

# Northgate Baptist Church

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# Northgate

Seek. God. First.



## Thoughts from our Pastor

Snow? In January? In South Carolina? Surely not!!

Isn't it interesting how a disruption can change our plans so suddenly? Of course, it snows in upstate South Carolina in January!! And weather forecasters are getting better and better at their job. Yet, we never really know, right? I mean, they've been wrong before. So, there is a feeling deep down inside us that says, "I'll believe it when I see it." Then, when the snow comes, we make our adjustments. Sometimes those adjustments come too late. Some of us will be better prepared than others.

Many life lessons can be learned from a winter storm. Lessons like preparedness, change and trust. If you visited the grocery store in the days prior to January's winter storm, you likely encountered bare shelves. Supply chain problems unrelated to the weather had already disrupted supplies in stores; the storm just made a bad situation worse. Circumstances (the storm in this case) can thrust rapid change upon us. Change usually involves loss. We grieve loss, but we don't always grieve change. For example, if I asked you if you liked change, you would likely answer, "No." But if I gave you a \$100 bill, you would welcome that change. The part of change that upsets us is loss. We grieve loss. Winter storms lead to icy roads, power outages and closed businesses, schools and churches. For many, that change is tolerable until things get out of our control, then things get bad fast!

So, what lessons can we learn from Winter Storm Izzy? We knew she was coming, but were we prepared? Did we have adequate groceries, heat sources and supplies to ride out the storm? Did we have a plan for an extended loss of electricity? Unpreparedness can lead to loss and loss leads to grief.

The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ will come again for His people. Are we ready? Will we be ready? In Matthew 24:44, Jesus said, "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." Are we prepared to meet Jesus at His Second Coming? Are we prepared for the moment of our physical death? You see, the greatest change in life is yet to come. Will our physical death lead to eternal life in Heaven or will it lead to the despair and grief of being separated from God?

We prepare through trust. We prepared for the winter storm because we trusted the forecasters. While the weather forecast may not always be accurate, God's Word is certain. The only way to prepare for the greatest change we will ever experience is through trust in God through His Son, Jesus Christ. Just as we can wait too late to prepare for a winter storm, we can wait too late to prepare for eternity. Sometimes change is thrust upon us quickly and there is no time to prepare. Unpreparedness for eternal life leads to eternal agony and grief. Today, we have time to prepare for eternity. Tomorrow may be too late.

Blessings in Jesus,

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[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.



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.**



Come join us on Wednesday night at 6:30pm in the Fidelis classroom. We are studying "Women of the Bible." All ladies are invited.



We will have the Ordinance of Baptism on Sunday, February 6.

*We share our sympathies* with: Curt and Peyton Blackmon on the passing of Melanie; Carter Ann Nix on the passing of Bill. Please remember these families in prayer.

# The Gate Post

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

Everybody has a favorite season. Some of us love the Summer and all of the warm sunny activities it brings. Others like myself look forward to the Fall with the slowly cooling weather, the changing leaves, and college football. Some love the crispness of winter and the possibility of falling snow while still others look forward to the Spring with the blooming flowers and the warming weather.

Every season brings unique challenges and opportunities and it's no different in ministry. When it comes to working with students many of the trips and outdoor activities slow down a little. However the coming of warm weather and eventually summer vacation brings an explosion of activity. While it may only be February now, this warmer weather is right around the corner. As our youth, children, and preschool ministries really ramp up their activities I want you to ask how you can be a part of what God is doing in these ministries. Volunteers are always needed and our youth and children will definitely need your financial support as they prepare for their Summer camps later this year. I also want to mention a specific opportunity if you feel led. We are looking for host homes to host youth activities as the weather warms up. So if you have space and possibly even a fire pit and would like to host the students for a Bible Study or a fun event please just let me know. It's always important to me that everyone have opportunities to serve and engage with our students. So if you feel led to serve or support our young people, but you're not sure how, just come talk to our staff and we would love to get you connected!



## A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

### Where Music and Ministry Meet

My Mom went to be with the Lord on November 7<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 92. She passed from death to life, but not before powerfully declaring the Gospel in both word and deeds.

About 10 years ago, I recorded an interview with my parents. In Mom's honor I'd like to share a few of the highlights. Mom committed her life to Jesus at the age of 6, at the First Baptist Church of Andrews, NC. As a little girl she dreamed of playing piano, but since that was during the depression, she had little hope her carpenter father could ever afford one. Yet one day, at the age of 12, coming home from school, she found a piano in her living room.

Mom only had 9 months of training before the teacher moved away, but through a lot of perseverance, practice, and pestering any musician who came to town, she learned to play and play well. It wasn't long before she was playing the pipe organ at the 10 o'clock Lutheran service, then running down a path in time to play for the 11 o'clock Baptist service. She would eventually serve as First Baptist of Hampton's organist for 25 years.

At the end, when she knew she was close to her Homegoing, we were gathered around her bed, and she asked us to sing "Jesus Loves Me" because Jack (her husband) knows that one. Then she asked us to sing, "There's Something About That Name." Even though her lips were barley moving, you could tell she was singing with her heart "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, there's just something about that name." It was a special time; you could sense God's presence. Two days later she was singing in His presence.

*In Him Who first loved us, Dennis*



Friday and Saturday

February 18 & 19

9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, February 18 & 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days.**

I hope you will make plans to join in the February 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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## February Joy Club

February 21 at 10:45am in the fellowship hall. Come join us for this time of great food and fellowship. Our special guest will be Pastor Stephen Clyborne from Earle Street Baptist Church. Pastor Clyborne will be singing and giving his testimony. **Contact Judy Rothfuss at 483-0709 to let her know you will be coming. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, February 16.**



**We will be going for a lunch trip to the Greek and Italian Garden Restaurant on Thursday, February 24.** We will leave the church at 11:00am and return to the church about 1:30pm. If you would like to join this trip, please call Carole Coker at 864-320-2263 or email at [bryantcoker315@gmail.com](mailto:bryantcoker315@gmail.com).



WMU will meet on Tuesday, February 22 at 10am in the fellowship hall.



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Tina Jimmerson  
Interim Minister of Children  
and their families

AWANA is meeting every Wednesday, 6:15 - 7:30, for ages 2 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Come join the fun.

CentriKid Camp is July 11-15 at Gardner Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC.

Total cost of the camp:	\$329 per child
Northgate's contribution:	\$104 per child
Parent's responsibility:	\$225 per child

A \$75.00 is due by 2/13/22, this will be applied to the \$225.00. **If you would like to sponsor a child, please contact Brenda in the church office.**

Vacation Bible School, Lifeway's Spark Studios, is coming July 24-28! Please be in prayer for VBS and where God is calling you to serve.

Thank you for investing in the Children's Ministries at Northgate Baptist Church.