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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.



The Week of Prayer for Northgate is August 22-29, 2021. Special Prayer Guides will be available in your bulletin on Sunday, August 22.

Northgate Discovery Class

Discovery Class will be held on Sunday, August 8, 15 and 22 at 9:30am in Room 209. New members must take the class to complete membership and guests can attend to become more acquainted with Northgate.

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Mr. Dennis Page
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Mrs. Beth Todd
Interim Minister of
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Mrs. Tina Jimmerson
Interim Minister of
Children and their families

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Deacons of the Month
Barry Agnew, Sr.
Walt Green

Northgate

Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor

"Who do you admire and why?"

My wife asked me this question the other day. As I pondered my answer, I realized that this was a question with many possible answers depending upon the qualifications and values behind the question. As usual, I was overthinking! I made an attempt to qualify her question with: "What do you mean by admire?"



That was an exercise in futility, and she just repeated the question: "Who do you admire?"

I named several people that I admired for different reasons. Some had great perseverance through very difficult circumstances, but then my own answer didn't satisfy me! So, ultimately, my answer was the classic Christian cop-out - "Jesus Christ." Of course I admire Jesus. That goes without saying!

This great question forced me to wrestle with values, convictions, purpose, morality, tenacity and, most importantly, faith. Since we're all eternal beings with eternal significance, a person that I admire must be a person with a very strong and personal faith in Jesus Christ and His Word. After all, at the end of time, at the culmination of the Kingdom of God, the only thing that will matter is that we are in His Kingdom. And the person that I admire will have had a great influence upon many people to lead them to the Kingdom of God - to lead them to personal faith in Jesus and a deeper walk with Him. At the end of time, all that will matter is Jesus Christ, how we relate to Him, and what we did for His Kingdom.

Tina's question has become my question! So I started making my own qualifications. I changed the question to: "Who do you admire that you know or knew personally?" That is when Tina's question became personally convicting.

I pondered the question, "Who do I admire that I know personally AND has had a significant impact upon the Kingdom of God?" At the same time, I began to ask myself, "Has my faith and life made an impact upon anyone for the cause of Christ?"

So, now my question becomes deeper, a three-parter:

- Who do I admire that I personally know or knew AND has had a significant impact upon the Kingdom of God?
- Who has had a deep impact upon my faith in Christ?
- Who, that I have personally known, has been a sold-out servant for the Lord Jesus and has also impacted and influenced my spiritual formation in Christ?

Larry Moyers, Wayne McDill, Rhoda Lawrence, and Marvin Lollis are just a few of the many people God used in my life in significant ways to strengthen my faith either through intentional mentoring or just setting the example by watching them do life. But, ultimately, to answer Tina's initial question, "Who do you admire?" After filtering through all of my personal qualifications: **I admire Tina Jimmerson! She is the strongest Christian I have ever personally known.**

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I challenge you to answer Tina's question (with or without my qualifications): "Who do you admire and why?" But ultimately, the question for us that will matter for eternity is: "Who have we personally influenced or will influence for the cause of Jesus Christ?" Determine to be a Christian mentor to at least one person. After all, disciples of Christ make disciples of Christ and they do it by exalting Jesus, edifying His church and allowing Christ to fulfill His great commission (Matthew 28:19) through us.

Blessings in the name of Jesus!

Barry

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

James 1:22 says "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not just hearers who deceive themselves." For many of us this is a very familiar passage and for many of us it has convicted us in some way, shape, or form in our lives. Well in the month of July we an opportunity for many of our members to prove themselves faithful doers of God's word.

You see, many Christians talk a lot about the younger generation, and a lot of it probably isn't very positive. We also talk about how we want to reach young families here at Northgate. At our Northgate Bible Club at Holmes Park we had the opportunity to do something about both of these things. It's such a blessing to see the members of God's church faithfully serving to reach and engage the next generation with the gospel. I loved watching Dennis and Peggy Page leading energetic and purposeful worship. Watching the kids soak up the scripture during the lesson time with Laurel Shaler was always edifying and fruitful. Seeing the excitement in children of all ages as they put the finishing touches on their crafts with Robby and Tiffany Bannister is always a joy. I was personally able to grow myself listening to testimonies from a teen, a new believer, and longtime believers alike. We also had faithful "minglers" like Debbie Hudson, Carole Coker, and others who consistently and intentionally engaged with guests and community members. Many others helped plan, prepare, set up, tear down, and much more.

Events like this take a lot of effort and we want to thank all of YOU who were involved. You put actions to your words and made the decision to be doers of the word with the children and families in our community. We pray that God continues to use his church in ministries like this. **To God be the glory!**



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

Your mouth is a heart monitor.

Psalm 95: 1-2 "Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!"

God's people are singers. God wants us to sing. Sometimes we may view our praise and worship time as a warm-up act for the rest of the rest of the service. Nothing could be further from the truth. God delights in hearing your singing, and in the praises of His people. In Psalm 95, and in dozens of other verses throughout the Psalms we are instructed to sing praises to our God.

Now, about that heart monitor. Luke 6:45 tells us that "out of the abundance of our heart, our mouth speaks". It's only natural that a believer with a heart is full of praise and thanksgiving will let it overflow to God. Your words reflect what's in your heart!

The song, "I Love You, Lord", I believe, properly expresses how we might approach God with our singing. We'll be singing this song corporately in worship real soon, but why wait. Join with me. "I Love You Lord, and I lift my voice, to worship you; Oh, my soul rejoice! Take joy my King, in what You hear; May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear." So, friend, how's your heart?

Special thanks to our son, John, who supplied much of the material used in this article. John is on the sermon prep team for Journey Church, Lebanon, TN.



Friday and Saturday
August 20 & 21
9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, August 20 & 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days.**

I hope you will make plans to join in the August 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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2021-2022 Deacon Election - The Deacon Selection Committee recommends the following five men to serve a three year term as deacon: Don Calvert, Ted Garner, David McClure, Nick Shaler and Tom Simon. All five of these men have been ordained at Northgate and have served previously as deacon at Northgate. **At the conclusion of the worship service on August 8**, the Deacon Selection Committee will make the motion that these five men be elected by acclamation.



We share our sympathies with: Beth and Shannon Humphries on the passing of their father, Doug Humphries. Please remember the Humphries family in your prayers.



Congratulations to: Justin & Kate Few on the birth of their daughter, **Augusta Monroe Few**. Augusta weighed 5 lbs. 6.1 ozs. And was 18-1/2" long. Fowler is the proud brother and David & Susan McClure are the proud grandparents.



We had a great time at Holmes Park Bible Club. Thanks to all who helped share the love of Jesus with the families

that were present. We have some exciting activities coming up for August.

August "Awesome" Wednesdays

6:30pm-7:30pm

Aug 4th Water Night- slip & slide
(for kids and preschoolers- bring a towel)

Aug 11th Movie Night- Popcorn & Movie
(bring something comfortable to sit on)

Aug 18th Twin Game Night- eat pizza & dress up like your bestie and play games

Aug 25th Mission Night - Missions and a project

Starting Wednesday, September 1, 2021

6:30-7:30pm



Tina Jimmerson
Interim Minister of Children and their families

AUGUST KIDS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

- 8/1 Justin Brooks, Taft Jimmerson
- 8/8 Sarah Folk, Laurel Shaler
- 8/15 Janet Cartee, Emily Leopard
- 8/22 Linda Hardesty, Ann Therrell
- 8/29 Carole Coker, Peggy Page

Contact Tina Jimmerson if you are unable to serve.