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Northgate
Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor



Greetings in the name of our risen Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ!!

Although the past twelve months have been challenging, to say the least, we have hope because the tomb is empty and **our God lives!** We are looking forward to Easter worship together—gathered together, in Northgate’s beautiful sanctuary for a celebration service! We didn’t have that opportunity last Easter, and I am very excited about this year’s Easter worship opportunity. I hope you are as excited as I am.

According to a November 11, 2019, article by Mark Hall on Forbes.com, over the next twenty years Americans will experience the greatest transfer of wealth in history:

Baby Boomers, the generation of people born between 1944 and 1964, are expected to transfer \$30 trillion in wealth to younger generations in the next many years. This jaw-dropping amount has led many journalists and financial experts to refer to the gradual event as the “great wealth transfer.”

Being a business major in college, these kinds of articles have always been interesting to me. Being a follower of Jesus Christ makes them even more interesting. **The greatest transfer of wealth in human history happened on a Friday afternoon in about 30 A.D. on a hill called Calvary just outside of Jerusalem.**

Jesus Christ wrote the check on Friday, and the check cleared the bank on Sunday morning! Hallelujah! Christians are the wealthiest people on earth!

It is impossible for us to grasp the enormous transfer of wealth provided on that Good Friday and confirmed that Resurrection Morning. God simply put it this way in 2 Corinthians 5:21: **For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.** Since there is no way for us to repay this enormous gift, we simply receive it by faith and respond with grateful hearts full of worship. Personal and corporate worship is our response to this gift of God at Easter.

As Paul wrote in Ephesians 2:8-10:

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

While it is always important for us to acknowledge this great and eternal transfer of wealth, there is no better time than Easter. I hope you will make plans to join us at Northgate for Easter worship on April 4.

Blessings in the risen Christ,

The Gate Post

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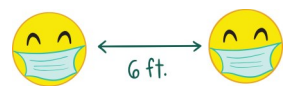
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The church office will be closed in observance of Good Friday on April 2.



Easter is April 4. Invite family, friends, acquaintances and strangers to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus!



THANK YOU

FOR PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING!

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

Deacons of the Month

Will Kirby
Steve Todd
Dean Waters

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

Back in early 2020 when many churches including Northgate moved to online only services there was almost an excitement about watching church online. I remember our first week setting up to lead service with a mostly open room. I had my computer open on the pew watching as person after person joined the live stream on Facebook. I remember excitedly showing Pastor Barry the number of live viewers as it slowly ticked up. Members were interacting in the comments section and genuinely enjoying connecting with each other through in a unique way. However time went on... and quickly the novelty wore off and we all found ourselves longing to worship in person again.

By the Summer of 2020 the climate of the local church in the United States had changed dramatically. Statistics show that one in three people that were plugged into a church at the beginning of 2020 had completely stopped watching or attending church all together by the mid way point of 2020. It's safe to say that the previous year has been rough for everyone, but I also think that it is safe to say that we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

As we continue to move into 2021 we are seeing things begin to change more and more everyday. Every week we see faces that we haven't seen in some time. Every week people are getting out and about more and more. As a church we are doing everything we can to gear up for that change. We are preparing our facilities and adding all sorts of activities and outreach events as we move into the Summer. So our question for you is this. How can you be a part of what God is doing at Northgate? Whether it is volunteering at an event, giving to support our children and youth get to camp, or anything else we just ask that you pray how God can use you at this time. With the world changing I can promise you that God is poised to move. The question is whether or not you are ready to move with Him!



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

"I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today. I know that He is living, whatever men may say."

The song "He Lives" is one of the church's most triumphant Easter songs. Here's how it came to be written:

The year was 1932. Alfred Henry Ackley, Presbyterian pastor, and former musician had been called to a church in California. It was there he began witnessing to a Jewish friend. The friend responded by saying, "Why should I worship a dead Jew?" That question weighed on Alfred's heart as he prepared his Easter Sunday message. Easter Sunday morning, Alfred arose early, flipped on his radio as he shaved, and heard a famous liberal pastor from New York declare "Good morning, it's Easter! You know, folks, it really doesn't make any difference to me if Christ be risen or not. As far as I'm concerned, his body could be as dust in some Palestinian tomb. The main thing is his truth goes marching on!"

Alfred was so incensed he wanted to fling the radio across the room. "It's a lie" he exclaimed, so loudly, that his wife rushed to the bathroom to see what was wrong. That morning and evening he preached with great vigor on the reality of Christ resurrection. However, later that night he was still distressed over his Jewish friend's question and the morning's heretical radio sermon. Alfred's wife suggested that if he wrote a song about it, then maybe he'd feel better. Alfred went to his study, opened the Bible, and reread the resurrection account from Mark's gospel. A thrill ran through him as he penned the lyrics to "He Lives". A few moments later he was at the piano putting music to it, never dreaming it would become one of the church's great Easter hymns.

"He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today. You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!"

Excerpted from "Then Sings my Soul" by Robert J. Morgan

In Him Who first loved us, Dennis



Friday and Saturday

April 16-17

9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, April 16-17 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days.**

I hope you will make plans to join in the April 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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FROM THE FLOWER TEAM

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on a particular Sunday during the year in memory or honor of someone, for a birthday or special event, please contact **Ralley Shirley at 864-268-8649.**



Congratulations to:

Congratulations to Wilson & Makenzie Capparelli on the birth of Emberly Wilson Capparelli, born on March 14. Emberly weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20.5" long. Eloise is the proud sister. Danny & Rhonda Capparelli and Will & Barbara Moore are the proud grandparents.



Matthew 28:6a New King James Version (NKJV)

He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.



WMU will meet on Tuesday, April 27 at 10am in the fellowship hall. Women come join us. See Anne Danciu for further information about WMU.

Thank You notes have been received from:

Marsha Robinson, daughter of Sarah Nell Phillips

APRIL KIDS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

4/4	EASTER
4/11	Linda Hardesty, Ann Therrell
4/18	Carole Coker, Peggy Page
4/25	Kelly Hall, Teresa Howard

Contact Tina Jimmerson if you are unable to serve.

The Seek. God. First. emphasis ends March 31, 2021. Thank you very much for your faithful giving to the Lord for His church at Northgate. The renovation fund will remain open should anyone desire to give, as more renovating is needed. A summary of the emphasis will be provided in April.



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