a change of address, phone, or email. We like to keep our database current. Any mail that is returned due to an incorrect address, the church must pay additional postage. Thank you for keeping your family information up-to-date.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Gear Up for BAMB and Mission Friends

Mission Friends, a program for babies-Kindergarten, meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. and concludes at 7:30 p.m. The following classes will be offered:

- Babies and Ones, led by the volunteers on the Wednesday night rotation, will meet in the Kindergarten Room in the Children's Area.
- Threes, Fours, and Kindergarten led by Cynthia Hudson, Mandy Alexander, and Tiffany Bannister will meet in the current 3rd and 4th Classroom in the Children's Area.

The preschoolers will hear Bible stories, do crafts, sing, and learn about missions all around the world.

BAMB, a program for children grades 1-6, meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the First and Second Grade classroom in the Children's Area and concludes at 7:30 p.m. This program focuses on Bible Skills, Activities, Music, and Missions. Every 5th Wednesday night, the children will engage in a local missions action project. The leaders for BAMB are Ruth Harrison, Teresa and Jamie Brazell, and Kelly and Joey Hall.



Interior Renovations are Beginning and Preschoolers and Children Are Moving!

Work will begin very soon in the Fellowship Hall and in the Preschool Area. In order that the construction work can be done in the best way and to provide a safe, secure environment for our preschoolers, all the preschool classes will be moved to spaces in the Children's Area. The classes will move as follows:

- The Babies class will move to the Parlor.
- The Ones and Twos class will move to the Kindergarten Classroom
- The Threes and Fours class will move to the 3rd and 4th Grade Classroom
- The 3rd and 4th Grade class will move to the Fellowship Classroom upstairs.



Dare2Share Live

On October 13th, Northgate will be a host satellite site for *Dare2Share Live*. Teens and adult leaders from the region will come to Northgate that afternoon to worship together; receive prayer and evangelism training broadcast from Denver, CO; and go out into our community making door to door visits and looking for opportunities to share the gospel with anyone who doesn't know Jesus. We need your help! Please consider volunteering on the 13th - we'll need people to help with everything from parking to concessions. Contact Baxter McGuirt or Teresa Brazell to find out where you can serve. **You can find more information about Dare2Share Live at their website:**

dare2sharelive.org.



Northgate will host Released Time for League Academy again this year, begins September 12.

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. Please pray especially for this ministry this month, for the students who will come and the volunteers who will minister to them! If you're interested in volunteering this year, and are available on Wednesdays from 11am - 2pm, please speak with Baxter McGuirt or Will Kirby.

Good News Club

Resumes at Stone Academy and Summit Drive Elementary

Good News Club, a Bible-based club featuring Bible stories, games, songs, snacks, and missions stories, meets at Summit Drive Elementary on Mondays at 2:45 p.m. and on Tuesdays at 2:45 p.m. at Stone Academy. The clubs will begin on Monday, September 10 and Tuesday, September 11.

Workers are always needed to assist with this ministry. If you are interested in working in Good News Club, please contact Ruth Harrison rharrison@northgatebaptist.com or 864-380-7850.



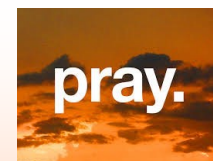
The Joy Club will not be meeting for several months due to the renovation projects currently being done at Northgate. Watch for future announcements about our next meeting.



We open on Sunday at 9:00am and at 5:00pm on Wednesday.

Now that school has started back, come by the library and check out some great reading material for your children. Pick one out for yourself also. We have a great selection.

Contact Kathy Todd at 864-907-6058 if you have any book requests.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR GOOD NEWS CLUB, WHICH BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 10 & 11 AND RELEASED TIME WHICH BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12. Pray for the many volunteers and students that many children will receive Christ as their Savior.

Worship Cluster Meeting

Sunday, September 9

following the morning worship service in the Hope classroom.



Office Closed

September 3



Women's Missionary Union will meet on Tuesday, September 26 at 10am in the Crossties classroom.

The Season of Prayer for State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering is September 9-16. The **State goal is \$1,750,000 and Northgate's Goal is \$2,000.** You will have a prayer guide in your bulletin on September 9. Help us reach our goal for State Missions.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

On the Right Foot: Erika had been praying for new shoes. The shoebox gift that Erika received not only contained a pair of sneakers but also several pairs of socks, as well as towels, soap, a comb, notebooks, and stickers. "When I opened my box and found shoes, I learned that God can make miracles," said Erika, who asked Jesus to forgive her sins and be Lord of her life during the Operation Christmas Child outreach event. Thank you Northgate family for praying and giving!



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Promotion Sunday is September 2