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Seek. God. First.



Thoughts from our Pastor

The past year has been a strange year in my life. Our lives. Who among the living has ever lived through a pandemic? Who could have predicted 2020? Covid-19 has made life different to say the least and difficult for most. But when we look at the Bible, we find that God likes it when things get difficult.

When God's servant, Joseph, was thrown into prison for a crime he didn't commit, God used those circumstances to bring glory to Himself, success for Joseph and salvation for Israel.

When God parted the Red Sea for the exodus of His people from slavery in Egypt, He brought glory to Himself and put the world on notice that the God of Israel is LORD!

When David defeated Goliath, God made His own name great and provided a path for David to be king.

When Elijah faced the prophets of Baal and Asherah on Mount Carmel, God brought glory to Himself, astonished everyone, and clearly established Elijah as THE PROPHET.

When Elisha's servant lost his borrowed axe head in the lake, God made the axe head float so He might receive glory and Elisha might receive credibility.

When the Assyrians threatened Jerusalem, God sent an angel to kill 185,000 Assyrians in one night and deliver Judah from destruction that the world might know that the Lord is God.

When Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown into the fiery furnace, God joined them, delivered them, and made worshippers from their enemies.

When Jesus died on Calvary's cross, was buried in a borrowed tomb and is forever resurrected, He brought glory to Himself and salvation to whosoever that believes in Him.

When God reestablished the nation of Israel in 1948 and has defended her since, the world is amazed at His divine provision for that nation.

When God's church at Northgate voted to renovate her facilities and pledged to give more than \$780,000 to fund the project, God gave \$930,000 in the midst of a world-wide pandemic that His church might be renovated without debt (look for a letter soon for more about this)!

Hebrews 13:8 - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Jesus Christ is Lord, He is on His throne and He is not finished with His work. He loves to make a way where there is no way.

I will follow Him. Will you?

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ONLINE GIVING

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.

HAPPY Mother's Day
On **Sunday, May 9** we honor our mothers. Again this year, Northgate will make a donation to Shepherd's Gate in honor of all of our mothers.

NORTHGATE BAPTIST

BASKETBALL CAMP

June 7-11, 2021



Northgate Basketball Camp is on this year! Coach Charles Wimphrie will be leading this camp that focuses on basketball fundamentals and spiritual growth. The camp meets daily June 7-11 from 8am-12pm. The camp is open to boys and girls in 1st through 9th grade. Kids will be placed in groups according to age and skill level for drills, practice, and scrimmages. The cost is \$80 for reservations before May 23 and \$100 after May 23. Brochures are in the vestibule and throughout the church.



The church office will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of **Memorial Day.**

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

I've always made the joke that my whole life is just a series of events where I find myself saying "if I can just get through this week things should slow down." Here's the catch. It never does. I always find myself saying the same thing over and over again week after week and year after year. It really is amazing how easy it is to get busy and stay busy.

When Covid first entered the scene however the world seemed to slow down. While it certainly didn't calm down it did slow down in many ways. However things are changing quickly. Here as we move into the Summer things are going to get really busy really quickly here at Northgate. We're working furiously to prepare for things like basketball camp, children's camp, youth camp, mission's activities in our community, and much much more. As the world and the community are becoming more and more accessible again we are working hard to hit the ground running.

So what does this mean for you? Well there are two things you can do right now. First off you can pray for us. While we are excited to be busy again we don't want it to simply be busy for the sake of busyness. Pray that God would do a mighty work through the upcoming activities and ministries here at Northgate. Second off, ask the Lord how YOU can be involved in what He is doing here at Northgate. Covid made it easy for many of us to slip into the background, but let's not forget that God created us all uniquely with unique talents and abilities to serve His church. There are plenty of opportunities to serve here at Northgate and with your help we know God is poised to do big things here as we continue on in 2021!



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

THE PERFECT DAY TO WORSHIP—If someone asks you the question, "How was your worship this week?", doesn't your mind automatically run back to Sunday? Perhaps it's time we rethink worship.

Keith Green, born in October 1953, was a musical genius. By the age of 11, he had written 40 original songs, and signed a five-year contract with Decca records, becoming the youngest person to ever sign with ASCAP.

In 1975 Keith and his wife, both from Jewish backgrounds, met Jesus as their Messiah. Keith's songs, and penetrating lyrics were to become a key fixture in the 1970's Jesus Movement. Tragically in 1982, Keith died in an airplane accident at the age of 28.

One of Keith's most powerful songs, "To Obey is Better Than Sacrifice" is based, of course, on those very words from 1 Samuel 15:22. Look at these lyrics:

"To obey is better than sacrifice,

I want more than Sunday and Wednesday nights
Cause if you can't come to Me every day,

Then don't bother coming at all"

Pow! Read it again, this time aloud.

Author, A. W. Tozer puts it like this. "If you do not worship God seven days a week, you do not worship him on one day a week. There is no such thing known in heaven as Sunday worship unless it is accompanied by Monday worship and Tuesday worship and so on". Think about it!

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship" is a song we sometimes open our song service with. What do you say, we let those seven words be in our heart, every day? Indeed, every moment of every day.

In Him Who first loved us,

Dennis



Friday and Saturday

May 21 & 22

9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, May 21 & 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days.**

I hope you will make plans to join in the May 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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Thank You notes have been received from:

Skyline Baptist Church



We share our sympathies with

We share our sympathies with Tom Simon and family. Tom's mother, Chris Bowden, who was 101 years old, passed away and Josh Capps grandmother passed away.

Please keep the Capps and Simon families in your prayers.



The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be Sunday, May 23.

NO fellowship meal.

No Kids Worship on May 23.



Congratulations to:

Josh & Taylor Capps on the birth of Carlee Jewell Capps on April 8. Carlee weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19.5" long. Walker and Hampton are the proud brothers.



WMU will meet on Tuesday, May 25 at 10am in the fellowship hall. Women come join us. See Anne Danciu for further information about WMU.

Mother/Daughter Paint Night



Saturday, May 1 from 6pm-8pm

Details coming soon. Contact Debbie Hudson at 864-630-4938 if you have any questions.

MAY KIDS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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| 5/2 | Sarah Folk, Laurel Shaler |
| 5/9 | Mother's Day |
| 5/16 | Robby & Tiffany Bannister |
| 5/23 | The Lord's Supper |
| 5/30 | Janet Cartee, Emily Leopard |

Contact Tina Jimmerson if you are unable to serve.



First, I would like to thank all of our volunteers that serve to teach kids about the love of Jesus.

I learned how critical children's ministry is by taking a look at statistics. We call it the 4-14 Window. 85% of all who will ever receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord will make that decision between the ages of 4 and 14.

The average time a child will spend in church is forty hours per year! The exciting news is that if a child attends a Christian camp for one week, that time is doubled. This summer (June 14-18) our children will have the opportunity to be immersed in Christ for five consecutive days!! We have eight children signed-up for CentriKid Camp on the campus of Gardner Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC. Will you pray about investing in a child's life by making a contribution to offset the cost for this camp? The cost is \$300 per child. Any amount you can give for this effort will help.

Thank you for giving to the Lord so a child might come to Christ and grow in his or her faith.

Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 5 at 6:30pm