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Seek. God. First.



Thoughts from our Pastor

My first car had bench seats, with a V8 under the hood, an automatic transmission with the shifter on the column. When I first started driving, there were many who said they would never wear a seat belt. Here was their faulty logic: "I'd rather be thrown out of the car than be trapped inside by a seat belt." To be honest, as a teenager, I fell into that kind of thinking.

When I was in high school, drivers education classes were taught at every high school. Since we got our driver's permit when we were fifteen (on our fifteenth birthday!), most students took the driver's education class during their sophomore or junior year. In addition to watching horrible films of car wrecks and learning how to pass the driver's license test, a state trooper always made a visit to the class for a little shock and awe. The state trooper that visited my class changed my thinking about seat belts. He asked a simple question, "Why do you think cars have seat belts?" Our answers were, of course, to keep us from flying through the windshield in case of an accident! But he challenged that thinking. He said:

That's true, but that's only half of it. Your car has a seat belt to keep you behind the steering wheel, gas and brake pedals so that you can maintain control of the car in case of trouble. If you are flying around inside the car then no one is in a position to operate it. And that endangers not only your passengers, but people like me that are simply taking their family out to dinner.

Wow! I had never thought of it that way. Seat belts are designed to not only protect me, but also to make me a responsible driver so that I can protect those around me.

Some attitudes we are seeing regarding the pandemic really concern me. I've heard Christians calling Christians cowards and fearful for wearing masks and practicing social distancing. Maybe it is not fear that we are seeing when we take pandemic precautions. Maybe it is responsibility.

I pray that Christians will stop using this word, "Fear," regarding the virus. Let's choose to think of taking precautions as "Responsible." Christians aren't fearful people; we are responsible, loving people.

It's Love Month! Let's express our love for others by living out the Golden Rule: "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12, NKJV).

Stay Safe,

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Deacons of the Month
Barry Agnew, Sr.
Walt Green

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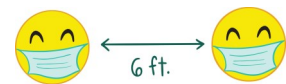


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Just go to our website www.northgatebaptist.com and click on the tab at the top that says "Online Giving." This is a very quick, secure and easy way to give your tithes and offerings. You may also mail your offering to the church or use bill pay through your bank. Thank you for your continued faithful giving during these times.



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.



THANK YOU
FOR PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING!

Please respect others and social distance when we gather for worship. Wearing a mask is strongly encouraged.



The seasons are changing. In case of inclement weather on a Sunday morning, please check our website at www.northgatebaptist.com watch WYFF-4 for information about services and activities.

The Gate Post

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

Perspective. Sometimes we all need it. Working with students and children for years I have felt that I have a decent perspective on young people and the world that they live in. I felt that I had more sympathy than most for the circumstances that they have to grow up in and to be honest I probably have much more sympathy than most... but then something changed. My son came into the world. When I cut on the news now I don't simply lament about the state of our world and our country, but rather my heart breaks for the world that he is being born into; the world that he will have to grow up in. It's the only world he will ever know.

You see many of us take for granted being born in times that we were born into. Many of us were born and raised in a way that we were naturally led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We were born into a time when the culture at large encouraged us to faith and good works. These things couldn't be further from the truth with this generation. So I ask you to do two things. Pray and invest. Pray for the next generation. Pray for our children and our students here at Northgate. Pray for our student ministry while we navigate through teaching tough topics during a tough time. Then invest. Invest in the next generation. Invest in their parents and families. How can you influence a young person for Christ? Maybe it begins with engaging with their parents. Is there a lost or unchurched family that you can invest in right now? Maybe you can invite them to church? Be creative and more importantly listen for the Lord to speak and lead. Regardless of your age and circumstance there are ways that you can have an influence on the next generation for the glory of God and the cause of Christ.



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

You are What You Eat (Part 2). Psalm 19 is one of my very favorite passages. It's a remarkable chapter that illustrates many of the facets of God's Word. I encourage you to memorize it. The lyrics to the song "Take and Eat" below, are based on verses 7 through 13.

Chorus: Take and eat, O Lord, Your Word's so sweet.

Take and eat, come now and join the feast

Take and eat, sit down, and rest your weary feet,

A feast, sweeter than honey, take and eat

The Law of God is perfect, His testimony sure

The precepts of the Lord are right, commandments wholly pure

His fear is so sparkling clean, His judgements ever true

All sweeter than the honeycomb, and all prepared for you. **Chorus: Take and eat....**

His Word is fully righteous, it brightens up our eyes

Discerns the hidden errors, and makes the simple wise

Keeping it brings great reward, more desired than gold.

And gives Thy servant warning, while resting up his soul. **Chorus: Take and eat....**

Acquitted of transgression, and freed from sin and strife

His Word our meditation, accepted in His sight

It's all been freely given, a banquet from the Lord.

The meal's prepared and waiting, come feast upon His Word. **Chorus: Take and eat....**

Stay in God's Word, Dennis



Friday and Saturday

February 19 & 20

9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, February 19 and 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days.**

I hope you will make plans to join in the February prayer vigil. 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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Women's Bible Study is each Wednesday in the Fidelis classroom at 6:30pm. All ladies are welcome and social distancing will be observed. For further information, contact Tina Jimmerson.



Northgate's Men's Prayer Breakfast is meeting every Tuesday morning **at 7:30am.** This is a special time for sharing the needs of God's people at Northgate and to pray for our nation. **All men are welcome to join us. Social distancing will be observed.**

FEBRUARY KIDS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

2/7	Janet Cartee and Emily Leopard
2/14	Linda Hardesty and Ann Therrell
2/21	Carole Coker and Peggy Page
2/28	Kelly Hall and Teresa Howard

Contact Tina Jimmerson if you are unable to serve.



WMU will meet on Tuesday, February 23 at 10am in the fellowship hall. Women come join us. See Anne Danciu for further information about WMU.



We share our sympathies with Randy Mott and family on the passing of Randy's father, William "Bill" Mott and with the family of Dot Whitmire, long-time Northgate member, on her passing. Please keep these families in your prayers.



Congratulations to:

Congratulations to Barry & Mandy Agnew on the birth of Gideon Barry Agnew January 11. Gideon weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. The proud grandparents are Barry & Denise Agnew and the proud great-grandmother is Betty Agnew.



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!



CentriKid Camp is

June 14-18, 2021

Every child in grades 3 through 6 who is planning on attending camp must pay a \$60 deposit by February 28, 2021. Space is limited. Make checks payable to Northgate Baptist Church. Please register and give your deposit to Tina Jimmerson.