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Northgate

Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor



One of my favorite verses from the Proverbs is 16:9 – “A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.” That verse speaks to the sovereignty of God. It certainly speaks to the individual; but it also applies to a church or even a nation.

It is wise to plan. Jesus taught us to plan. We are called to count the costs before we embark on a journey – even the journey of discipleship. We are not saved to live haphazardly. Jesus said in Luke 14:31-33:

Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

Careful consideration is important for fruitful ministry. But...“A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.” God is sovereign over all things. He is sovereign over all people, all nations and all churches. We are called to plan, but Christ is Lord over our plans!

At this point in the summer, we would typically be preparing for summer fun at VBS. This summer, however, the Lord has a different plan for Northgate. Instead of a traditional VBS at Northgate this summer, we are going to have a Bible Club in our neighborhood, at Holmes Park. We simply want to engage our community with the love and fellowship of the Gospel of Jesus Christ so our neighbors might know that God loves them and so do we. I know you will want to take part in this ministry opportunity. **Let Laurel Shaler, me or Barry Agnew, Jr. know how you would like to help.**

2021 Northgate Bible Club
July 18-22, 6pm-8pm
@ Holmes Park
315 Twin Lake Rd.

We are also planning to begin AWANA for preschoolers and children in September 2021. AWANA is an acronym for “Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed.” Its Scriptural basis is 2 Timothy 2:15 – “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” I invite you to go to the AWANA website (<https://www.awana.org/about/>) to learn more about this ministry, its mission and curriculum. Look for more information about AWANA in the coming weeks.

Please be in prayer for the ministries of God’s church at Northgate. Our one desire is to **Seek. God. First.** More than anything we want to bring honor and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ. We are prayerfully planning our way while trusting that God will direct our steps.

Blessings in the Mighty Name of Jesus Christ!

The Gate Post

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Online Giving 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.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It’s never too early to start filling boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We are getting a head start on the boxes this year. There are boxes in the church, so please pick up one or two and begin filling them. You can return your filled box to the church anytime. If you have any questions, see Linda Hardesty or Ann Therrell. Have a blessed summer.



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.



The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

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

The month of June has been pretty crazy, but pretty amazing. Here at Northgate we went from Basketball Camp, to Children's Camp, to Youth Camp all in a three week span. As tiring as the busyness can be there is just no substitute to seeing God work!

Most recently our teen returned from a week at Snowbird Youth Camp in Andrews North Carolina and I just have to say that God works differently than we do. There's certainly no doubt about that. Mid way through the week I had the joy of having one of our buses go down. This particular night the camp was having some split male and female services and I was getting ready to pick up all of the ladies around 9:30pm to bring them back to camp when I realized that the bus wasn't going to be drivable. Perfect timing right? I quickly arranged for another ride for the students and began work on the bus problem so I could make sure we had a working bus to get home at the end of the week. I was so preoccupied with the bus that I missed the small group time that evening and really didn't think about much else until the next day. The next morning at breakfast I finally had an opportunity to talk to the students about the previous day, and guess what? God was working. While I was consumed with a mechanical problem God was work on spiritual problems. As the day went on I heard multiple testimonies from the students about how God had moved in their lives on that specific day.

Circumstances mean nothing for God. In what I thought was a bad situation God was working for His glory the whole time! With that said I can't thank everyone enough who helped get our students to camp this year. Your obedience played a pivotal role is God working in the lives of our young people and I am beyond excited to see what He has in store for us next! Oh and in case you were wondering we got the bus fixed and got home on time with no problems. **God really is good!**



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

God's Prescription for Fear

We've all experienced fear and anxiety. Perhaps it's waking up in the middle of the night, worrying about finances, kids, Covid, or any number of other things. Fear and anxiety are nothing new. In the Bible, the words "fear", "anxious" and "anxiety" occur 480 times. Turns out, fear is a big deal in the Bible, and it's there that we find God's remedy.

Here's something you need to know. Fear and faith are mortal enemies. The one you feed is the one that's going to win the battle. Faith is not something that can be conjured up by closing your eyes, clicking your heels together 3 times, and wishing hard for. Romans 10:17 teaches that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. As Pastor Jimmerson has repeatedly stated, it's critical that we be in God's Word. It's there that God speaks and tells us to "fear not", that He has not given us a spirit of fear", and even that His perfect love drives out fear. It's there we learn how to grow from being mighty worriers into Mighty Warriors.

In Him Who first loved us, Dennis



Friday and Saturday

July 16 & 17

9am-9pm each day

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

I hope you will make plans to join in the July prayer vigil. **Our prayer emphasis this month will be for the Northgate Bible Club at Holmes Park.** 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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Save the Date! Northgate Bible Club at Holmes Park will be held July 18-22 from

6-8pm nightly. Come enjoy games, music, crafts, Bible stories, and more!

Please contact Laurel Shaler if you would like to help.



The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be Sunday, July 11.

The pastor and deacons have decided to conduct the ordinance in much the same way as we have in the past. The balcony will be closed. Some of the pews will be unavailable for seating. The deacons will serve the elements to the congregants in their seats as we have in the past.

There will be no Kids Worship on July 11.



The kids had a GREAT time at CentriKid camp. Thank you for your prayers and financial gifts to make CentriKid Camp happen in 2021!! God moved in a mighty way in the lives of children (and adults).

As you know Northgate is not having VBS this year, instead we are using the 2020 VBS material to minister to families at Holmes Park (315 Twin Lake Road, Greenville, 29609). This is a great opportunity to engage families in our community. **The Northgate Bible Club at Holmes Park will meet nightly July 18-22 from 6:00-8:00pm.**

Further, in September, we will begin AWANA at Northgate. Check out the AWANA website (<https://www.awana.org/about/>). This is a great program for our kids and their families and will provide many opportunities for us to minister to our church and community. Would you please pray about how God would work through you to reach and disciple children and their families at Northgate?

Tina Jimmerson

Interim Minister of Children and their families

JULY KIDS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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| 7/4 | Linda Hardesty, Ann Therrell |
| 7/11 | Lord's Supper |
| 7/18 | Kelly Hall, Teresa Howard |
| 7/25 | Robby & Tiffany Bannister |

Contact Tina Jimmerson if you are unable to serve.



Church Lunch Outing July 13 at the Brick Street Café at 11:15am.

The buses will leave the church at 10:45am and return about 1:15pm. Call or text Carole Coker at 864-320-2263 or email bryantcoker315@gmail.com for reservations. **Everyone is invited.**

**Leadership Council—Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall
Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, July 28 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary**