

Northgate Baptist Church

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 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. 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.

The Church Office will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 26 and 27. We will close at noon on November 25. NO service or other activities will be held on Wednesday, November 25. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.



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**Daylight Saving time
ends on November 1**



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS



6:30pm Bible Study and Prayer in the fellowship hall, Women's Bible Study in the Fidelis classroom, Celebration Choir Practice in the sanctuary, Preschool in the Preschool area, Children in the 1st-2nd grade classroom and Youth meet in the Youth room.

2020-21 LEADERSHIP BOOKLETS



The annual Leadership Booklets are ready and available in the vestibule. 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.

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Mr. Dennis Page
Worship Leader

Mrs. Teresa Green
Interim Minister of
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Mrs. Tina Jimmerson
Interim Minister of
Children and their families

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Deacons of the Month
Barry Agnew, Sr.
John Folk
Walt Green

Northgate
Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor

Thanksgiving is such a refreshing time of year. It helps us to focus upon good even during difficult times. Many of us have faced difficult times at Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is not easy to sit at the table with a bountiful feast before us and see an empty chair where a loved one sat the year before. Yet, even then, Thanksgiving helps us look past our difficulties and toward the gracious God who provides for all of our needs.

It brings great comfort knowing the sovereign, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent God loves us and watches over our lives – even guiding us according to His great providence. His presence brings about our thanksgiving. At Thanksgiving, Scripture comes alive for those who believe in the name of the Lord Jesus. No matter our circumstances:

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

We reflect upon how God made a way where there was no way and we give thanks:

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

Thanksgiving 2020 is different. It's complicated to say the least. There is an elephant in the room, and its name is Covid. Some families have already decided to change traditional plans and not gather out of concern for spreading the virus. Others have decided to embrace the opportunity for family fellowship and do what they can to mitigate risks of infection. Of course, families that gather will still face the traditional differences regarding politics, moral convictions and college football! It's just that, now, there are new differences of opinions threatening to divide us further. Let's commit to making Thanksgiving about *thanksgiving!*

Let's remember Thanksgiving for what it is:

Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! ²Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. ³Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. ⁴Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. ⁵For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations (Psalm 100).

Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving, *Barry*

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES for all ages
will resume on November 4th**
**SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages
will resume on November 15**

The Gate Post

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

Back when Covid-19 first started to reach American shores and spread many believers and churches began to have to work through how to engage a lost and dying world in this new context in which we found ourselves. The second week that we didn't have in person services, we started doing online activities in the student ministry. Every Wednesday evening we would hold Bible Study on an online video chat platform at our normally scheduled 6:30 time. The first week we did it was genuinely fun for everyone. It was something new and different and it was a really great and functional way to do Bible Study in the context we were in. We noticed however that after a few weeks the novelty had worn off. It didn't take long for the students and leaders to really start missing meeting in person. In fact our first week back for in person Wednesday night activities, we had a packed out room full of students!

As we are rolling out the last stages of resuming all in person activities, I want you to think about how YOU can use the excitement to do outreach. The truth is that while there are many people who are not comfortable or ready to return to in person activities, there are others who are busting at the seams to be back face-to-face in more capacities. So think about who you can invite. Maybe it's a neighbor? A co-worker? Maybe it's that family that you have been telling yourself for years that you need to reach out to but have never gotten around to it. ***I want to encourage Northgate to be wary of getting caught up in controversy and division, but instead to ask how God can use you at this time!***



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

Let's bow our heads and wring our hands! These are remarkable, albeit, frightening times. First, as if you needed a reminder, we have this terrible Covid plague ravaging the world. Further, here in the U.S., we're experiencing an unprecedented number of natural disasters; record setting heat, wildfires, hurricanes. You don't have to look far to see our nation is more polarized than any time since the Vietnamese War. To make things worse, Russia, China, and Iran are apparently meddling in our already contentious election process.

The rest of the world is faring no better. Millions of refugees, having fled embattled Syria, are still looking for a place to call home. At this very minute, billions of locusts are descending on East Africa, eating everything in sight, destroying hundreds of thousands of people's livelihoods, and placing millions of people at risk of starvation. What in the world is going on? How is a person supposed to deal with all this? Well, it depends!

We've heard the adage, "beauty is in the eye of the beholder". The lens we are looking through has everything to do with the way we perceive things. And, the way we perceive things has a direct effect on our emotional and spiritual health. In times like these, it is crucial to maintain a Biblical world view.

A Biblical world view is founded upon absolute truth. Even when faced with overwhelming events, and situations, the believer can confidently turn to God's Word. Here's what God's Word says about the times we're living in:

Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my Light and my Salvation, whom shall I fear. The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid."

Also, please read the following verses: Psalm 23:4, Psalms 34:4, Psalm 18:2,

Deuteronomy 31:8, Romans 8:28, Isaiah 43:1, 1 John 4:18

These are indeed remarkable times, but we serve a remarkable God. Let's keep our eyes trained on Him.

In Him Who first loved us, Dennis



Friday and Saturday
November 20 and 21
9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days.

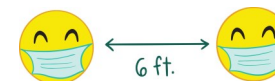
Let's make this prayer emphasis about Thanksgiving. When we call the next person on the list, let's pray a blessing of thanksgiving for them.

I hope you will make plans to join in November's prayer emphasis. 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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Thank You notes have been received from:

Piedmont Women's Center



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YOU

FOR PRACTICING SOCIAL
DISTANCING!

**Please respect others
and social distance
when we gather for
worship.**



The church library is open again each Wednesday at 5pm. Come by and check out a book. We have some new books that you will enjoy!



Women's Missionary Union will meet on Tuesday, November 24 at 10am in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to join us. Social distancing will be observed. See Anne Danciu for more information.



MISSIONARY SPEAKER

***Sunday, November we will have an
IMB Missionary as our special speaker.
Don't miss it. Pray for our missionaries.***



On October 14, the church voted to approve Tina Jimmerson as the Interim Minister to Children and their Families (volunteer.)

Please pray for Tina as she leads our Children's Ministry.



We have recently had returned mail due to address changes. Please phone or email Tina in the church office if you move, have a change of phone number or email address. We like to keep our records up-to-date. Thank you for helping us.



Operation Christmas Child boxes are available at the church in the vestibule and at the church office. If you would like to fill one just pick one up. They must be returned no later than November 20. All boxes must include the postage of \$9.