

Northgate Baptist Church

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Next Year's BUDGET

2023 Budget: A copy of the proposed 2023 budget is available for pick up in the vestibule. **Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30pm** in the sanctuary and the Stewardship Committee will be available to answer any questions you may have. **On Sunday, December 11,** we will have Church Conference at the end of worship, without discussion, to vote on the budget.

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

On December 18, the Preschool and Children's departments will have their Christmas Party. We will have a Santa's Shop for the children and will ask the older children to help us wrap gifts for Mom and Dad. This will be a drop off party, so parents can use the time to shop, wrap or even sleep. Be on the look out for further details.



The church office will be closed for Christmas on December 23 and 26. *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 21 and 28, 2022.**

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023 for the New Year. We wish you all a wonderful 2023.



Pastoral Staff

Dr. Barry Jimmerson
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Pastor

Rev. Barry Agnew, Jr.
Minister of Students
and Education

Mr. Dennis Page
Worship Leader

Mrs. Beth Todd
Interim Minister of
Preschoolers and their Families

Mrs. Tina Jimmerson
Interim Minister of
Children and their families

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Deacons of the Month
Mike Shaw
Nick Shaler

Northgate
Seek. God. First.

Sunday, December 18
the Celebration Choir
will present
"Noel"
Born is the King!



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



The Gate Post



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

I'm a coffee drinker. I drink mine strong and black. Some years ago I had the opportunity to go out west to Seattle for a friend's wedding. As the birthplace of Starbucks, Seattle is pretty much known for its coffee. It's not uncommon to see two coffee shops right across the street from each other. It's very similar to how churches are here in the south. We have plenty. At the entrance to my neighborhood there are actually two that sit side by side. This however is definitely not the case in many parts of the United States.

In Boston Massachusetts for instance there are over 5.9 million people and only 156 Southern Baptist churches. That comes out to one SBC church for every 38,179 people. This is even after a large emphasis on church planting in the area over the past decade. This beautiful city, steeped in rich American and Christian history is as lost as it has ever been. So what do we do? We go. As most of you have heard by now, Northgate is sending a Mission Team from June 8-12 to work with an SBC church planter in the Bunker Hill community in Boston. We will be doing outreach and evangelism right there in the community surrounding the young church.

Even if you can't be a part of our team, you can absolutely be a part of what God is doing in the city of Boston. I want to invite and encourage everyone to pray continuously for our team and for a movement of God in Boston. Also our team members will be working hard to raise their own funds so I ask that you would consider giving to support our team as the Lord leads. *I look forward to sharing more information about what God is doing in Boston in the coming months and I'm excited that Northgate gets to be a part of it moving forward!*

Thoughts from our Pastor



Christmas, of course, is about giving. We are reminded of that in John 3:16, the Christmas verse – "For God so loved He gave His only begotten Son..."

Christmas is a time that we give gifts to friends and loved ones, but also to give the love of Christ to people whom we have never met. Christmas is a great time for missions. That is why we pray for international missions and give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions in December. But there are also mission opportunities in our own backyard. I want to draw your attention to one particular mission opportunity.

Summit Drive Elementary School is helping students through their Eagles Nest initiative. Kelly Hellams, Principal at Summit Drive Elementary, created an Amazon Wish List with some items that can be found at the following link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1EM8JHSJD42N4/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex to help meet needs for children at the school.

Any items purchased from the Amazon Wish List can be easily shipped directly to the school when checking out on Amazon (be sure to indicate that you are affiliated with Northgate in the notes section). This list is provided to make donating easier for some, but it should not be seen as the only items that are needed. New backpacks are always needed. Any winter clothing items, such as hats and gloves are very much needed. New clothing items in any youth size or adult small or medium is appropriate since elementary school students are such a wide range of ages and sizes.

Let's remain open-handed this Christmas and be generous beyond measure. Let's let Boston, our world and our community know that they are loved by God through His church at Northgate!

Merry Christmas!

Barry



Friday and Saturday
December 16 & 17
9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, December 16 & 17 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!

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Our 2023 Mission trip is officially set for Boston, MA from June 8-12 for Northgate members ages 16 and up. There will be an informational meeting immediately following worship on December 4 for those interested in going.



Tina Jimmerson
Interim Minister of Children

AWANA will not meet again until January. Wednesday Night activities through the end of the year

November 30	Practice for the Kid's Christmas Program
December 7	Practice for the Kid's Christmas Program
December 14	Kid's Christmas Program in Sanctuary

Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is

December 4—December 11, 2022. Northgate's goal is \$5,000. On December 4 a prayer guide and envelope will be in your bulletin. You may also give in memory or in honor of someone on the sheet that will be added in your bulletin.



NO DECEMBER Joy Club

Because of the holidays, the Joy Club will not meet in the month of December. We will return in January. We hope you will invite others to come to Joy Club. We enjoy wonderful food, special guests, and great fellowship.

The meal is \$8/person. Remember, if you have a reservation and do not come, you must pay for your meal. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!



S.T.A.N.D.

Youth Worship Night will be December 18 from 6:00-8:00pm.

There will be games, giveaways, Worship Service live worship and much more! Students are encouraged to invite friends. Contact Barry Agnew, Jr. for further information.



Congratulations to:

Congratulations to Jason & Heather McGuire on the birth of Dallas Maverick McGuire. Dallas weighed 8.7 lbs. and was 20" long.

Mom and baby are doing well. Mason, Connor and Gracelyn are the proud siblings.



We share our sympathies with

Marian Huskey, their children Michael, Janet and Chris on the passing of Porter; Laverne Walls on the passing of her brother, Harold Cochran. Please keep these families in your prayers.