

Northgate

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Northgate
Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor

Last August and September, I focused much of my time praying for the Lord's church – in particular His church at Northgate. To be honest, I invested considerable time “looking” for an event that God might use to bring revival. I considered some events in my (and our) past. I reflected upon how God moved through Ken Freeman and all those swept into the Kingdom of God during Ken's two visits at Northgate. I thought about Vince Tharpe, the man God used through chalk art and black lights to present the gospel on Easter Sunday, 2008 and July 4, 2009. Not only did I look backward, I also looked forward.

I acquainted and reacquainted myself with vocational evangelists, many I have never heard of. I listened to many sermons preached by these evangelists. As I listened, I felt a little like Samuel considering the sons of Jesse – I waited for the Lord to say, “It's him!” That conviction never came, and I didn't discover a David! God did clearly reveal one thing: vocational evangelists are an aging group. We need to pray that God will raise up a new generation of vocational evangelists to proclaim the gospel to our world.

By the end of October, all I heard from the Lord was, “Wait.” In January 2020, I began to spend more time fasting, which brings cleansing and clarity. By February, of course, I began to hear God with more clarity. By the end of February, I knew God was calling His church at Northgate to a focused and intense season of prayer. God has also been speaking to me through our study in Ephesians during this time.

Therefore, **two weeks before Easter, on March 28-29**, Northgate will enter into a twenty-four hour period of focused and intense prayer. We will pray for four things:

- A plea for revival.
- A request for unity at Northgate through love and forgiveness.
- That God will bless the North Main community through His church at Northgate.
- That God would make disciples for Jesus Christ through His church at Northgate.

The structure of this emphasis will be different from our previous 24 or 48 hour prayer emphases. We will have 48, 30-minute time allotments for prayer. **We will begin at 9am on Saturday, March 28, and end at 8:30am on Sunday morning, March 29.** Women are asked to fill the 30-minute allotments from 9am on Saturday, until 8:30pm that evening. Men are asked to fill the 30-minute allotments from 9pm on the evening of March 28 until 8:30am March 29.

The two main differences from previous prayer emphases are: (1) It will not be necessary to pray at the church, and (2) when we finish our 30-minute time of prayer, we will call the next person on the list and pray with them on the telephone. The emphasis of that telephone call will be to pray that they be faithful in three areas:

- Their witness for Christ.
- Their obedience to the Lord.
- Their love for one another at Northgate.

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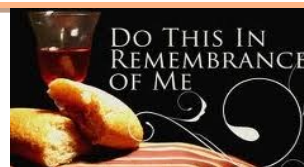


The Season of Prayer for
North American Missions
Board and the Annie
Armstrong offering will be
March 1-8. The SBC

National goal for 2020 is \$70 Million.

Northgate has set a goal of \$2,500.

A prayer guide will be inserted in your bulletin on
Sunday, March 1. Pray about what the Lord would
have you give to missions.



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



TIME IS CHANGING—MARCH 8

Move clocks forward 1 hour



Church-wide prayer will be
held on **Sunday, March 15**
at 8:30am in the

sanctuary. Breakfast
snacks will be served in the
fellowship hall following prayer.
Come join us for this special time of
prayer.

The Gate Post

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change

Three more considerations:

1. On Saturday, March 28, at 9am, we will have a workshop on how to effectively share the gospel using a gospel tract, followed by a time in the community lovingly engaging people in gospel conversations. We will do this in restaurants, retail stores and parking lots, etc. Then, we will return to the church to report upon our experiences. Each participant will be partnered with someone who has experience sharing their faith.
2. On Sunday, March 29, we will celebrate the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper during worship followed by a covered dish fellowship meal.
3. **At 6:00 am on Sunday, March 29, the church will be open for anyone who desires to pray in the sanctuary until 9:00 am. The church parlor will also be open for use as a prayer room until 9:30 am.**

I am beyond excited about what God is about to do in and through His church at Northgate!!

