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Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor



We were once returning from a visit with family on the east coast at the very same time that a hurricane was pummeling the eastern seaboard of the U.S. The interstate highway was closed due to flooding; it was literally under water. We had to detour through back roads and many of them too were underwater. That was one of the most intense trips we ever experienced. We drove into and through a powerful storm, yet we were never afraid. We had confidence that the Lord would navigate us through that trip. In a real sense, it was an exhilaratingly fun time!!

Sometimes summertime at church can be like that experience. Summer is the busiest time in the life of the church. It is prime time for preschool, children and youth ministry activities. More lives are changed through events and camps and activities during the summer than any other time in the church year. At times, ministry can seem overwhelming and taxing. Yet at the same time, it is an exhilaratingly joyous time! Tina Jimmerson, our Interim Minister of Children and their Families, reminds us of the "4-14" window.

According to the International Bible Society:

83% of all Christians make commitments to Jesus Christ between the ages of 4 and 14.

LifeWay Research reports:

Vacation Bible School consistently accounts for roughly 25% of baptisms in Southern Baptist Churches. Twenty-five percent of all people reached by any given church are reached through Vacation Bible School.

Vacation Bible School is near the end of summer. Between now and then, we have a packed calendar of activities! Basketball Camp is June 6-10, Youth Camp is June 20-25 and Centri-Kid (children's camp) is July 11-15. Again, VBS is July 24-28. Before, between and following these dates there will be other activities for our preschoolers, children and youth.

June 17-18 and July 22-23 are key dates for all of the above. These are the dates for our next two prayer vigils. Please plan to call the church office and sign up to be a prayer warrior for this summer of ministry. Prayer is powerful and effective. **The Holy Spirit through the power of prayer is the engine of the church.** "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:16, NKJV).

Please remain in prayer for these ministries throughout the summer and ask Beth Todd, Tina Jimmerson, Barry Agnew, Jr. and/or me what you can do to help reach souls this summer through Northgate.

Blessings in Christ,

The Gate Post

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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.

Deacon Ministry

*Please pray for our Deacons.
Nominations will be received
June 5 - June 12. Forms will be
available in the June 5th bulletin.*



Come join us as we honor
our Fathers on Sunday,
June 19. Northgate will make
a donation to Miracle Hill's
Overcomers
program for men.

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 \$100. Brochures are in the vestibule and throughout the church.

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

Ready or not, Summer is here. For pastors and ministers, different parts of the year tend to be slower or busier depending on what you do. If you talk to a music minister they will typically tell you about how busy they get around Christmas time. From musicals, cantatas, special music, performances, etc. they generally have their hands pretty full around the holidays. In student ministry however things tend to go pretty crazy in the summer. When kids are out of school it opens the door for ministries and activities that aren't possible to do throughout the rest of the year.

Here in the coming weeks we will be running a gauntlet of activities including things like summer camps, basketball camp, Vacation Bible School, and much more. All of these activities give incredible opportunities to see lost students come to faith in Jesus and for saved students to develop an amazing relationship with Christ. As we prepare for the Summer, we just ask that you commit to pray for all of us. Pray for our students. Pray for our leaders. However, most of all just pray that God would move in ways that we can't possible wrap our minds around. **We know that God wants to do big things in and through the lives of these students and through the power of prayer we are expecting God to show up in a big way!**



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

When I first came to Northgate, I passed out a chart to our choir members that showed 3 types of choir members. As I looked over that chart, I came to realize that there's a lot of commonality between people joining a church and joining a choir. So, just where do you fit in on this chart?

THREE KINDS OF CHURCH MEMBERS

	The Attendee	The Committed Member	The Covenant Member
Committed to	Myself	Myself and Others	Myself and God
Reason I joined	For fellowship & to make friends	The previous + being part of a worthwhile organization	The previous + being called to serve
Reason I stay	The pastor lives up my expectations & not much is expected of me	The organization lives up to my expectations	Faithful to my calling regardless of expectations
Expectation of you	Show up occasionally	Always show up	Always look for meaningful ways to contribute
Best outcome	Be liked by people & feel closer to God	Valuable use of my time and a good relational experience	Personal & corporate growth as worshippers
Primary Purpose	Have a positive experience	Develop a meaningful relationship with God and others	Previous plus learning to worship and lead others in Spirit and in truth



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

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

I hope you will make plans to join in the June 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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The Celebration Choir will be taking a break in the months of June and July. We will be returning in August. If you are interested in joining the choir, please see Dennis Page.



We share our sympathies with **Peggy Kirby** on the passing of her youngest sister, Jeanie Swanson; **Mandy Alexander and Lynn Perry** on the passing of their father, David Sargent, also grandfather to **Megan, Morgan and Caylee Alexander; Debbie Hudson** and brother, Gary Tollison on the passing of their mother, Barbara Tollison Please remember these families in your prayers.

Leadership Council meeting will be held Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.



WMU will meet on Tuesday, June 28 at 10am in the fellowship hall. Bring a salad to share for lunch.



Begin Now

Samaritan's Purse partners with churches across the globe to bring joy to children in foreign countries at Christmas time. It's never too early to start. Bring your items to the Fidelis class-room or drop them in the box in the Sunday School hallway. Thank you for your donations. You can also donate toward the postage for mailing the boxes.

Northgate Discovery Class

Discovery Class will be held on Sunday, **June 5 and 12 at 9:30am in Room 209.** New members must take the class to complete membership and guests can attend to become more acquainted with Northgate. Everyone is invited.



Tina Jimmerson
Interim Minister of Children and their families

We will not have Sunday morning kids worship during the months of June and July. Elementary age children will worship in the sanctuary with their parents. We will make a kids worship guide available for them to work on during the worship service. **Sunday morning kids worship will resume on August 7.**

On Wednesday nights in June and July, we will be studying missionaries from 6:30-7:30pm. We will have a mission project for the kids to work on.

Don't forget to register for VBS July 24-28. Register on our website or use the QR code on the VBS flyer.

Awesome Wednesdays are coming in August!

