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Northgate

Seek. God. First.
Thoughts from our Pastor

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Summer is here! It's time for graduations, beach trips and vacations. For many, summer is the season for fun. Isn't it interesting how the seasons of the year can reflect the seasons of our lives? When I consider my own life, I can see how the phases of my life are reflected in the seasons of the year. I have experienced seasons of sadness and seasons of joy.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven."

Life is made up of different seasons. Not just seasons like winter, spring, summer and fall, but seasons of emotion, growth, regret and responsibility. Just as the seasons of nature bring freezing cold, blazing hot, cool evenings, warm afternoons, raging storms and peaceful blue skies, the seasons of life also bring change.

When we lived near the Outer Banks in North Carolina, we endured two hurricanes. One of those two storms passed right over our house. We experienced raging wind and blowing rain followed by the calm in the eye of the storm only to later experience the second half of the hurricane! But the phenomenon that struck me the most was the "calm after the storm." The mornings after both of those hurricanes were two of the most beautiful mornings I have ever seen. The air was clean and crisp and the change from raging storms to beautiful blue skies was stunning.

Sometimes life is that way. Trials like storms can come and disrupt our lives and lead to change that leaves us stunned and bewildered. Trials like death, divorce, illness or financial disaster can bruise our hearts and take us to the limit of ourselves.

When we find ourselves in circumstances that are beyond our ability, we are often in a season of life where spiritual growth and success is ripe with opportunity. Jesus spoke of this truth in the Beatitudes. Many of the Beatitudes are about how difficulty can lead to blessing. The Apostle Paul wrote about this same truth in Philippians 4:6-7, 12-13:

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus... ¹²I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Since Christians are eternally secure in Christ, we can know that whatever trial might come, it is only a season in life. In Heaven, there are no trials.

Blessings,

Deacons of the Month
Don Durham
Ted Garner
Will Hunt

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change

Come join us as we honor our Fathers on Sunday, June 16. Northgate will make a donation to Miracle Hill's Overcomers program for men.

Ice Cream Social
We will have an **Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 9** from **2:00-3:30** in the fellowship hall.

Come join us for this time of sweet treats and fellowship.

JUNE GROW @ 6:00pm

- 3 Team G
- 10 Team R
- 17 Team O
- 24 Team W



Deacon Ministry

Please pray for our Deacons. Nominations will be received June 2 - June 9. Forms will be available in the June 2nd bulletin.



Father's Day "Donuts with Dad"

June 16 at 9:00 am

in the Preschool wing.

Fathers come by and join us

as we celebrate you with your preschooler.

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. Congratulations to all of our graduates!



VBS is July 21-25

5:45—8:30pm

Saturday, June 1 anyone that signed up to help with decorations for VBS will meet at 10am to paint the jeep and prepare other decorations for VBS.

The VBS meeting scheduled for June 12 will not be held. Team Leaders will be meeting with their volunteers at various times. If you have not signed up to help in VBS, please see Teresa Howard. All help is welcome and needed.

Church-wide Family Outing

Wednesday, June 5 @ 5:30pm

Family Supper
at Herdclotz Park

The menu will be hotdogs, beans, slaw, chips and dessert.

EVERYONE IS INVITED

The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and under.

Make reservations by calling the church office no later than 5pm on Sunday, June 2.

There will be no service or other activities at the church on June 5.

WELCOME

Peggy and I are so grateful for the warm welcome we've received from the members at Northgate.

A little about me: I have a varied musical background including being in a high school rock band (The Beachnuts), being a part of Clemson's Tiger Band, and owning music stores. I'm also a songwriter, at home in contemporary and traditional worship environments.

We're so excited about being a part of the ministry at Northgate! The sanctuary renovation is now complete. If we will truly seek God, and allow Him to renovate our hearts, there's no limit to what God can do.

Church musicians (choir members and instrumentalists) are ministers of the gospel. They are the Levites of today, performing sacred duties in the house of God. Choristers (choir members) are specially called by God to show forth His praise in no small measure. God is (and I am) seeking those with renovated hearts to lead this body in the worship of a Holy God. It is a sacred calling. God is not exclusive, and neither am I. Whether you are a "rocker", on a rocker, or perhaps even off your rocker, Northgate's music program has a place for you.

It's a new day at Northgate! I look forward to getting to know you better, and seeing what God has in store. Meanwhile, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

*Love in Him, Who first loved us,
Dennis Page, Worship Leader
912-660-8029*



**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 \$100. Registration forms are at the church and online at www.northgatebaptist.com.



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.

We share our sympathies with Laverne Walls



on the passing of her sister, Eloise Shirley; Judy West on the passing of her son and Northgate member, Jonathan West. Please remember these families in prayer.

FACILITIES USE INFORMATION

The Facilities Use Committee has updated the policy for use of the church facilities. If you wish to use any of the church's facilities (gym, fellowship hall, SS room, kitchen, etc.) please contact the church office and reserve the facility in advance. You must read the updated policy, sign the reservation form and a \$200 deposit will be required before a key to the church will be given to you for your event. We want to be good stewards of what God has blessed us with and this requires an updated policy and use fee. If you should have any questions, please contact the church office.

Worship Cluster Meeting

June 9 at 12pm immediately following the worship service.

Church-wide Family Cook-out @ Herdsklotz Park on June 5 @ 5:30pm
Southern Baptist Convention is June 11-12 in Birmingham

WMU®

WMU will meet on June 25 at 10:00am in the fellowship hall. All ladies of the church are invited to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Danciu at 884-4885.

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, June 23 at 5:30pm in the Friendship classroom.

Come join us in prayer.



Congratulations to: Chris & Sara Capparelli Roberts on the birth of their son, Henry Thomas Roberts, born on May 2, 2019. Henry weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21-3/4" long. Rhonda & Danny Capparelli are the proud grandparents.



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Taft Jimmerson on their marriage May 19.

Their home address is
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