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Northgate Seek. God. First. Thoughts from our Pastor

Encouragement is a beautiful thing. It is necessary. Mark Twain once wrote, “I can live two months on a good compliment.”

Over the years, I’ve had the blessing of seeing many Christians encourage one another, and I’ve been blessed by the encouragement of others. Encouragement is necessary in the church because the world does so much to discourage Christians. Often, encouragement comes from surprising sources. I have known many Christians who were in painful circumstances and difficult life situations and yet became powerful encouragers to others. Encouragement sometimes comes in a card or a letter. Other times it comes as a gift. Encouraging someone is easy: Simply smile and say, “I appreciate you!”

In October, God used one of our deacons, Robby Bannister, to encourage our community. Several weeks ago, God providentially placed Robby to aid a teenage boy, Welfred Hallen, who was lying unresponsive on a busy highway. Robby saved Welfred’s life. He is a hero.

The media took great interest in this story, yet Robby remained anonymous and out of the public eye until he was ready to talk about what happened. When he finally spoke, he was humble and he gave God the glory. Praise God!

“Stewardship” is one of my favorite words. Robby was a good steward early that morning:

- **He was a good steward of his time:** There was an automobile accident and he stopped to give aid.
- **He was a good steward of training:** Robby has received extensive CPR and emergency response training through his job as a school teacher.
- **He was a good steward of Prayer:** Robby prayed aloud while performing CPR on Welfred. God used Robby’s prayers to comfort and encourage Welfred and others.
- **Robby is a good steward of his life as Christian:** In the aftermath of the story and how it has been reported, Robby stands out as a voice of encouragement.

Robby took this event (that he didn’t ask to be part of) and made it a testimony for the glory of God and for the good of his community. He confessed to his own trauma as a result of the event, and then he used his testimony to remind us that first responders do *every day what he did one day*. He has inspired me to encourage police officers, fire fighters, ambulance drivers, 911 operators, physicians, nurses, therapists and many, many others.

November is Thanksgiving month. Give thanks to God for His grace. But also, as Robby has reminded us, give thanks for our experiences (good and bad), for we are stewards of all of life’s experiences. Through good stewardship of training and discipline, let’s be ready when God calls us out of our comfort zones and into ministry.

Welfred, his family, his school and his community are thankful that God used Robby Bannister at a time when Robby least expected it.

Let’s be good stewards of the lives God has entrusted to us. Become an encourager. Give thanks. **1 Thessalonians 5:18 – “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”**

Happy Thanksgiving,

Barry

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Deacons of the Month

Barry Agnew, Sr.
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Walt Green

Daylight Saving time
ends on November 3



The Church Office will be closed for
Thanksgiving on November 28 and 29. We will
close at noon on November
27. **NO service or other
activities will be held on
Wednesday, November 27.**
Have a blessed
Thanksgiving.



GROW in November

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



Church-wide prayer will be held on
Sunday, November 17 at 8:30am
in the fellowship hall. Coffee and
breakfast snacks will be provided
following our prayer time. Come join
us for this special time of prayer.



The Ordinance of the
Lord’s Supper will be
Sunday, November 24

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
November 24.

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change

A Message from
Barry Agnew, Jr.
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Be a Jesus, Not a Jonah

Remember Jonah? If you grew up in Sunday School how could you forget. I mean the guy got swallowed by a fish and survived for days before being spit out alive! However because of the fantastic nature of what God did we often forget what led Jonah to that point. Jonah was a prophet who God had called to preach repentance to the evil city of Nineveh. The thing was that Jonah hated the Ninevites so bad that he literally ran from God! Think about that for a minute. How bad do you have to hate somebody for you to want them to not repent and turn to God?

You see I have people come to me a lot and tell me that they could never work with teens these days. They're messy, they can misbehave, act disrespectful, and do a myriad of things that make me want to pull what little hair I have out. It's true. Teens can be hard, but here's the thing. I love them. I love them because they are made in the image of God and He loves them. Just like us, He loves them in spite of their faults. So don't be like Jonah. If your anger at the younger generation is stronger than your desire to see them come to faith in Christ then you have missed the mark.

Be like Jesus instead. Our Jesus called children to Himself when others felt it was beneath Him. He shared a meal with the most sinful man in town. He even stood up for a woman caught in the sin of adultery so that He would have the opportunity to call her to repentance. When we look at our world through the lens of the gospel it changes how we interact with even the difficult people. Love the younger generation. Preach and show Jesus to them. **Be like Jesus, not like Jonah.**



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A Messge from Dennis Page Worship Leader

Author/Pastor John Piper sums up worship this way: "The inner essence of worship is to know God truly and then respond from the heart to that knowledge by valuing God, treasuring God, prizing God, enjoying God, being satisfied with God above all earthly things. And then that deep, restful, joyful satisfaction in God overflows in demonstrable acts of praise from the lips and demonstrable acts of love in serving others for the sake of Christ." Webster's dictionary (1828) defined worship more concisely: "Worship is to honor with extravagant love and extreme submission."

I believe there's an expression of worship that God particularly adores and gives heed to. I see many of my brothers and sisters, hurting and suffering in a variety of ways. Believers, who are in the depths of grief and pain, some have lost loved ones, others are seriously ill. Some have children who are lost, apart from God. Some have lost their jobs and are down to their last dollar. They're in desperate circumstances, yet they continue to praise God. These people are my heroes. They remind me of Job, and of David. They remind me of Habakkuk 3:17-18 "Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation." They remind me of the widow in Luke 21:1-4. "Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." When we praise God out of our poverty, He's going to hear, He's going to respond. "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 5: 3). Eventually, we're all going to have opportunities to praise God in our poverty. May we not grow weary in doing well. *"Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God" (Hebrews 13:15).*



Joy Club in November



Monday, November 18 at 11am. When Steve Slabo was a young boy, his dad was a freedom fighter and they had to flee Hungary when the Russians invaded. You don't want to miss his testimony. Come join us for this time of great food and fellowship. Contact Judy Rothfuss at 233-1099 to let her know you will be coming. The deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, November 13.

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.



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.**

Northgate Discovery Class

Discovery Class will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:30am on November 3, 10 and 17 in the fellowship hall. New members must take the class to complete membership. *If you are already a member, thinking about joining or you are a guest you can attend to become more acquainted with Northgate.*

Thank You notes have been received from:

The family of Charles Johnson



Women's Missionary Union will meet on **November 19th at 10am** at the home of Nancy Stephens. We will be celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Boxes are prepared for you to pick up one or several to fill for this year. There are instructions in the boxes on how to fill them. Join us on Saturday, November 16, to finish packing boxes and getting them ready to take to the drop off area. 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."**



We share our sympathies with

Susan & David McClure on the loss of Susan's mother and longtime Northgate member, Eunice Graham; the family of Catherine Berry, longtime Northgate member; Linda Smith on the passing of her sister, Shirley Green. Please remember all of these families in prayer.

2019-20 LEADERSHIP BOOKLETS



The annual Leadership Booklets will be ready soon. Please be sure to pick one up. This annual booklet has all of the Northgate Leadership, Clusters, Committees and much more information to be of assistance to you when needed. Watch your bulletins to see when they are ready.