

# Northgate Baptist Church

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# Northgate

Seek. God. First.

## Thoughts from our Pastor

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Worship Leader

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**Deacons of the Month**  
Robby Bannister  
Will Hunt  
Wayne Jones

In nature, spring is the season of new beginnings. In church, it is fall. The fiscal year of Northgate begins in January and ends in December, but the ministry year begins in September and ends in August. So, on Sunday, September 1, planning packets will be ready for ministry leaders to pick up and begin to plan for the next year.

Some ministries have already made plans and are ready to get started in September. One of those is Men's Ministry. Beginning Sunday, September 15 at 6pm in the fellowship hall, we will offer a new Bible study by Dr. Tony Evans entitled, "No More Excuses." Men, I hope you will take advantage of this nine week study on Sunday evenings. Women, I hope each of you will encourage your man to attend. Men's ministry is important: When Christian men behave like Christian men good things happen, and we usually find stronger marriages and families.

Women's ministry will continue to meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30. They also will begin a new Bible study in September. Women, I hope you will make plans to take part in Women's Bible study. Men, I hope each of you will encourage your woman to attend.

Our student ministry has big plans for the fall as well. You will hear more about that from Barry. We will also begin new preschool and children's ministries in the fall, and our Good News Clubs and Released Time ministries will be in full swing beginning in September. Worship ministry, too, is preparing for an exciting fall. God has led me to begin preaching through Paul's letter to the Ephesians beginning September 8. And I haven't even mentioned Sunday School: Spiritual growth often occurs best in small groups.

God is moving at Northgate. People are coming to faith in Christ and growing in their relationship and fellowship with Him and His church. I hope you will make plans to take advantage of the many ministry opportunities at Northgate. I pray you will be alert to the call of God and will avail yourself to His will. His will for Christians is to mature into disciples that make disciples.

Finally, please continue to pray about how God would use you in His remedy for Northgate's financial shortfall. Sometimes God allows obstacles and difficulties to come into our lives to help us to grow in our faith. Often, those experiences push us out of our comfort zones into the land of faith. Of course, that is where God wants us to be! **2 Corinthians 5:7 says, "For we walk by faith, not by sight."** When the Philistines showed up in 1 Samuel 17 and Goliath insulted Israel, what the people of Israel saw as a frightening disaster, God made into a glorious victory. God brought that victory through His steward, David.

When by faith, we allow God to live His life through us, He reveals blessings that we would have otherwise never experienced. We are stewards for God. Let's be faithful ones!

Blessings in Jesus,



# The Gate Post

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be Sunday, September 29.

A fellowship meal will follow. The church provides the meat for our meal. Please bring side dishes that would feed your family with some to share. And don't forget about the dessert!

There will be no Children's Church on September 29.



Church-wide prayer will be held on Sunday, September 15 at 5:30 in the fellowship hall. Come join us for this special time of prayer.

**GROW in September**

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



**Congratulations to:**

Congratulations to Danny & Riley Todd Vargas on the birth of their baby girl, Analisa Mayé Vargas, born on Tuesday, July 30. Analisa weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 22" long. Dad, mom and baby are doing great! The proud grandparents are Steve & Beth Todd and proud Aunt, Kelsey Todd.



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

**A Message from  
Barry Agnew, Jr.  
Minister of Students and Education**

**Distractions**

Anything can be a distraction. Even seemingly good things can be a distraction from our walk with Christ. Today we live in a world with more distractions than ever. From TV, to the internet, to cell phones, social media, and much more we are bombarded on a daily basis with potential distractions. For this reason and many more I often tell people that from a spiritual perspective today is probably one of the most difficult times in our country's history to have to grow up. There are just so many things vying for the attention of our youth apart from Christ.

From September 13-15 our students will be going on a Fall Retreat with a Christian organization up in the mountains of Andrews, NC. This will be a time to get away from all of these normal day to day distractions and focus on what the Lord is doing in their lives! I want to invite and encourage YOU to commit to pray for our students during this time. Pray that God would do a mighty work in their lives for the sake of His glory! I also invite you to pray about sponsoring a student for the retreat. The total price is \$139 per student and if the Lord would lead you to give a partial, or even a full scholarship you can have a major kingdom impact by helping a student make it to our Fall Retreat! Thank you all ahead of time and to God be the glory!



**Northgate will host Released Time for League Academy again this year, begins Friday, September 13.** 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 Fridays from 11am - 2pm, please speak with Barry Agnew, Jr. or Will Kirby.



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS WILL RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 18.**

A sign-up sheet for standing reservations will be available in your Sunday School class and throughout the church until September 8. If you sign-up for a standing reservation you must attend the supper every Wednesday or **call by noon on Monday** if you cannot attend a particular night or you will be charged. **If you do not have a standing reservation you MUST call the church office by noon on Monday to be placed on the list. NO EXCEPTIONS!** The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. **COME JOIN US!!** Our menu for September 18 is Baked ham, mac & cheese, green beans, rolls, tea, and banana pudding. If you are not on the standing list, call by noon on Monday to come on Wednesday night.

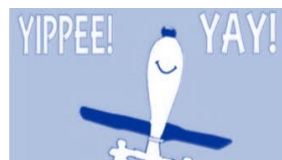
**Kitchen and cashier help is needed. If you can volunteer on Wednesday evenings, please contact Rhonda Capparelli at 325-2111.**

**We open on Sunday @ 9am and at 5:30pm on Wednesday.**



**We need volunteers to assist in the library on Sunday mornings. 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.



**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 13.**

**Your Cluster Leader can assist you with your packet if you have any questions about completing it for 2020.**

**A Messge from Dennis Page  
Worship Leader**

Last month I had the blessing of attending a worship leader's conference in Greenwood. Going around the room, telling each other about ourselves, it was interesting to find that, whether large or small, city or rural, challenges related to worship are all the same. One of the attendees gave a good, concise definition of worship:

**"Worship is communion with God in which believers, by grace, center their minds' attention and their hearts' affection on the Lord, humbly glorifying God in response to His greatness and His Word."**

**This statement gives rise to a number of questions:  
How well do we worship?**

**Do we ever slow down enough to really worship?**

**Do we feel that worship is only for Sundays?**

**Is music a requirement for worship?**

**What part does discipline play in worship?**

**What am I willing to sacrifice to become a true worshiper?**

**The Holiday season is rapidly approaching, and with it preparations for the choir's Christmas musical, "Mary, Did You Know?"**

**Would you prayerfully consider how you might be involved. Whether as a singer, actor, costume maker, narrator, there's a place for you. Please contact me about how you might be involved. It all pertains to worship.**

**In Him Who first loved us, Dennis**

**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 Thursdays at 2:45 p.m. at Stone Academy. The clubs will begin on Monday, September 9 and Thursday, September 12.

Workers are always needed to assist with this ministry. If you are interested in working in Good News Club, please contact the church office at 242-3805. Please be in prayer for our volunteers and that many children will accept Jesus Christ as their Savior.

**Promotion for Sunday School is Sunday, September 1**

**Week of Prayer for State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering is September 8-15**



**Women's Missionary Union** will meet on Tuesday, September 24 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

The Season of Prayer for State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering is September 8-15. 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 8. Help us reach our goal for State Missions.

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**WMU will take food to North Greenville University for the International students on Sunday, September 8 following the morning worship service.** Everyone is invited to come and join us in welcoming these students. We need volunteers to help serve. We are serving tacos. Contact Anne Danciu if you can help.



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**We share our sympathies with Judy Holland on the passing of her brother, Buddy Tapp; Valda Poole, Rachel, Stephanie and Grady on the passing of Steve Poole.**