

# Northgate Baptist Church

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# Northgate

Seek. God. First.

## Thoughts from Baxter McGuirt

We get to see the importance of missions among Baptists highlighted in things like the Lottie Moon offering at Christmas, and through ministries like WMU. But Baptists haven't always been devoted to missions, and the story of how God began to change that is inspiring.

In 1787 William Carey, only 26 years old, stood up in a meeting of Baptist pastors in England and posed the question whether or not they should begin to fund and send out missionaries. He was told by an older minister, John Collet Ryland, "Young man, sit down; when God pleases to convert the heathen, he will do it without your aid and mine." It would take six more years before Carey could raise enough support to leave for India, the first British Baptist missionary. He would become known as the father of modern missions.

But God had already raised up the most unlikely Americans and put them on the mission field. George Liele was the first: a former African American slave, freed by his master to preach among slaves. After the Revolutionary War he booked passage to Jamaica, and there he preached the gospel among the slaves on the island, making converts, planting a church, and becoming the first Baptist missionary born in America.

One of Liele's first converts, Andrew Bryan, remained in Savannah as pastor of the First African Baptist Church, which grew to over 700 members. Another of Liele's disciples, David George, left Savannah in 1782 to plant a church in Nova Scotia, Canada; ten years later George would move to Sierra Leone and plant one of the first Baptist churches in Africa. By the time William Carey left England for India, God was already accomplishing what Liele called a "great work" through him and his friends. God used Liele, an uneducated slave that his homeland counted as three-fifths of a person, to convert thousands to faith in Christ.

We are never too weak or too lowly to be used by God. Liele, Bryan, and George - slaves all - are just one illustration of the truth Paul saw in the cross of Christ: "God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God." 1 Cor. 1:27-29

That truth means that all of us, no matter our condition, can carry out William Carey's great statement on missions: "**Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.**"

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### Deacons of the Month

Wayne Jones

Nick Shaler

Tommy Stephens

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change




**Women's Bible Study** is held every Wednesday night at 6:30pm in the Hope classroom. The Bible study is on prayer. All ladies are encouraged and invited to attend.

### Deacon Ministry

*Please pray for our Deacons as they minister in so many important ways at Northgate.*

### February GROW @ 6:00pm

- 4 Team G
- 11 Team R
- 18 Team O
- 25 Team W

Northgate's Men's Prayer Breakfast is now on **Monday mornings at 7:30am**. This is a special time for sharing the needs of God's people at Northgate and to pray for our nation. **All men are welcome to join us.**

### A CALL TO CORPORATE PRAYER

Church-wide prayer will be held on Sunday, February 18 at **5:30pm** in the Bryan Whitmire classroom. Come join us in prayer.



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

# The Gate Post



**I'm A Christian Now** class for children will be held during Sunday School **February 10, 17, 24, and March 10** in the Fellowship Classroom.



**VBS DATE HAS CHANGED**

**SUNDAY-THURSDAY**

**JULY 21-25**

**5:45pm—8:30pm**

Plans are being made for this important outreach event for our church, Vacation Bible School. Enlistment of team leaders will begin very shortly. Pray that God will lead you to the areas where He desires for you to serve. We need everyone!!



**CentriKid Camp is**  
**June 20-24 at**  
**Ridgecrest**  
**Conference Center**

The camp is for children who are entering or completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade. All children who plan to attend must pay a non-refundable \$50 deposit. **The deposit made payable to Northgate Baptist Church must be submitted by Sunday, February 10.** Please see Ruth Harrison if you have questions about CentriKid Camp.



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



As we enter into the month of February, everywhere you look you see love, hearts and candy. Preschoolers love all of those things, but they love hearing about Jesus and how great HE is more. If you do not have a devotion time already in place with your Preschooler, now is the perfect time to begin. You can get a Children's Bible that has all of the great stories of God and His amazing truths.

Please don't forget we have our Preschool Church every Sunday during the Worship hour. If your Preschooler does not attend, we would love to have him or her join us. **Our next parent/grandparent drop in breakfast will be February 10, 2019, beginning at 8:30am**, in the Preschool wing. Come and enjoy a biscuit, see your Preschoolers classroom, and enjoy this time of Fellowship. I want to personally thank each and every member for welcoming me as you have, and for all of the prayers for my family. I love you all.

**Blessings,**  
**Maranda Williams**  
**Minister of Preschoolers and Their Families**



Winterjam 2019 is around the corner! This year's concert will be on March 24, 2019, and will feature Newsboys, Danny Gokey, Mandisa, Rend Collective, and more. Greg Stier from Dare2Share will be speaking as well. Doors will open at 3:30pm. We'll leave the church by 3pm and take the bus. Tickets are \$35. If you'd like to come, you'll need to **RSVP to the church office or Baxter McGuirt by Sunday, February 10.**



New **Experiencing God** course groups have begun. If you are interested in being a part of a group, please see **Robby Bannister** or email him at **74robann@gmail.com**. We ask that you help us defray the cost of the books if you are able to do so. The books are \$15 each. You may write a check to Northgate and be sure to place in the memo line that it is for the Experiencing God book.



**If you are CPR trained and your training is up-to-date, please call the church office at 864-242-3805 or email**

**Tina at admin@northgatebaptist.com.**

We need to update our records, so please let us know.



**FROM THE FLOWER TEAM**

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on a particular Sunday during the year in memory or honor of someone, for a birthday or special event, please contact **Ralley Shirley at 864-268-8649.**



**Valentine lunch at Brick Street Café**  
**Thursday, February 14.**

The bus will leave Northgate at 11:00am and return at 1:30pm. Lunch prices are \$12-\$17. Everyone is invited. **Call or text Carole Coker at 320-2263 or email at cbcoker0327@gmail.com.**



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WMU will meet on Tuesday, February 26 at 10:00am in the Crossties classroom. All ladies of the church are invited to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Danciu at 884-4885.

Our Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal was \$2,000 and you gave \$5,240. **Thank you for generously giving to International Missions.**



**OPERATION**  
**CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Thank you Northgate family for praying and giving to Operation Christmas Child throughout the year. Just a reminder that you can give funds to help offset the postage that we pay for the boxes. Please note on the memo part of your check that it is for "Operation Christmas Child postage."



**Come join in our Northgate Outreach Ministry "GROW" on February 4.**

There are opportunities to write cards, make phone calls and visit our members, prospects and visitors. Everyone is welcome to join us on any Monday night at 6:00pm in the Crossties classroom. If you would like more information about the GROW Ministry, please see Teresa Green.

