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Northgate Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ²And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

⁴Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

¹³And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

That beautiful chapter is often used to define the idea of love. Isn’t it beautiful how the chapter begins with foundation? Love is necessary and indispensable for the Christian life. We cannot achieve any Christian virtue without love! However, as Paul concluded this chapter, he ended with mystery:

Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I am also known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

There are many things we do not understand in life. There are often more questions than answers, but Paul gave some solid life advice in 1 Corinthians 13. If what we do or how we respond is not founded in love, we should reconsider our actions. And then, as we are reminded by Paul, when we do not have all of the answers to life’s challenges, remember: faith, hope and love. Especially love.

Many years ago, Reverend James W. Moore wrote about a man named George, who was known as a peacemaker with a wonderful sense of humor. He was loved at church, respected at the hospital where he worked, and always kind and respectful to everyone he met. George fell ill with an incurable disease and was confined to the hospital, where he eventually died. While he was in the hospital, the hospital administrator visited with him, and they spoke as though they were life-long friends. A few minutes later, one of the janitors came to visit George. They, too, had a great visit.

When the janitor left, George’s daughter said, “Dad, do you realize that you treated the president of the hospital the same way you treated the janitor?” George called his family near to him and showed them a cross and a marble that he always kept in his pocket. He said, “The cross reminds me how much God loves me and the marble reminds me to treat others like I would want to be treated.”

We have become familiar with the slogan: “Just do it.” God would have us to become familiar with the truth: “Just love.”

I love you, *Barry*

The Gate Post

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Deacons of the Month
Barry Agnew, Sr.
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Church-wide prayer will be held on Sunday, February 16 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 seasons are changing. In case of inclement weather on a Sunday morning, please check our website at www.northgatebaptist.com watch WYFF-4 or Fox 21 for information about services and activities.

GROW

Come join in our Northgate Outreach Ministry "GROW" on February 3.

There are opportunities to write cards, make phone calls and visit our members, prospects and visitors. Everyone is welcome to join us on any Monday night at 6:00pm. If you would like more information about the GROW Ministry, please see Teresa Green.

GROW in February

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



Thank You notes have been received from:
Shepherd's Gate

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change

From Barry Agnew, Jr
Minister of Students and Education

Northgate on Mission

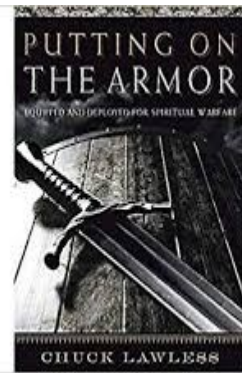
On July 19-25 Northgate will be sending a mission team to Ocoee County Tennessee to love on one of the more impoverished communities in the south through deed and truth. We will be doing physical labor to help out the community along with taking the gospel to the local community in Cleveland Tennessee. The price of the trip will be \$244 a person which will cover all expenses including food and lodging.

Now you may be thinking something along the lines of, "well that will be a neat trip for somebody, but it's not for me." Maybe so but I would encourage you to take a step back and pray about this opportunity. If you are physically able to go and work on a trip like this and also if you have any sort of background/skills in construction or roofing I want to challenge you to put your fears and apprehensions behind you and ask God if this is something that He might ask you to take a step of faith on. If this is something that you know you wouldn't be able to do then we covet your prayers. I would ask YOU right now to commit to pray for our mission team starting now. **Pray every day until we arrive home from our trip. I also ask that you might consider helping financially.** You see, even if you are unable to go physically there are still ways that God can use you through your prayers and generosity to support the His mission here at our church! We know that God is preparing to do big things on this trip and here at Northgate and through constant prayer and faithfulness to the Great Commission we can't wait to see what God has in store for us!

A Messge from Dennis Page
Worship Leader

Our Easter Musical, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" will be presented the morning of April 5th, Palm Sunday. This musical is a nice blend of contemporary and traditional Easter songs. As we approach Easter, would you prayerfully consider being part of our choir? No musical experience is necessary! Here's how we're going to help equip you:

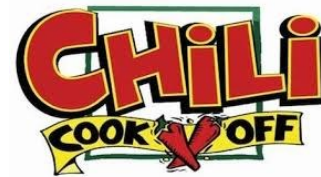
On Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30, I will begin a multi-week class on the fundamentals of music (sort of Music 101, or in modern vernacular "Music for Dummies"). This 1 hr. class is for teens on up, (or as Buzz Lightyear might put it: "To Infinity and Beyond"). Whether you know little, or nothing about music, or if you're a music superstar, you're encouraged to attend. My goal is to make our congregation musically literate, one that sings and praises our Lord as one. I can promise, we're going to have fun!



COED BIBLE STUDY
"PUTTING ON THE ARMOR"
BEGINS SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 9 at 6pm.

An overview of the study will be given at the **Souper Bowl & Chili Cook-off on February 2 at 5pm** and the books will be distributed. This is a 7 week course taught by Robby Bannister.

SOUPER BOWL AND



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 AT 5PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. Come join in the fun. Bring your favorite soup to share! If you'd like to enter our chili cook-off, bring your best chili! Feel free to bring sides for soup/chili such as cornbread, cheese, etc.



Valentine's Day Luncheon

Friday, February 14

We will meet at the church at 11am and go to Lake View Steakhouse for lunch. For reservations, call or text Carole Coker at 864-320-2263. All are welcome to join.



Continue to pray for the **Seek. God. First.** emphasis. Our desire is to renovate our hearts as we renovate God's church at Northgate.



Joy Club

February 17 @ 10:45

Joy Club will be held Monday, February 17 at 10:45 am. Our guest will be Alice Crocker, Missionary to Southeast Asia. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, February 12 by calling Judy Rothfuss at 864-483-0709. **All are invited for this time of great food and fellowship together.**

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.



You Are Invited
To A Wedding
Shower

Wedding Shower for

Kelsey Todd and
Matthew Vaughn

Saturday, February 1

1:30-2:30pm in the fellowship hall. They are registered on Amazon and at Target. Light refreshments will be served.

WORSHIP CLUSTER MEETING

Sunday, February 2 immediately following the morning worship service in the Hope classroom.



Women's Missionary Union will meet on Tuesday, February 25 at 10am in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to join us. See Anne Danciu for more information.

Northgate's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$2,000. Praise God we have received **\$6,814** to date. Thank you for faithfully giving!

Church-wide
Drop-in Baby Shower



Saturday, February 29 from 1:30-2:30pm in the fellowship hall for Jason & Heather McGuire and baby girl, Gracelyn Brooke

Light refreshments will be served.
Gift cards are welcome.



We share our sympathies with the Nell Jimmerson Dobbins family. Nell is the aunt of Pastor Barry and sister to Barry's father, Clint; Frances Gregory on the passing of her nephew, Joel Gregory; James Tegeler on the sudden passing of his brother, Stephen. Please remember these families in prayer.



Congratulations to:

Congratulations to Nick & Laurel Shaler on the new addition to their family, Calhoun Jacob Shaler, born 12/28/19. Anna Jean is his proud sister.