

Northgate Baptist Church

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The staff would like to thank you for your many and generous expressions of kindness and love this Christmas season. It is our joy to serve the Lord with you. Have a wonderful New Year! We love you all!



The church office will be closed on Friday, January 1, 2021. Wishing each one of you a blessed and Happy 2021!



The Ordinance of Baptism will be on Sunday, January 3, 2021.

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Will Kirby
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Northgate
Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor



Happy New Year!! For real, HAPPY. NEW. YEAR! It would be a gross understatement to say that 2020 was a year like no other. I'm sure many of us are thinking 2021 HAS to be better than 2020!! But what if it is not?

What if our circumstances do not get better? What if 2021 is not better than 2020? The "Black Death" was the greatest pandemic in history. It peaked in Europe during the years of 1347 to 1351. At least 75 million people died during that time - some say that 20% of the world's population perished during the 14th century. We know there were many tears and much wailing during that dark time in world history. Imagine, as 1347 faded into 1348, 1348 into 1349, and then 1350 and 1351: It must have seemed like this plague of death would never end. And there are certainly many other periods of history when there seemed to be no end to difficult times.

The difference between the difficulty of our current circumstances and the history of difficult times is that we do not live in history, we live in the present. We are very good at analyzing the events of history. The study of the past provides important perspective for the present. Yes, we know the past and, yes, we live in the present. Unfortunately, though, no human knows the future. As the calendar turns to a New Year, how do we as Christians navigate the New Year in the circumstances of our times?

Christians not only have the perspective of the past, but we have the promise of the future. When Job suffered the great loss of his children and property, his response was invaluable to us:

"Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. ²¹And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." ²²In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong" (Job 1:20-22, NKJV).

Later in Job (19:25-26) he said:

"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; ²⁶and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God."

Job knew what we must know: that our God transcends our circumstances. Our God is greater than our problems. While it is true that we do not know the future, we do know and are very confident in our Lord Jesus, who knows all things and has all things under His control. **As we enter a New Year, do not forget that God is already there!** And it is in that truth that no matter our circumstances, through our personal faith relationship with Jesus Christ, God makes the New Year happy!

Happy New Year!

The Gate Post

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

I don't know about you but I was starting to wonder if 2021 would ever get here. It's not an exaggeration to say that 2020 was genuinely one of the craziest years most of us have ever seen in our lives. As a result, many people naturally are looking for things to improve with the new year. It's funny how we look at a new year. Many people, of course, make resolutions or commitments to improve on something. Now naturally we could do this anytime but for many people the new year just represents newness. Better yet, it represents renewal.

In the Bible the idea of renewal plays a major role. We are told that in Christ we are a "new creation" (Galatians 6:15.) When we comes to faith in Jesus we are "transformed by the renewing of our mind" (Romans 12:2.) The New Testament alone goes on to talk about a new commandment, a new doctrine, new Jerusalem, newness of life, newness of the spirit, and much much more. You see there is one thing that becomes very clear. God is in the business of making old things new.

While God certainly doesn't need a new year to do something special, I want to ask you to pray that God does something special here in 2021. Pray for His church at Northgate, pray for our country, and pray for the nations. Also, pray for our students here at Northgate. My heart continually breaks that they have to grown up in the day and age that they do. Never has there ever been a time in our country that there have been the types of distractions and temptations that students deal with daily. However, regardless of the circumstances we know that God is moving in this generation. **Pray that God does something special in the lives of our young people here in 2021, because I for one can't wait to see what He has in store.**



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

You Are What You Eat (Part 1)

In 2004 Morgan Spurlock made a film called "Supersize Me". In that movie, he documented a 30-day experiment where he ate only at McDonalds, 3 times a day, eating every item on the chain's menu at least once. As a result, the 185 lb., 32-year-old Spurlock gained 24 lbs., increased his cholesterol, accumulated fat in his liver and began experiencing mood swings and other disorders.

There is, of course, a spiritual parallel. Dr. David Jeremiah says it like this: "Our health depends on wise nutrition. That is true of the physical, and the spiritual. The food we eat is assimilated into our bodies. In the same way, we are actually becoming—emotionally and spiritually—what we put into our minds and hearts."

The Old and New Testament alike instruct us on the promises and spiritual truths we should live by. Philippians 4:8 teaches us "Whatever things are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy, meditate on these things."

This New Year, would you resolve to honor God with your whole being? Would you resolve to forsake spiritual junk food and instead, feed on the things that nourish spiritually (true soul food?)

Related to that, now is a perfect time to start reading through the Bible. If you'd like a Bible Reading chart, contact Tina Speakman in the church office and we'll make sure you get one. **"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:9.)**

In Him Who first loved us. Dennis



Friday and Saturday

January 15 and 16

9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days.**

As we enter a New Year, let me invite you to do a new thing, sign up for our January prayer emphasis. Prayer is the most powerful tool we have and in the midst of this pandemic, we need to pray all the more. But one other thing we desperately need is fellowship. Sign up so you can receive a prayer blessing from a Northgate member, spend thirty minutes in prayer alone and then provide a prayer blessing through a telephone call to the next person on the list. Make the call and bless someone's life! Receive a call and be blessed. **In between, enjoy a thirty minute meeting alone with God. You will be glad you did!! Don't miss the blessing!**

I hope you will make plans to join in January 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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The children's ministry is planning to begin AWANAs this spring. AWANA is an exciting curriculum with a focus on scripture memorization and games. We want to offer this ministry on Wednesday nights. To make this a success for our children, we will need many volunteers. We are praying that this ministry will grow and reach our community. There will be an information meeting, **Sunday, January 10th** immediately following the morning service. Lunch will be provided. Please come and learn more about AWANA and how you can be involved. RSVP to the church office at 864-242-3805 by 1/6/21.



WMU will meet on Tuesday, January 26 at 10am in the fellowship hall. Women come join us. See Anne Danciu for further information about WMU.

Lottie Moon offering received: \$3,192



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We share our sympathies with the family of Jerry Gaines on her passing and the Stephens and Shaler families on the passing of David Stephens. Please keep them in your prayers.



Agnew Baby Boy Shower: A drive-thru baby shower for Mandy Agnew will be held on **Sunday, January 3 from 3:30–5:00pm.** Drive-thru the portico by the office. Mandy is registered at Target and Amazon.



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.

Leadership Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30pm

Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, January 20 at 6:30pm