

Northgate Baptist Church

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Northgate

Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor



According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, a *disciple* is: "one who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another." Jesus Christ commanded us to go and make disciples for Him. **Matthew 28:19-20** – "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

As we begin a new church year on September 1, let's be mindful of Northgate's mission: "To glorify God by equipping its members to be actively involved in the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ." That is simply another way of saying that we are called and commanded to actively make disciples who make disciples for Christ. As our vision statement reads pertaining to the ministry function of the church: "While we value people of all ages and life circumstances, we have identified youth, children and preschool ministry as being of paramount importance for the future of the church."

We are excited to begin AWANA as our Wednesday night kid's curriculum at Northgate. AWANA provides excellent discipleship curriculum and will help us achieve the mission and vision of God's church at Northgate.

I want to be a disciple who makes disciples for Jesus Christ. I know you do too.

Blessings, *Barry*



Northgate is beginning a new journey starting in September! On **September 1st**, and every following Wednesday from **6:15 - 7:30**, we are experiencing **AWANA** (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed.)! AWANA is a curriculum that promotes the

living out of 2 Timothy 2:15: "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." AWANA Clubs accomplish this by immersing kids in God's Word through personal reading, studying, memorizing, reflection upon, and reciting of God's Word by using active, age appropriate learning! Our desire is to see kids, leaders, and families come to know, love and serve Jesus Christ.



We will begin with serving 3 year old preschoolers through 5th grade. Our AWANA clubs include the following: Cubbies (3-5 years old), Sparks (First through Second grade) and Truth and Training (3rd through 5th grade)



We are excited to nurture, encourage and develop our children's knowledge of God and their faith in Him. **Come and join us in our journey!**

The Gate Post

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Minister of Students
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Mr. Dennis Page
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Mrs. Beth Todd
Interim Minister of
Preschoolers and their Families

Mrs. Tina Jimmerson
Interim Minister of
Children and their families

S E P T E M B E R

Deacons of the Month
Barry Agnew, Sr.
Don Calvert
Will Kirby

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be Sunday, September 26.

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 September 26.

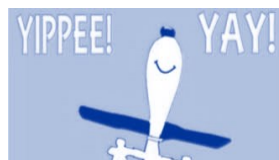


OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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 church office will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.



PLANNING PACKETS

Planning packets are ready!!

They are located at the bottom of the stairs near the Sunday School office and should be returned there when completed. The packets must be completed and returned by **Sunday, October 10.**

Your Cluster Leader can assist you with your packet if you have any questions about completing it for 2022.

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

Have you ever felt like life can get monotonous? Every once in a while it can be nice to shake things up a little bit. Maybe a change in the schedule. Maybe it's just trying a new dish at your favorite restaurant. Maybe it's something bigger. However sometimes things change too much. Sometimes our routines and schedules can get thrown so far off track that we miss normal. Right now for many of us this is DEFINITELY one of those times. Many of us miss the normal routine. We miss the normal activities but the craziness that has been 2020 and 2021 so far has thrown all of us for a loop.

Well the good news is that while our world is far from our idea of "normal" the Lord has blessed us to be back to many of our normal activities. As we move into the 2021-22 school year it excites me to see so many activities taking place in our children and youth ministries. From AWANA to Released Time, from slip and slides to late night youth events we have our schedule packed out and we are prepared for God to move! As we move into these activities I want to invite you to pray with us in several ways...

1. Pray for God's protection. Pray that God would keep our leaders and students/children safe so that we can continue to effectively minister to these young people and their families.
2. Pray that God would bring children, youth, and their families. We encourage our people to continue to be faithful in inviting the lost and unchurched and to pray that they respond.
3. Pray that God would work supernaturally in the lives of the young people that He draws to Northgate. We know God wants to work and we just pray in faith that He will do something special for His glory!



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! (at least, that is, if you're a choir member). This December our choir will be sharing the beautiful musical "Noel! Born is the King", created by the Dove Award-winning team Dennis and Nan Allen.

"Noel! Born is the King", is a Christ-honoring musical, featuring beautiful, rich choral music, professional background orchestration, and lots of familiar Christmas Carols. This musical is almost the full package. The only thing it's missing is you! You are cordially invited to join our choir as we begin our Christmas musical preparations! Even if you can't commit to full choir membership at this time, you can join us as a "seasonal temp" (think Walmart). I'll even provide you with a listening CD to take home.

Now, listen carefully: There are only two requirements necessary for you to sing with us. First and foremost, you must love the Lord. Secondly, you must love music. Let me assure you, there are no prima donnas in our choir, you'll feel right at home. Practices are Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact me at 912-660-8029 or email me at dennis@twitchtech.com. I look forward to hearing from you soon!



Friday and Saturday
September 17 & 18
9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, September 17 & 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days.**

I hope you will make plans to join in the September 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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ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, October 4

4:00-8:30pm

See Judy Rothfuss or
call her at 864-483-0709.



Pie & Scrappy Owl Night women's fellowship, Sunday, October 3 at 4pm in the fellowship hall. RSVP to Debbie Hudson at 864-630-4938 by 9/25/2021. A limited number of Scrappy Owls available, so don't delay. All are welcome for pie.



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.**



The Season of Prayer for State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering is September 12-19. The **State goal is \$1,750,000 and Northgate's Goal is \$2,000.** Prayer guides and envelopes will be in the vestibule. Help us reach our goal for State Missions.

WMU will be meeting in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, September 28. Candy Garren will be our special speaker. Bring a salad to share for lunch. All ladies are invited.



The Joy Club is Back!!

October 18 at 11am we will welcome Mimi Keener. She will share poetry from "Pearls of Wisdom." Come join us for this time of great food and fellowship. Contact **Judy Rothfuss** at 483-0709 to let her know you will be coming. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, October 13.



Northgate's Men's Prayer Breakfast is meeting every Tuesday morning **at 7:30am.** This is a special time for sharing the needs of God's people at Northgate and to pray for our nation. **All men are welcome to join us.**

SEPTEMBER KIDS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

- 9/5 Kelly Hall, Teresa Howard
- 9/12 Sarah Folk, Laurel Shaler
- 9/19 Linda Hardesty, Ann Therrell
- 9/26 **Lord's Supper**

If you are unable to serve, please ask one of the other volunteers and contact the church office.

Promotion for Sunday School is Sunday, September 5

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