

# Northgate Baptist Church

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## Northgate Seek. God. First. Thoughts from our Pastor

On the subject of vision, Lynn Anderson once wrote:

About 350 years ago a shipload of travelers landed on the northeast coast of America. The first year they established a town site. The next year they elected a town government. The third year the town government planned to build a road five miles westward into the wilderness. In the fourth year the people tried to impeach their town government because they thought it was a waste of public funds to build a road five miles westward into a wilderness. Who needed to go there anyway? Here were people who had the vision to see three thousand miles across an ocean and overcome great hardships to get there. But in just a few years they were not able to see even five miles out of town. They had lost their pioneering vision. With a clear vision of what we can become in Christ, no ocean of difficulty is too great. Without it, we rarely move beyond our current boundaries.

In *How to Find Your Church*, George Barna wrote:

Vision is the ability to understand the history, the present condition, and the potential of the church, and to conceive a plan for action that will maximize the ministry potential. More often than not, vision is the result of having spent much time absorbing the facts about the community, knowing the resources upon which the church can call (people, funding, facilities, equipment, etc.) and devising sound but creative strategies for moving forward. Vision always entails progress: it is never satisfied with the status quo.

We can never be satisfied with the status quo. Northgate must allow God to reach her community through us and growth in Christ requires faith: *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him”* (Hebrews 11:6, NKJV).

Seven decades ago, when God gave men and women at Northgate Baptist Church a vision for her community, they could not have imagined the North Main community in 2019. But God could and He did; and now He calls Northgate to envision His work in the North Main community seventy years into the future. God will reach Northgate’s community through us when we submit ourselves to His will for His purposes.

God’s will is for men, women, boys and girls to come to faith in Jesus Christ. So we live by faith, we plan by faith and we succeed by faith.

*I am excited about the future. Are you?*

*Blessings in Christ,*

# The Gate Post

### Pastoral Staff

**Dr. Barry Jimmerson**  
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*Pastor*

**Rev. Barry Agnew, Jr.**  
*Minister of Students  
and Education*

**Mrs. Teresa Green**  
*Interim Minister of  
Preschoolers and their Families*

**Mr. Dennis Page**  
*Worship Leader*

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**Deacons of the Month**  
Will Kirby  
Steve Todd  
Dean Waters

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### Deacon Ministry

We thank our outgoing deacons who have recently completed three years of service: Don Durham, Ted Garner, David McClure and Nick Shaler.

Deacons serving ongoing terms are Robby Bannister, Will Hunt, and Wayne Jones. New deacons voted on by acclamation on Sunday, September 8 are Barry Agnew, Sr., John Folk, Walt Green, Will Kirby, Steve Todd and Dean Waters. Please pray for our deacons.

#### GROW in October

7 Team G  
14 Team R  
21 Team O  
28 Team W



Let's  
Pray!

Church-wide prayer will be held on  
Sunday, October 20 at 5:30 in the  
fellowship hall. Come join us for this  
special time of prayer.



GLOBAL HUNGER RELIEF SUNDAY IS OCTOBER  
6. If you would like to give to Global Hunger,  
please mark “Global Hunger” on the  
memo line of your check. Thank you for giving.

#### October is Minister Appreciation Month

Please pray for our Northgate Ministers: Barry, Barry, Jr., Dennis and Teresa Green.  
Let them know how much you appreciate their ministry in God’s church at Northgate.

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

**Loving the Younger Generation**

**Bruce and Lois Banyai Story**

Last year I received a call from an old college roommate. Unfortunately he wasn't just calling to catch up. He called to tell me that Bruce Banyai had passed away. This name may not mean much to most people but it does to me. You see Bruce and his wife Lois were members of a little country church called Cambria Baptist in Christiansburg, Virginia that Mandy and I were a part of while we were in college. They were a fairly normal couple. They were both educated and worked hard. Bruce was passionate about his "garden." I put it in quotes because his garden spanned the entirety of his backyard and contained many exotic plants that he enjoyed showing off. When I was in college they were pushing through middle age and all of their boys were grown and out of the house. While most people would have considered them a normal, church going couple, the college students at Cambria Baptist sure didn't. You see, almost every Sunday they would host all of the college students at their home for Sunday lunch. Mrs. Banyai would pull out all the stops too. She is a phenomenal cook and put a ton of time and effort into cooking for us. Just thinking about her pork chops is getting me hungry right now! The craziest part about this is that they would do this every Sunday that they were able... and it meant the world to us. You see, as a Student Minister, I see many young people who haven't had a good experience with Jesus' church. I have seen many adults who would rather complain about and talk down to the younger generation rather than love them "in deed and truth" (1 John 3:18) the way the Banyai's did. You see, Bruce and Lois were never the coolest or trendiest couple, but we couldn't care less. They loved us. They spent time with us, they sacrificed for us, and they cared for us. Love crosses any generation gap. In my short time back at Northgate, I have been so impressed with some of the Bruce and Lois Banyai's that I've met. Over the course of several youth events we have had many of our members with no youth in the youth group step up and make all sorts of desserts and food for our students. Your service to your church and to our student ministry is more impactful than you know! I praise God for those of you that take the time to sacrifice for, serve, and love our young people!

A Messge from Dennis Page  
Worship Leader

Christian Singing Artist, Charles Billingsley recently published a post, I feel is worth sharing. Charles says "One of the greatest quotes on worship I've ever heard came from T.W. Hunt in his book, "The Mind of Christ." He said: "If we praise the Lord on the mountaintops and don't do it in the valleys, it's not praise of the Lord at all, it's just praise of our feelings. His worth doesn't depend on our mood." He is worthy all the time. And that means we worship the Lord in the good times and the bad. In fact, when I look back, having been through many valleys myself, I've discovered I learned much more about worship in the bad times than I did in the good. Mountaintop experiences are awesome. But let's be honest, we are rarely on a mountaintop. The valley is where we live, and the valley is also where we learn. Worship Jesus in the valley. You will discover He is more than capable of carrying you through it."

*Are you a musician, or a "wannabee" musician? Contact worship leader, Dennis Page. He has just the right place for you.*



**GOOD NEWS CLUBS** have started off great! We have 32 children at Summit Drive and 32 at Stone Academy. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS at Stone.** We are in need of a teacher, 2 grade

shepherds and substitutes. If you are able to volunteer on Thursday from 2:30—3:45 please contact Jack Dill. We need your help!

If you are unable to volunteer but would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry, we would appreciate donations of individually wrapped snacks. We serve 64 children each week and your donation would greatly help. Please pray for Good News Clubs, the volunteers and children.

**PLANNING PACKETS**

The packets must be completed and returned by **Sunday, October 13.**



**PECANS**  
**SO GOOD.**  
So good for you.

**It's time to order pecans!** Pecan Order Forms are available throughout the church. This is a youth fundraiser so take plenty of forms and give some to family, friends, neighbors, and take some to your child's school. **The deadline to order pecans is Sunday, October 20.** Turn your order forms in to the church office, Rhonda Capparelli or Barry Agnew, Jr.



**ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE**

**Monday, October 7**

**See Judy Rothfuss or  
call her at 233-1099.**

*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.

**Basketball Registration**



**It's time to register for Northgate's Church Basketball League!** Forms are available throughout the church. Basketball is for children and high schoolers. Pick up a form at the church and take some to your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. **Please give your registration form to Will Hunt or Justin Brooks. The deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, October 16.**



**Women's Missionary Union** will meet on **Tuesday, October 22 at 10am** in the Fellowship Hall.



**The Joy Club is Back!!**

**October 21 at 11am we will welcome Kay Coker, sister-in-law to Carole Coker. Kay will be sharing her awesome testimony. You don't want to miss this. Come join us for this time of great food and fellowship. Contact Judy Rothfuss to let her know you will be coming.**



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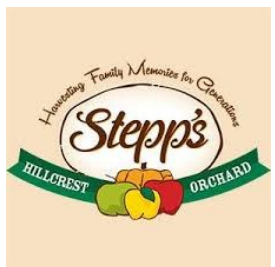
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**A Fall Trip is planned for  
Tuesday, October 10,  
2019.**

We will meet at the church at 10:00am and we will return by 4:00pm. We will visit Stepp's Hillcrest Orchard, have lunch at Cracker Barrel and drive through Hendersonville. The trip is for anyone who would like to go. You may contact **Carole Coker** at cbcoker0327@gmail.com or 864-320-2263 to sign up for the trip.



**Leadership Council Meeting—Tuesday, October 8 @ 6:30 in the Hope classroom**  
**Church Conference is Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30**