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Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor



In church, summer means “busy,” and summer begins in June! As we begin to busy ourselves with summer plans, we need to be aware of the pitfalls this may bring.

The Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, wrote: “The only constant in life is change.” As much as many of us hate to admit, change is something we must manage. But change for the sake of change can be one of those pitfalls. Busyness is another potential pitfall. Though some of us feel comfortable being in the *business of busyness, doing so only for the sake of staying busy can be a lazy approach to life. And that’s a mistake.*

Summertime creates many opportunities for busyness, so we must be careful that we don’t fall into the trap of the business of busyness. Whether it is a church camp, a conference, or a vacation, we must always be aware of what God is doing around us. For example, we don’t have camp because that is what we do in the summer. We have camp to meet God through Christ or to grow deeper in our relationship with Him.

Sometimes we inadvertently reveal our attitudes by the language we use. Sometimes we use the word “must” when the word “can” is a better choice:

- It’s not that we must attend Sunday School. The blessing is we can.
- It’s not that we must read the Bible and pray. The blessing is we can.
- It’s not that we must attend corporate worship. The blessing is we can.

The difference between “must” and “can” is attitude.

There are many things we cannot choose in life, such as when and where we were born! But there are also many things we can choose in life, such as a positive, helpful and encouraging attitude. Whether we see the glass half empty or half full is often reflective of our attitude toward life. We have been redeemed by the shed blood of the Lord Jesus to be optimistic, not pessimistic.

It is difficult to engage the unsaved and unchurched with a pessimistic attitude. Further, Christians are not saved to be reactive toward our culture with the gospel but proactive. Christians in the Free Church are blessed with access. We have access to the gospel, access to the Bible, access to the church, access to corporate worship. We are blessed with access and plenty of it! Conversely, we must be disciplined to abstain from access to sin. Our freedom comes with a price. That price is responsibility. Being responsible stewards of our lives in the Lord is imperative.

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Deacons of the Month

John Folk
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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.



Come join us as we honor our Fathers on Sunday, June 20. Northgate will make a donation to Miracle Hill's Overcomers program for men.

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 \$100 for the camp. Brochures are in the vestibule and throughout the church.

Deacon Ministry

Please pray for our Deacons. Nominations will be received June 6 - June 13. Forms will be available in the June 6th bulletin.

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As we enter summer, let's do so with positive attitudes. Let's look at life not through the lens of obligation but opportunity. It's not that we must live for Christ, but that we can. Remember: A redeemed moment is a terrible thing to waste.

The Bible is full of examples of opportunity that reflect attitude:

- "So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him." (Mt. 26:16)
- "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Gal. 6:10)
- "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Eph. 5:15-16)

Like the preacher says, "Life is time, and time is life." Make the most of it for Christ!

Happy Summer,



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

I've been working on this Gate Post article for a couple of days. My subject was "God's prescription for worry and anxiety." While that's still a worthy topic, and one we'll likely get back to, God has moved my heart in a different direction.

If you're like me, you long to see God move, and not just in a small, ordinary ways, but in a powerful outpouring, so big that no one can deny it was anything but God. I picture it happening in Northgate's Sunday morning worship service as we're lifting our praises to Almighty God and seeking His presence. It's that longing to see Him move that compelled me to spend Saturday's prayer time in Northgate's sanctuary. It was a blessed time. I look forward to what God has in store for Northgate. Will you join me in seeking God's face? See Psalm 27:8.

There is a link between my article in this month's Gatepost and a couple to follow. I've been looking into the relationship between fear, faith, trust, worry, obedience, sacrifice, and seeing God's response. So, here's a little homework: Take out a piece of paper. In Psalm 37 there are several instructions/imperatives provided to the reader, with results that will occur when those instructions are followed. The whole book is quite rich, and you'll be blessed by reading it all, but for this exercise, read at least for the first 8 verses of chapter 37 and write down each of the instructions given, and each of the results. Also, you'll want to at least add verse 34 to the assignment.

And for those who want extra credit, let's also repeat this exercise for Proverbs 3: 5-8.

In Him Who first loves us,

Dennis



Psalm 37:5, NRSV



Friday and Saturday

June 18 & 19

9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, June 18 & 19 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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Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 6



If you or your student will be graduating (high school, college, or another academic program) and would like to participate in the recognition service, contact phone the church office at 864-242-3805. **Congratulations to all of our graduates!**



We share our sympathies with

We share our sympathies with Lou Jean Barker on the passing of her brother, Mark Trowbridge; the Jack & Patti Nance family.

Please continue to pray for these families.



Pray for **Basketball Camp** and all of the children attending and the coaches; our children and volunteers going to **CentriKid Camp** and for our youth and volunteers going to **Youth Camp**. These are very special times for our children and youth. Pray for their protection and the Lord's work in their lives.



WMU will meet on Tuesday, June 22 at 10am in the fellowship hall. Women come join us. See Anne Danciu for further information about WMU.

MAY KIDS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

- 6/6 Justin Brooks, Taft Jimmerson
- 6/13 Sarah Folk, Laurel Shaler
- 6/20 Father's Day
- 6/27 Janet Cartee, Emily Leopard

Contact Tina Jimmerson if you are unable to serve.



It has been a difficult journey for the church to reopen and get back to a new normal. But praise the Lord, we are getting to see more of our church families each week. I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who have helped in the children's area. We could not do it without you. **Also, I would like to thank everyone who has given funds for our kids to go to CentriKid camp. God is good! Thank you all!**

Tina Jimmerson
Interim Minister of Children and their families



Preschool Volunteers needed for Wednesday nights and Sundays. This is an urgent need. Please contact the

church office or Barry Agnew, Jr. if you would like to serve. All volunteers must be 18 years or older, have been a member for 6 months and must complete a background check.