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Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor



April showers bring Mayflowers and Mayflowers bring Pilgrims! Most of us have heard that old joke. May is one of our favorite times of the year. The days are getting longer and warmer. Vegetation is beginning to explode in new life and growth. May is also a time to honor, reflect and remember (Mother's Day, Memorial Day, etc.). It is a time for the celebration of life's achievements (graduation ceremonies). May is often a time for family and reunions.

One of May's memories is David Livingstone. David Livingstone is a May man. He died on May 1, 1873. David Livingstone was a pilgrim in many ways. His work in Africa, while primarily for the Lord's service, was also his attempt to end slavery. His life and journeys brought much attention to the call for the abolition of slavery. Ironically, as a missionary he led only one man to faith in Christ; but that man was an influential chief. Although David Livingstone's one convert struggled in many ways with his faith (including polygamy), he was responsible for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to many neighboring villages. One of the many lessons we can learn from the life of David Livingstone is that every life matters and we never know what God will do through the life of someone converted and committed to Jesus Christ.

Another irony of David Livingstone's life was that of his family. His wife, Mary Moffat, was the daughter of a missionary to Africa. During the early years of their marriage, she was more widely known than her husband. She died of Malaria in Africa at the age of 41. Their oldest son, Robert, died in the American Civil War. He took the name, Rupert Vincent, and served in the Union Army as a paid substitute for a man named Horace Heath. Robert wrote to his father that he always aimed high in battle because he didn't want to hurt anyone. So, one could argue that Robert died while fighting for his father's passion to abolish slavery. As David Livingstone aged and neared death, he is quoted as saying that his one regret was not spending more time with his family.

In May, strive to reach just one for Christ. God may call that person to be an evangelist who presents the gospel to many. In May, renew your efforts to spend more time with family. Relationships matter. Especially family relationships.

Barry



Miss Mary Ridgeway will be 100 years old on May 14, 2022! Wish her a happy birthday by sending her a card or going to visit her. There will be a birthday party for Mary on Saturday, May 14 at 1:00pm at NHC Mauldin. Everyone is invited.

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Just go to our website 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, May 30 in observance of **Memorial Day.**

HAPPY Mother's Day

On **Sunday, May 8** we honor our mothers. Again this year, Northgate will make a donation to Shepherd's Gate in honor of all of our mothers.

NORTHGATE BAPTIST BASKETBALL CAMP

June 6-10, 2022



Northgate Basketball Camp is on this year! Coach Charles Wimphrie will be leading this camp that focuses on basketball fundamentals and spiritual growth. The camp meets daily June 6-10 from 8am-12pm. The camp is open to boys and girls in 1st through 9th grade. Kids will be placed in groups according to age and skill level for drills, practice, and scrimmages. The cost is \$80 for reservations before May 22 and \$100 after May 22. Brochures are in the vestibule and throughout the church.

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

As Greenville continues to grow, the roads just seem to get busier and busier and for whatever reason the average quality of driver doesn't seem to be going up. It actually got me thinking here recently about when I first learned to drive as a teenager. In particular, I remember having a really great driving instructor. He did a fantastic job of teaching me how to pass my driving test, but he also gave me some practical driving tips that went beyond what I needed to do for my test. On one occasion, I remember I was driving down a hill, and naturally to keep from going over the speed limit, I was riding my brakes. I remember my instructor telling me to ease off of the brakes, even if it meant going just a few miles an hour over the speed limit. He explained that not only would it help save my break pads but that I could also use some of the momentum when the road started going back uphill and help my gas mileage.

Momentum. It matters in driving, and it matters in church. Over these past few months God's church at Northgate just seems to keep building momentum. Attendance in Sunday School and worship have been up, we've been holding lots of activities including community activities. Visitors have been attending and joining, and our preschool ministry is as big as I have seen it in my time at Northgate! Now as exciting as all of that is we're not even close to stopping! In the coming months as we move into the Summer we will be moving into basketball camp, children's camp, Vacation Bible School, youth camp, and much, much more! As I sit back and watch God build momentum in His church I can't help but to feel that He is preparing us for something even more special! I want to thank everyone for how you have supported these ministries and I want to encourage you to continue in the coming months. **Through prayer, giving, serving, and inviting there are plenty of opportunities to be involved and I for one can't wait to see what God has planned for the rest of 2022!**



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

Our son, John, is CEO of Knowing Jesus Ministries. Much of the following is excerpted from "Singing in the Cell" a devotional by Erik Reed, founder of that ministry.

What kind of mood should we be in to worship God? The following passage will give us insight into how that question should be answered.

Acts 16:25 (ESV) — About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

Paul and Silas find themselves in a dark, dank prison cell, late in the night, surrounded by other prisoners. No A/C, no heat, no comfy pillows to lay their heads upon, truly miserable conditions. Yet there they are, praying and singing hymns to God, engaging in personal worship in their prison cell.

Why is this? They recognized God's sovereignty over their circumstances. They knew their sins had been forgiven through Jesus' finished work on the cross and resurrection. Grace and mercy had come to them. The prison cell wasn't a cause to lose sight of God's goodness to them, but an opportunity to proclaim it. The same is true for us. We can, and should, praise God despite our circumstances. Our worship is not dependent on our comforts, but on His character.

In His Mighty Name, Dennis Page



Friday and Saturday
May 20-21
9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, May 20-21 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days.**

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

May 16 at 10:45am in the fellowship hall. Come join us for this time of great food and fellowship. Our special guests will be **the Gap Creek Singers**. Contact Judy Rothfuss at 483-0709 to let her know you will be coming. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, May 11. If you make reservations and don't attend, you must pay for your meal.



Church Family Picnic

Wednesday,
June 1 @ 5:30pm

Family Hamburger Supper
at Holmes Park

EVERYONE IS INVITED

The cost is \$7.50 for adults and
\$3 for children under age 12.

Make reservations by signing up at the church
or by calling the church office no later than 5pm
on Wednesday, May 25th. NO services or
activities at the church on June 1.



WMU will meet on Tuesday, May 24 at 10am
in the fellowship hall.



Why We Pack Boxes

Samaritan's Purse has partnered with more than 3,200 churches inside Ukraine. As war erupted, they were in the process of distributing 600,000 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Keeping this in mind, bring items or pick up a box. It's never too early to start. **Pray for Ukraine!**



Tina Jimmerson
Interim Minister of Children
and their families



Our AWANA awards ceremony will be
Wednesday, May 25th at 6:00.
Everyone is invited to come celebrate with our AWANA kids and their leaders as we show them our love and support.



Vacation Bible School: Please pray for God to do a mighty work this summer in the life of our church and community. Also, pray about where God will have you serve in this outreach evangelistic opportunity. Please contact Tina Jimmerson for more information about service opportunities. **VBS dates are July 24th - 28th at 6:00-8:30pm for age 4-Adult.**