

# Northgate Baptist Church

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Mrs. Tina Jimmerson  
Interim Minister of  
Children and their families

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Deacons of the Month  
David McClure  
Steve Todd

# Northgate

Seek. God. First.

Sunday, December 12  
the Celebration Choir  
will present  
"Noel"  
Born is the King!



Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service  
is at 5:00pm  
Come for this special  
service and bring your  
family and friends.



# The Gate Post

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



## ONLINE GIVING

Just go to our website

**Online Giving** [www.northgatebaptist.com](http://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. Thank you for your continued faithful giving.

## PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 12 FROM 3-6pm

The Northgate Preschool Department is hosting a Christmas party at the church for the Preschool children on Sunday, **December 12, 2021 from 3 - 6 pm**. Pre-registration is required for proper adult coverage. Please let the church office know by **Wednesday, December 8th**.



The church office will be closed for Christmas on December 24 & 27. *The entire staff wishes each one a blessed and joyous Christmas as we celebrate of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**NO** Wednesday services or activities will be held on December 22 and 29, 2021

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 3, 2022 for the New Year. We wish you all a wonderful 2022.



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

Anyone who goes to church regularly knows the two most crowded services of the year are always going to be Christmas and Easter. There are even nicknames that people sometimes use for these people such as Christmas Easter Christian, cafeteria Christians, Creasters, Submarine Christians (only surfacing a few times a year), and twice a years. Sometimes believers use these words as derogatory terms to refer to those who are less pious.

However while the church is definitely something to be served and attended regularly I suggest that we take a different mentality toward those who only attend twice a year. If you walk in on Christmas Eve and someone is sitting where you normally sit, try grabbing the seat beside them and introducing yourself. You see while a Christmas Eve service is a favorite tradition for many believers it also is more of the more significant outreach events that we will hold during the year. On the evening of December 24th lost and unchurched family, friends, and neighbors will walk into the doors of God's church at Northgate. Don't waste this opportunity. Introduce yourself. Be kind. Go out of your way to talk to people you don't know. I for one will be praying that God uses this holiday season to reach the unreached with the gospel. At Christmas we celebrate Christ humbling Himself to be born as a human here on earth. Now let's faithfully humble ourselves to reach the unreached that will darken the doors of the church at most once or twice a year.

## Thoughts from our Pastor



I have been thinking about Christmas gifts. Every year, Tina and I pray about how many dollars we are going to give to Jesus for His birthday present. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering for international missions has become our financial Christmas gift to Jesus. And when we think about the cross, how can we be cheap with our gift to missions?

**Northgate's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions goal for 2021 is a very attainable \$4,000.** The Southern Baptist Convention's national goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for 2021 is \$185 million. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering provides about 60% of the budget for the International Mission Board. The average annual cost to field an International Mission Board missionary is about \$60,000. Of course, that cost is more in places in Western Europe and less in places in Africa, but the average is \$60,000. So, \$164 funds an IMB missionary for one day. What can a missionary do in a day? A lot when they don't have to spend a minute out of that day planning how to raise funds to continue their work. Is God calling you to missions? The answer for all Christians is YES! Maybe you can't move to another nation to serve Jesus in December 2021, but you can send your prayers and your dollars through the Cooperative Program and through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions to support those who have been called to go and to move and for those who are already on the field. **Let's all commit to give generously toward international missions so that everyone on earth will have access to the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Barry

A Great *Multifude* + You  
Rev. 7:9



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

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

I hope you will make plans to join in the December prayer vigil. You can sign up for a spot by calling the church office 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!

Church Office: 864-242-3805  
Email: admin@northgatebaptist.com



### December Joy Club

December 20 at 10:45am in the fellowship hall. Come join us for this time of great food and fellowship. **Rhett Burns, a former missionary to Turkey, will be our special speaker.** Contact **Judy Rothfuss** at 483-0709 to let her know you will be coming. **The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, December 15.**



### Congratulations to:

**Eric & Brandy Ager on the birth of Bruce Mitchell Ager.** Bruce weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs. and was 19-3/4" long. Bruce joins proud sisters Shayla, Annika and Emersyn.

**We share our sympathies** with: Sue Lutz on the passing of Leon; Heather McGuire on the passing of her father, David Green, Dennis Page on the passing of his mother, Frances Page. Please keep these families in your prayers.



WMU will meet on Tuesday, December 7 at 10am in the fellowship hall for our program and Christmas luncheon.

2021 Week of Prayer for International Missions is November 28-December 5. A Prayer Guide and envelopes will be available in the vestibule.

Northgate's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$4,000. Pray about what the Lord would have you to give.

Thank You notes have been received from:

Teresa Green and family and  
The Women @ Shepherd's Gate

## DECEMBER KIDS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

- 12/5 Kelly Hall, Teresa Howard
- 12/12 Sarah Folk, Laurel Shaler
- 12/19 Linda Hardesty, Ann Therrell
- 12/26 Justin Brooks, Carole Coker

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

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

- 12/5 Almena Simon, Ann Therrell, Beth Todd
- 12/12 Lori Buchanan, Peter & Anne Danciu, Tom Simon
- 12/19 Mandy Agnew, Pat Durham, Bonnie Foster
- 12/26 Judy deKock, Sarah Folk, Linda Hardesty

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