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Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor

Have you ever wondered what you were born to do? Do you have a destiny? A purpose in life? Can we know the answer to those questions?



The answer is, "Yes!" God has a purpose and a plan for our lives. Several verses of Scripture support this truth:

- ✠ *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)*
- ✠ *For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers. (Acts 13:36)*
- ✠ *For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. (Colossians 1:16)*

God has a plan, and we are part of it!

At the beginning of the French and Indian War, on 9 July 1755 near present day Pittsburgh, British troops under Major General Edward Braddock fought against a combination of French and Indian forces for control of Fort Duquesne. History books refer to this as the Battle of the Monongahela.

On that day, the British outnumbered their enemy by a margin of about 1,300 to 900, yet they suffered mightily, incurring more than 1,000 casualties and over 450 killed, including General Braddock himself. In fact, the loss was so thorough, so complete, that "Braddock's Folly," as it came to be known, has been studied throughout the years as an example of *how not to conduct a battle*.

Also of interest are some of the famous individuals on the British side, among them Daniel Boone, Daniel Morgan, Horatio Gates and Thomas Gage. Following the chaotic retreat, the highest ranking surviving British officer was 23-year-old Colonel George Washington, and even he did not escape unscathed, having two horses shot from beneath him and four musket balls penetrate his coat and hat. After returning to safety in Virginia, the young colonel famously told a friend, "Providence has saved me for something larger."

George Washington was certainly correct! God indeed had something important for him to do in his future. That same truth holds for you and for me. God has plans for our lives. Plans that we come to know through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. The saying, "I don't know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future" is absolutely correct!

My prayer is that we will seek to be obedient to the Lord in all things. As we saw in our study of the life and ministry of Elijah, God doesn't always speak through strong winds, earthquakes and fires. Sometimes He speaks through a "still small voice." We need a daily quiet time with the Lord.

Let's trust our future to the Lord by obeying Him today.

I'm praying you have a great October!!

Barry

The Gate Post

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



PLANNING PACKETS

Planning packets should 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 copy of the last packet is in the church office. Contact Tina if you would like a copy.



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.

October is Minister Appreciation Month

Please pray for our Northgate Ministers: Barry, Barry, Jr., Dennis, Beth and Tina. Let them know how much you appreciate their ministry in God's church at Northgate.



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Children and their families

OCTOBER

Deacons of the Month

John Folk
Nick Shaler

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

Most Friday nights in the Fall I head up to the church around 8:00pm. I set out food and drinks, roll out a few tables, pump up some basketballs, and set up some music. Around 9:00pm students begin to show up. For the next three hours more students and some parents will trickle in as high school football games begin to draw to a close. During these three hours our volunteers and myself will undoubtedly see new faces and continue relationships with new students who we have only seen once or twice. As midnight draws closer, we will begin to clean up as students begin to head home one by one. Most of these nights my head hits the pillow sometime after 1:00am all to get ready to do it again in a week or two.

While 5th Quarter is a youth event, it is more specifically a youth outreach event. We don't just prepare for the Northgate youth group, we prepare for our students and all of the lost, unchurched, and non Northgate students that will show up. Our volunteers sacrifice to stay up way past all of our bedtimes to meet students on their time and in their way to faithfully be able to love them with the love of Christ and engage them with the gospel of peace.

5th Quarter is an event that built and structured with expectancy. We expect for visitors to show up, we plan for it, we pray for it, and God responds. Sometimes in church we don't expect for God to move. We don't expect for lost and unchurched visitors to darken the doors of the church. I pray that here at Northgate we would be a church that lives on mission with prayerful expectation. **Pray for God to move, and believe that He will, and I promise we will get to see Him do something special here at His church at Northgate!**



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

Last week I had the privilege of attending the Getty's 2021 Sing Global conference. It was an amazing experience, singing and worshipping with believers filling Nashville's Bridgestone arena. Well-known artists such as Travis Cotrell, and Chris Tomlin, took the stage, not to sing their "popular songs" but to lead the thousands of attendees in the singing of hymns, both old and new.

We should all be grateful for the direction Christian music is heading, moving from songs about "what God has done for me", to songs that expose the deep truths of who God is, His love for us, and the great price He paid so that we might experience true communion with Him, and enjoy His presence.

The conference also included several messages. The following was "borrowed" from a message by John Piper:

The lyrics to the song "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" were written a thousand years ago, by Bernard of Clairvaux. The last verse reads:

*"What language shall I borrow, to thank Thee dearest friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow, and pity without end.
O make us Thine forever, And should we fainting be,
Lord, let us never, never, outlive our love for thee".*

What language shall I borrow? One answer to his question, that God gave in His Word, and the church has given for thousands of years, is the language of music. The realities of the Christian faith are so glorious, so great, so beautiful, so valuable, they can never be adequately expressed by written or spoken language alone. They must be sung! May we sing!

In Him Who first loved us, Dennis



Friday and Saturday

October 15 & 16

9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, October 15 & 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days.**

I hope you will make plans to join in the October 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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It's a Boy!

Eric & Brandy Ager are expecting a baby boy November 24. Brandy is registered on amazon.com. You can go there and pick a gift. Gifts can be dropped off at the preschool.



Pie & Scrappy Owl Night women's fellowship, Sunday, October 3 at 4pm in the fellowship hall. All are welcome for pie. Contact Debbie Hudson if you have any questions.



ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, October 4

4:00-8:30pm

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



WMU will be meeting in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, October 26. All ladies are invited.

Janie Chapman Offering received: \$975



October Joy Club

October 18 at 10:45am in the fellowship hall. Mimi Keener will be our guest and will be reading Poetry. 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.**

OCTOBER KIDS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

- 10/3 Justin Brooks, Carole Coker
- 10/10 Taft Jimmerson, Peggy Page
- 10/17 Robby & Tiffany Bannister, Tina Jimmerson
- 10/24 Kelly Hall, Teresa Howard
- 10/31 Sarah Folk, Laurel Shaler

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

GREETERS SCHEDULE

- 10/3 Almena Simon, Ann Therrell, Beth Todd
- 10/10 Lori Buchanan, Peter & Anne Danciu, Tom Simon
- 10/17 Mandy Agnew, Pat Durham, Bonnie Foster
- 10/24 Judy deKock, Sarah Folk, Linda Hardesty
- 10/31 Almena Simon, Ann Therrell, Beth Todd

Leadership Council—Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall

Church Conference—Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary