

# Northgate Baptist Church

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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.

Sunday, December 20  
the Celebration Choir  
will present  
“Glory in the Highest”  
an encounter with the  
Christ of Christmas



Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service  
is at 5:00pm  
Come for this special  
service and bring your  
family and friends.



## The Gate Post

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



**ONLINE GIVING!** Just go to our website at [www.northgatebaptist.com](http://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 Christmas on December 24 & 25. *The entire staff wishes each one a blessed and joyous Christmas as we celebrate of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

NO Wednesday services or activities will be held on December 23 or 30, 2020.

The church office will be closed on Friday, January 1, 2021 for New Year’s Day. We wish you all a wonderful 2021.



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

Imagine for a moment that God was calling you to move across the country and start a church from scratch. As scary and daunting as that would be how would you go about it? What would your church look like? What time would service be on Sunday? What kind of events and activities would you have? Would you have a steeple? You see I could go on with these questions all day. When a North American church planter or even an international missionary goes to start a new church these are the kinds of questions that they have to answer.

The better question though is what criteria should we use in the first place to make these decisions? Well when looking broadly our church planters and missionaries have two major criteria. The first criteria is to ask what things allow us to meet all of the Biblical marks and commands of God's church. The second that while doing this what gives us the best opportunity to connect with the community for the sake of the Great Commission.

Recently, here at Northgate we have been shifting a few things around. In particular, our children's ministry and our youth ministry have moved to different parts of the church. You see while our current setup is pretty easy for most of us long term members, we're trying to take a page out of the church planter and missionary playbook, which is really just the Bible playbook (see 1 Corinthians 9 and 10), and ask "what about our community." These changes will especially help to accommodate visiting families with preschoolers and children and ramp up our safety measures. As we look to continue to move forward as a church, we have to remember to have a Great Commission mindset. This means to constantly be thinking about our community and how we can better connect with them to reach them with the gospel. So with that said, we just wanted to thank everyone for your continued love and support as we continue to strive for excellence in reaching our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ!

## Thoughts from our Pastor

I have been thinking about Christmas gifts. Every year, Tina and I pray about how many dollars we are going to give to Jesus for His birthday present. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering for international missions has become our financial Christmas gift to Jesus. And when we think about the cross, how can we be cheap with our gift to missions?

**Northgate's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions goal for 2020 is a very attainable \$2,000.** The Southern Baptist Convention's national goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for 2020 is \$175 million. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering provides about 60% of the budget for the International Mission Board. The average annual cost to field an International Mission Board missionary is about \$60,000. Of course, that cost is more in places in Western Europe and less in places in Africa, but the average is \$60,000. So, \$164 funds an IMB missionary for one day. What can a missionary do in a day? A lot when they don't have to spend a minute out of that day planning how to raise funds to continue their work. Is God calling you to missions? The answer for all Christians is YES! Maybe you can't move to another nation to serve Jesus in December 2020, but you can send your prayers and your dollars through the Cooperative Program and through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions to support those who have been called to go and to move and for those who are already on the field. **Let's all commit to give generously toward international missions so that everyone on earth will have access to the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Barry



Prayer  
Vigil

Friday and Saturday

December 18-19

9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be Friday and Saturday, December 18-19 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days.

Let's make this prayer emphasis about Christmas. John 3:16—"For God so loved the world the He **GAVE** His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Let's give our time in prayer during this emphasis.

*I hope you will make plans to join in December'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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*At Northgate we want to continue to be diligent with following the protocols set for coronavirus as we worship. Be careful to remain at home if you feel sick, wash your hands thoroughly and often, cover your cough and do not shake hands or hug. 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!*



WMU will meet on Tuesday, December 1 at 10am in the fellowship hall for our Thanksgiving/Christmas luncheon.

2020 Week of Prayer for International Missions is November 29-December 6. A Prayer Guide and envelopes will be available in the vestibule.

Northgate's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$2,000. Pray about what the Lord would have you to give.

## Sunday School is back!

Sunday School for all ages has resumed at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. The worship service is at 10:45am.

Invite your family and friends to join us.

Face masks are not required but are strongly encouraged. Please practice social distancing of at least 6 feet.



CentriKid Camp is

June 14-18, 2021

Every child in grades 3 through 6 who is planning on attending camp must turn in a non-refundable deposit of \$60 by February 1, 2021. Make checks payable to Northgate Baptist Church. Please register and give your deposit to Tina Jimmerson.

Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is

November 29—December 6, 2020