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Thoughts from our Pastor

The New Year always brings opportunity. We recognize it as a new beginning, a new start. It is an opportunity to clean things up. The New Year presents opportunities for new habits, new ambitions and new goals. Of course, we call these new opportunities "Resolutions." Most people have made a "New Year's Resolution." Most of us have made resolutions and many of us have dropped out and fell into the "New Year's Resolution Memorial Cemetery!" But you know what? Even if we've failed in keeping our resolutions a thousand times, it's always a good thing to try again.

The key to establishing new habits, new ambitions and new goals is discipline. **Discipline demands determination.** We all need to be determined to remember that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 says:

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

In addition to helpful traditional resolutions such as: weight loss, exercise, better eating habits and setting financial goals; allow me to suggest a spiritual resolution for the New Year: embrace the spiritual disciplines. While there are varying lists of spiritual disciplines, there are some time-tested standards like: meditation (reflection), prayer, fasting, Bible study, simplicity, solitude, service (giving) and worship (private and corporate). Let's face it, there are some spiritual disciplines that some of us rarely (if ever) embrace.

It is not my desire to bring attention to myself, my desire is to bring attention to Jesus Christ and to help you know Him in a deeper, more personal way, but I have practiced all of the disciplines listed above. I am NOT saying that I have mastered any of them or that I practice all of them continuously (or even continually), but I have gained some experience in the disciplines in fifty years of following Christ and nearly thirty years of leading churches.

As we begin a new year, allow me to challenge you to embrace some of the lesser practiced disciplines like: simplicity, solitude and fasting. **Paul wrote, "I know what it is to be poor or to have plenty, and I have lived under all kinds of conditions. I know what it means to be full or to be hungry, to have too much or too little" (Philippians 4:12).** Paul was writing about enduring and enjoying life's circumstances with peace. He probably was not writing about intentionally seeking those circumstances. The poor, lonely and hungry may experience simplicity, solitude and hunger but usually not by choice. Those circumstances are usually pressed upon people. The spiritual disciplines of simplicity, solitude and fasting are intentional and planned (as are all of the spiritual disciplines). In the New Year, study, embrace and practice spiritual disciplines, especially the ones you haven't yet experienced. You will be glad you did!

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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. Thank you for your continued faithful giving.



The church office will be closed on Monday, January 3, 2022. Wishing each one of you a blessed and Happy 2022!



WMU will meet on Tuesday, January 25 at 10am in the fellowship hall.

Northgate's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$4,000. \$4,220 has been received. Thank you for your faithful giving.



The staff would like to thank you for your many and generous expressions of kindness and love this Christmas season. It is our joy to serve the Lord with you. Have a wonderful New Year! We love you all!



The Gate Post

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

The Great Commission commands us to make disciples. The process of making a disciple begins with evangelism and then after a person comes to faith in Jesus it continues on to... yep you guessed it... discipleship! There are many different ways that we approach discipleship in a church. One of the more direct avenues for discipleship here at Northgate is through our Sunday School Bible study ministry. As a result it is incredibly important that we strive for excellence in our Sunday School ministry and that we are faithful to use it to disciple believers of all ages and backgrounds. In as much, we have recently kicked off our Summit Sunday School class focused on young adults college age through twenties which is meeting in room 205. We know how important it is to continue to faithfully disciple our young people as they move out of the youth and into adulthood. As we continue on into 2022, I just encourage any young people here at Northgate to plug into and be a part of what God is doing in our Sunday School ministry. Also as you invite and encourage those in our community to visit Northgate just remember that you can tell them that there is community for them. Thanks to everyone that plays an active role in reaching our community and reaching young people with the gospel. **I look forward to seeing what God has in store in 2022!**



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

Ok, I was tired, and surely distracted by something as we prepared for bed that evening. As was our custom, I knelt beside our bed to lead in prayer. There, kneeling beside our bed, I bowed my head and uttered these words "Lord, we thank you for this food we are about to receive." There was a moment of silence, as what just happened began to sink in. Then we rolled with laughter, it was so funny. Awkward and embarrassing, yet funny.

You've heard the term "rote memory." Rote means learning things by repeating them, until you can recall them without thinking. You've used rote memory since you were a child, memorizing the alphabet, numbers, multiplication tables, formulas, definitions and so on.

Memorizing scripture is crucial to a Believer's growth. However, if scripture is not internalized, it may become only rote. A good example might be the 23rd Psalm or the Lord's Prayer, the words of which pour our mouths so easily, often with little thought of the real majesty and power of Almighty God, the very subject of these verses. And as exemplified in my near-bed experience "rote-ness" can extend beyond scripture recitation, perhaps even into actions such as witnessing or taking communion.

As we approach this New Year, may we ask God to deliver us from our rote-ness, so that everything we say and do comes from the depths of our heart and brings the utmost glory to our Lord.

In Him Who first loved us, Dennis

Leadership Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 11 at 6:30pm

Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, January 19 at 6:30pm



Friday and Saturday

January 21-22

9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, January 21-22 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days.**

I hope you will make plans to join in the January 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!

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Happy New Year from the
Preschool Department! We
wanted to update you on some

of the changes that have been accomplished. We have increased safety by adding an electronic check in/out system as well as cameras in every classroom. Displays of kid friendly color are added to the reception area and will be increased throughout the classrooms. We are in process of improving the safety and usability of the playground for our church and the community.

We have 4 preschoolers who have been consistent in joining us in AWANAs on Wednesday nights. We will be starting Puggles for 2-3 year olds while continuing the Cubbies for 3-5year olds in January. There have been a couple of babies added to the roll since this summer and we are looking forward to the day that they can join us in person!

We are thankful for the number of people who are willing to undergo the vetting process and volunteer their time to help love and mentor these children. **Thank you Northgate for your prayers and support! Come visit and volunteer to see what is going on in the Preschool area! Beth Todd**

Thank You notes have been received from:

Dennis & Peggy Page



Congratulations to:

Patrick & Audrey Waters on the birth of Mila Cali Waters. Mila Cali weighed 6 lbs. 12 ozs.

Cameron is the big brother and Dean & Pam Waters are the proud grandparents.



January Joy Club

January 17 at 10:45am in the fellowship hall. Our guest will be Kathy Schwartz and she will be playing the handbells. 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, January 12.



Another year has passed and now we begin 2022!! My prayer is that we will see many of

our families returning to church this year and that we see many new families. We pray for the children we have yet to meet! **AWANA starts back on Wednesday, January 5, at 6:15.** Our AWANA attendance has doubled since we began in September, 2021. Candy is doing a great job teaching, Dean is doing a great job with games, and thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers who come each week to help.

We are going to CentriKid camp July 11-15 at Gardner Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC. The cost for families is \$225.00 per child. This is a wonderful camp for kids (grades completed 3-5) to grow closer to the Lord, have fun as they are learning, and to make memories for a lifetime. Please let the church know soon if your child plans to attend. A \$75.00 deposit is due by February 13, 2022. If you would like to sponsor a child with a scholarship, please see Tina Jimmerson.

We are planning for a great Vacation Bible School, LifeWay's Spark Studios, July 24-28! Thank you for investing in the Children's Ministries at Northgate Baptist Church!