I love you,

Barry

From Barry Agnew, Jr
Minister of Students and Education

In Romans 10:14, Paul asks a rhetorical question when he says, "How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard?" You see every person who has ever come to faith in Christ has heard the gospel. If you are a follower of Jesus you have heard the gospel too. Maybe you didn't come to faith the first time you heard, the second time you heard, and maybe not even the 100th time you heard. But at some point you heard the gospel, and at some point after that, you repented and turned to Jesus. You see, we never know when someone will come to Jesus or what/who God will use to lead them to Jesus. The only thing we know is that it will involve a response to the gospel.

The last week of June, our students will be heading to Andrews, NC for a week of Summer Camp with Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters. Snowbird is an organization that partners with the Southern Baptist Convention to see students go from death in sin to new life in Christ and then be faithfully disciplined in their relationships with Jesus. My hope and prayer is that God does miraculous work in the lives of our students at camp this year.

The total price to send a student to camp for six days is \$430, covering transportation, food, lodging, recreation, and the speakers/teaching. I want to encourage YOU to pray about financially supporting our students in getting to camp this year. You never know the incredible kingdom impact that your gift may have: Maybe this is the time that God will call that student to faith and obedience in Christ, or maybe this is the time that God transforms the life of that student by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thank you all for all you have done, all you are doing, and all you will continue to do to support our student ministry here at Northgate. To God be the glory.**



A Messge from Dennis Page **Worship Leader**

This is a special time of year for worshipers, right between the two most significant holy days (holidays) in all of Christendom. We've celebrated our Savior's birth, and now our focus turns to the depth of what Jesus did at the cross. It's why we can sing, "I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, and wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean". It's why we can sing, "He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them his very own. He bore the burden to Calvary and suffered and died alone." And it's also why we can joyfully join in the chorus, "How marvelous, how wonderful, and my song shall ever be. How marvelous, how wonderful, is my Savior's love for me."

Is He Worthy?, this years' Easter musical, is built around Andrew Peterson's beautiful song by the same name. **The choir will be performing this musical on Palm Sunday, April 5th.** I know you'll be blessed to hear it. You'll be doubly blessed if you sing it with us. Would you consider joining us as we prepare for Easter? Please feel free to contact me or any of our choir members.

God is not concerned about the posture of our bodies, but rather the posture of our hearts (1 Samuel 16:7)

In Him Who first loved us, Dennis

Northgate 24 Hour **Prayer Vigil**

Saturday 9:00am March 28

to

Sunday 9:00am March 29

More information to come.



Joy Club

March 16 @ 10:45

Joy Club will be held Monday, March 16 at 10:45 am. Our guest will be Kaye Crowe Bayne. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, March 11 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.



Easter Egg Hunt **April 4 at 10am**

We need individually wrapped candy donations! There will be boxes throughout the church during the month of March.

Please help us fill all of our eggs!

Thank you for all donations.



OPERATION **CHRISTMAS CHILD**

There were 10.5 million boxes packed worldwide this past year! **Thank you Northgate for packing 147 boxes!** Let's do more in 2020. Boxes will be put in the church for items to be given. You may also pick up an empty box to pack throughout the year. We will store the filled boxes.

You may give to the postage fund for the OCC boxes throughout the year. Please mark your check. Postage is \$9/box.



Women's Missionary Union will meet on Tuesday, March 31 at 10am in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to join us. See Anne Danciu for more information.

The Season of Prayer for Missions and the Annie Armstrong offering will be March 1-8. Northgate's goal is \$2,500. Prayer guides and offering envelopes will be available in your March 1st bulletin.

Church-wide
Drop-in Baby Shower
Saturday, March 7 from 1:30-2:30pm in the fellowship hall for Nick & Laurel Shaler and Calhoun James Shaler. Light refreshments will be served. Gift cards are welcome.



We share our sympathies with Michelle Shaw and family on the passing of Michelle's mother, Lorraine Bailey. Continue to remember them in prayer.

GROW in March

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9	Team R
16	Team O
23	Team W



Thank You notes have been received from:

Carter Ann Nix