

Northgate Baptist Church

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Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor

April showers bring May flowers and Mayflowers bring...Pilgrims! Many of us remember that childhood joke. One thing we know for certain is that springtime brings change. The Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, said, "The only constant in life is change." How true!

Sir Edwin Landseer was one of Britain's most famous painters in the 19th century. Once, while visiting a family in an old mansion in Scotland, he saw a servant accidentally spill a pitcher of water on one of the walls, leaving a large stain. While the family was out for the day, Landseer used charcoal to transform that ugly stain into a beautiful painting of a waterfall surrounded by trees and animals. He used his skill to make something beautiful out of what seemed to be a hopeless mess.

God works much the same way in our lives. He can take what might seem to be a mistake or misfortune and turn it into something beautiful and worthy. God's grace provides the strength needed to meet any challenge and overcome any perceived weakness. Indeed, the challenge of change must be viewed through the lens of Scripture:

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

When we find our confidence in Christ, we can approach any change with a sense of hope and excitement. Even when our circumstances change, our constant is Christ! As He tells us through the words of the Apostle Paul, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7). So, change is nothing to fear; rather it is something to welcome and embrace because we know Jesus Christ is Lord!

We have seen many changes at Northgate already in 2019. As a church we've been praying for God to move and it is evident that He is. The renovations have brought beautiful, much needed change to our facilities, making them more accommodating for us and our community. Moving back to the newly renovated sanctuary on April 14th was a blessing, one that allowed a beautiful resurrection celebration on Easter. Praise the Lord!

When we face change, we must remember what might surprise us never surprises God! He is our rock, our refuge, and our confidence:

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. (Psalm 18:2).

When life brings change, we can rest in the sovereignty of our immutable God! "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8).

Blessings in Jesus,

Barry

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Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



It's Time to Start Planning for VBS 2019 In The Wild

VBS is Sunday, July 21 to Thursday, July 25 5:45-8:30 p.m.

We are looking for a few good team players. Our team leaders will be reaching out to enlist team players. We need volunteers to help with Bible study for preschoolers, children, youth, and adults, to help in recreation, worship, missions, music, and crafts, promotion/publicity, safety and security, registration, clean-up, technology, attendance, decorating, snack supper, and follow-up. Please begin praying where God is leading you to serve. Contact Teresa Howard if you have any questions.

Upcoming VBS Training Dates:

Wednesday, May 22 VBS Team Leaders Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 2 VBS Leader Meeting 5:30 p.m. Training and snack supper for all VBS workers in the Fellowship Hall

VBS T-shirts are available for purchase in size Infant (onesie, 6, 12, and 18 months); Children XS, S, M, L; Adult S, M, L, XL and 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X, and 6X). Order by May 12.

The Gate Post

Senior Adults

Sunday - May 5

We will honor our Senior Adults in our service on May 5. Come join us for this very special service. A luncheon will be held following the service in the newly renovated fellowship hall for those who sign up by April 28.



You are invited to the marriage celebration of Amy Poe and Taft Jimmerson. Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 2:30pm Northgate Baptist Church. The ceremony is open to everyone. The reception will be private.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! On Sunday, May 12 we will honor our mothers in our worship service. Again this year, Northgate will make a donation to Shepherd's Gate in honor of all of our mothers. Come join us on this special day.

Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 2



If you or your student will be graduating (high school, college, or another academic program) and would like to participate in the recognition service, contact phone the church office at 864-242-3805.

Volunteers needed for our preschoolers and children. If you are interested in volunteering in the preschool or children's areas, please contact Teresa Green for preschool and Robin Middlebrook for Children. We are in need of more volunteers on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The portico is for the purpose of drop off and pick up only. It is not for parking. Please keep this area clear for those that need to drop off or pick up someone, and for emergency vehicles to access the building. Thank you for keeping the portico clear of vehicles.

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.



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 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.

MAY GROW @ 6:00pm

- 6 Team G
13 Team R
20 Team O
27 NO GROW



Thank You notes have been received from: Betty, Barry & Denise Agnew

NORTHGATE BAPTIST BASKETBALL CAMP June 10-14, 2019



Northgate Basketball Camp is on this year! Coach Charles Wimphrie will be leading this camp that focuses on basketball fundamentals and spiritual growth. The camp meets daily June 10-14 from 8am-12pm. 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 \$80 for reservations before May 15 and \$100 after May 15.



WMU will meet on Tuesday, May 28 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.

WMU will be collecting Ministry/Health kits to be used both locally and on mission trips. The kits consist of 1 toothbrush, one toothpaste (not travel size), one bath-size soap, one washcloth, one bath towel and one comb. Put these in a 2-gallon ziplock bag and place in the box in the adult Sunday school hallway. They are due by May 15. Thank you for all donations.

WMU is in need of new or slightly used t-shirts. Any color or size will do. The ladies will be making jump ropes for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. A box is located in the adult Sunday school hallway.

A CALL TO CORPORATE PRAYER

Church-wide prayer will be held on Sunday, May 5 at 5:30pm in the Friendship classroom. Come join us in prayer.



Monday, May 27th the church office will be closed.