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Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor

Our current coronavirus pandemic has affected every area of our lives. I think all of us can say that our lives have been changed to one degree or another by this microscopic virus. Some of these changes have resulted in pain, confusion and uncertainty.

The Bible study course, *Experiencing God*, teaches seven realities:

- God is always at work around us.
- God pursues a love relationship with us that is real and personal.
- God invites us to become involved with Him in His work.
- God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes and His ways.
- God's invitation for us to work with Him always leads us to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.
- We must make major adjustments in our lives to join God in what He is doing.
- We come to know God by experience as we obey Him, and He accomplishes His work through us.

One thing we know is that God is doing something in our world today, and we have to be good stewards of the opportunities that He affords – in the time that He affords. One thing for which many of us have prayed is revival; not just revival, but a great Christ-centered spiritual awakening. Revivals and awakenings throughout history have all been preceded by fervent prayer. Why? God brings glory to Himself and when God's people confess sin, repent and pray for forgiveness and revival, God moves:

“And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord,” says the Lord God, “when I am hallowed in you before their eyes.”—Ezekiel 36:23

Before Covid-19 became the plague of 2020, we knew our nation was not spiritually healthy. We knew we needed revival. We knew we needed a great spiritual awakening.

We know God is working around us. We do not know when this pandemic will end or how it will affect the world in years to come. But we do know that Almighty God is holy and Lord over all things, including Covid-19! We have more questions than answers, but the one answer we have addresses all of our questions: Jesus Christ is Lord! We know He is Lord when He is truly first in every aspect of our lives and in the life of His church. When we are here for Him instead of us, revival will come!

I cannot give you a “to do” list of things that will bring order back from our chaos and healing to our broken land, but I can urge you to join me in prayer to the Lord who knows all things. God wants to be hallowed within us! **We will have another twenty-four-hour, church-wide prayer emphasis Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20, from 9am until 9pm both days. Will you join me in that great prayer emphasis?**

For the glory of our great Savior,

Deacons of the Month
Robby Bannister
Will Hunt
Wayne Jones

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



Father's Day is Sunday, June 21st. Northgate will make a donation to Miracle Hill's Overcomers program for men in honor of all of our fathers.



We now have **ONLINE GIVING!** Just go to our website: www.northgatebaptist.com and click on the tab at the top that says “Online Giving.” This is a very quick, secure and easy way to give your tithes and offerings during this time we are not gathering on Sunday morning. You may also mail your offering to the church or use bill pay through your bank. Thank you for your continued faithful giving during these times.

Our 2020 Graduates

We congratulate all of our high school and college graduates: **College: Adam Cartee, Amy Jimmerson, and Kelsey Vaughn; High School: Jeffrey Brooks, Adrian Gleaton, Maddie Humphries, and Thomas Vernon, Jr. Keep these graduates in your prayers.**



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The Gate Post

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

The Bible talks a lot about newness and new beginnings. In Romans 6:4 we learn that "just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Romans 12:2 tell us to "not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." 2 Corinthians 5:17 says that "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." Over and over again we hear the message that Jesus has taken what is old, dirty, broken, and sinful and has made it new through His perfect life, death, and resurrection.

Right now many young people are in the process of moving onto a new stage in life. Here at Northgate we have a number of young men and women who have just graduated high school or college. They are stepping into a world that looks very different from what we have ever seen. It is new and scary. In fact for many of us the word "new" is scary in and of itself. Yet as we see in the Bible newness is not necessarily a bad thing. The reality is that God's truths are the same for these graduates as they are for the rest of us. The reality is that we serve a God that loves us. We serve a God who has a plan for our life and who's plan for our lives is even better than anything we could ever come up with. So whether you are a graduate today, or even if graduation is just a distant memory, just remember that while newness is scary, God works in newness. God works in newness and He wants to work in your life today. Trust Him to do the work. I promise it will be worth it.

A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader



We've all heard the term "lip service". In fact, when we were kids, we were probably adept at giving lip service to our parents. Then, by the time our own teenagers arrived, they had perfected the art of giving us that same "lip service."

Definitions of 'lip service' include things such as insincerity, doing things not supported by real conviction, or pretending you believe something, but not practicing those beliefs.

Did you know the term "lip service" actually originated in the Bible? In Matthew 15, the Scribes and Pharisees, were hassling Jesus about His disciples not observing the "tradition of the elders". But, Jesus turned their statement right around and says to them "And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?" Then, in Mathew 15:8 Jesus cites Isaiah 29:13 "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me."

When I was growing up, we sang the Doxology every Sunday. We recited the Lord's Prayer, every Sunday. We had a responsive reading ever Sunday. We would sing hymns from the hymnal at certain time, the organ would play at a prescribed time, every Sunday. We'd do that week after week, year after year. As time went on, the ritual was firmly established, and that became worship for me. I would sing and praise God with my lips, but my heart was far from Him. That's a trap that's easy for any of us to fall into.

The next time you say the Lord's Prayer, or sing a familiar hymn, or the Doxology. Stop! Choose, as an act of your will, to make certain the words that come from your lips, are flowing from your heart. **You can honor God with your lips, but what He really wants is your heart. Will you give it to Him?**

Dennis



Prayer Vigil

Friday and Saturday

June 19 and 20

9am-9pm each day

Prayer matters and prayer works. It just does. In Mark 11:24 Jesus said "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Over the past three months we have held three separate 24 hour prayer emphases, and both times God has faithfully responded to the prayers of His people in many different ways. Knowing that God works through prayer, and knowing that we are commanded to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17) we feel led to continue to plan a 24 hour prayer emphasis monthly. **This month we will be praying on Friday, June 19th and Saturday, June 20th. We will have 48, 30-minute time allotments of prayer. We will go from 9am to 9pm on Friday and 9am to 9pm on Saturday.** When you have finished praying for your 30 minute allotment of time you simply telephone the next person on the list and pray God's blessing and encouragement upon their life. Our emphasis for June will be:

- Confession, repentance and forgiveness of sin (2 Chronicles 7:14).
- Revival and awakening in our lives, Northgate, Greenville and our nation.
- Unity at Northgate and in every church.
- Lastly, we will also pray not only for healing in our divided nation, but also that God would work through the circumstances facing our nation. Pray that we would be the church America needs.

You can sign up for a spot by calling the church during business hours. As always we encourage EVERYONE to sign up and we are beyond excited about what God is already doing through the prayers of His church at Northgate!

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

During this time when we are not meeting for Sunday School and should not be shopping for anything but essentials, consider making a \$9 contribution for postage. When we come back together we will begin filling boxes and get them ready to ship. Thank you for your faithful giving each year to Operation Christmas Child.



We share our sympathies with the family of Millie Swofford. Millie passed away on May 6 in Ohio. Continue to remember Millie's family in prayer.



Class633 would like to invite all preschool and children to join us for Sunday school from 9:30-10:00 ONLINE until meeting in person at Northgate resumes.

The web link is below:

<https://libertyu.webex.com/meet/lshaler>

If you are unable to get online, you may also call in at 1-408-418-9388. When prompted, enter the following number: 792593329#.

From 10:00-10:30, Class633 will be discussing passages from the book of Colossians. Anyone is welcome to join us then too!

Hope to see you all in person soon!

