

# Northgate Baptist Church

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# Northgate

Seek. God. First.



## Thoughts from our Pastor

March is one of my favorite months! March 14, marks one of my favorite days of the year – the day that daylight savings time begins!!! March 20, is the first day of spring! March 28 is Palm Sunday! Hallelujah!

I look forward to spring every year, but especially this year. It seems like we have experienced twelve months of winter, enduring the Covid-19 pandemic. Every year, spring brings the evidence of new life. This year, though, it seems like spring represents an especially new hope. This year we need the additional daylight and the sunshine like never before.

This need for change is just as real spiritually. We need revival and refreshment; and those things come through discipline. Personally, I came to a point in my life in the past year when I had to limit my exposure to television, radio and the internet and **increase** my exposure to God's Word, meditation and prayer. The result was refreshing personal revival, a change from negative and depressive thoughts to a positive attitude. It was like going from winter to spring!

We all need more of Jesus and less "stuff" in our lives. Life gets crowded with unreliable things which, if we aren't careful, can direct our thinking to worldly desires, goals and attitudes. The remedy is discipline. Most of us have determined to follow an exercise plan or a diet or a budget at one time or another in our lives. We quickly learn, any exercise plan or diet or budget that leads to success depends upon discipline. If we are trying to lose weight but go to the buffet for pizza, French fries and ice cream (followed by 32 ounces of sugary soda) and then go sit on the sofa and watch sports, we can't expect success. Of course, miracles do happen, but more often than not, we reap what we sow! Discipline is necessary for success to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

The same is true in our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. For us to grow in our faith discipline is required. We must choose to turn away from unhealthy influences and turn to Christ. And we do that through spiritual discipline. Disciplines like: Bible study and meditation, prayer, fasting, simplicity, solitude, submission and service.

Have you ever noticed the things that are good for us usually require the more difficult path? The easy things are the things that require the least effort – the path of least resistance. But that is before we begin the exercise plan or the diet or the budget – or the journey to a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Christ. Once we've walked five miles a day for a month, adopted a healthier diet or sacrificed spending so that we might be able to give generously beyond the tithe and once we develop a Bible reading plan and a daily prayer time, we cannot imagine living any other way.

Be a good steward of these present hard times and allow God to move you to a healthier place in life. Positive change requires discipline and sacrifice, but the rewards are worth the effort. Don't waste the winter! Embrace it so you can enjoy the spring.

Welcome to March,

# The Gate Post

### Pastoral Staff

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Pastor

Rev. Barry Agnew, Jr.  
Minister of Students  
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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

# M A R C H

Deacons of the Month

John Folk  
Will Hunt

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### ONLINE GIVING

Just go to our website [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.



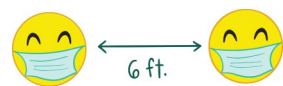
The Season of Prayer for North American Missions Board and the Annie Armstrong offering will be **March 7-14**. The SBC National goal for 2021 is \$70 Million. Northgate has set a goal of \$1,000.

A prayer guide and offering envelope will be inserted in your bulletin on Sunday, March 7. **Pray about what the Lord would have you give to missions.**



TIME IS CHANGING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Move clocks forward 1 hour  
on Saturday evening



THANK YOU  
FOR PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING!

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

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

I have done a lot of things and been a lot of places with students over the years. I have driven over state lines and flown to foreign countries. I have been to concerts, camps, ski retreats, falls retreats, weekend retreats, winter retreats, and every other type of retreat you can think of. At the end of the day, I can say one of the most important events that the student ministry will do in a year is go to youth camp.

When you think of youth camp all sorts of different things may come to mind. Maybe you think of campfires and sing alongs. Maybe you think of alter calls and spiritual renewal. Maybe you think of late night pranks and way too little sleep. In fact, if you thought of any of these things you may have been on or chaperoned a youth trip before. For me I always look forward to youth camp. Yes, I have to prepare myself for the impending lack of sleep. Yes, I look forward to all of the crazy antics and fun. However, at the end of the day, I most look forward to seeing the amazing things that God has in store for our students at camp. Yes, camp is fun but the purpose is to draw students into a deeper relationship with Jesus and in my experience it's one of the most effective tools we have during the year to do just that.

In 2020 our students were very blessed to be able to go to camp even though most churches were not able to. This year, we will be returning to **Snowbird Camp in Andrews, NC from June 21-26. For a full week of camp with all expenses included the full price is \$380 per student.** I would love for you to pray about financially supporting our students this year as we head to camp. Your donation will have a tangible and significant impact on a student's relationship with Christ and may even help a student to come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. **So pray about it. Pray how the Lord might lead you to support the next generation here at Northgate.**



## A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

The Psalms were Israel's inspired songbook. The Psalms, many written by David himself, were meant to be sung. Fifty-six Psalms are dedicated to "the Chief Musician." At least thirteen designate the tunes to which the poetry is set (unfortunately the tunes have been lost). If somehow you were able to turn to the title page, and view the real authors signature, it would certainly be written by God's own hand. We know that the Psalms were meant to be sung (see Ps. 95:2, 105:2), and this is what the church has always done. In Matthew 26:30 it is recorded that with his disciples, Jesus sang a hymn likely from the Passover Psalms (113-118). The New Testament churches continued the practice with the singing of hymns (1 Cor. 14:26). Early Christian monks chanted all of the Psalms every week. In Geneva, John Calvin commissioned musicians to set each Psalm to meter (rhythm). In the mid-1500's, Thomas Cranmer, the Archbishop of Canterbury, a reformation leader, later executed for his faith, wrote the "Book of Common Prayer", in which all the Psalms are sung in the course of a month.

In fact, in **Colossians 3:16 and James 5:13, Christians are instructed to sing Psalms: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord". Can we do any less?**

Excerpted from Rev. Bill Boekstein

In Him Who first loved us. Dennis



Friday and Saturday

March 19-20

9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, March 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 March 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!

Church Office: 864-242-3805  
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## A Message from the Grounds Committee



**Adopt a Post:** We have 12 fence posts in the area above the upper parking lot. We need 12 people to remove 1 post per person. These posts are cemented into the ground. If you would like to adopt a post or have any questions, contact Perry Folk at 864-430-2584.

## MARCH KIDS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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|------|-------------------------------|
| 3/7  | Robby & Tiffany Bannister     |
| 3/14 | Justin Brooks, Taft Jimmerson |
| 3/21 | Sarah Folk, Tina Jimmerson    |
| 3/28 | Janet Cartee, Emily Leopard   |

Contact Tina Jimmerson if you are unable to serve.



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

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We share our sympathies with the family of Willine Littlejohn and Connie McCown and family on the passing of her husband, Jackie. Please keep the Littlejohn and McCown families in your prayers.



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.



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.