

# Northgate Baptist Church

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The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be Sunday, January 29.

A fellowship meal will follow. The church provides the meat for our meal. Please bring side dishes that would feed your family with some to share. And don't forget about the dessert!

There will be no Kids Worship on January 29.



The church office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023. Wishing each one of you a blessed and Happy 2023!

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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!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS will start back on January 4.

Sign up by calling the church office by noon on Tuesday. Suppers are every Wednesday from 5:30-6:15pm

If you sign up and don't come or call to cancel, you will owe for the meal. You can sign-up to be on a standing list or you may sign up weekly by calling the church office by noon each Tuesday. The menu for January is January 4—Chick-fil-A; January 11—Soup and sandwiches; January 18—Chili & beans; January 25—Pizza

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# Northgate

Seek. God. First.

## Thoughts from our Pastor

A new year brings new goals (resolutions). The beginning of a new year is a pragmatic way of doing things that we should have already been doing, right? It shouldn't take a specific date on a calendar to motivate us to begin doing what we know we should have already been doing; whether that is dieting, budgeting, exercising, praying, Bible study (we could all add to the list). Benjamin Franklin famously said, "Never put off to tomorrow the things that you can do today."



Of course, the reason we think of resolutions at the beginning of a new year is the simple fact that we've been reminded (by the calendar) that we haven't been doing the things that we know we should have already been doing. Is that sin? It sure sounds like it. It sounds a lot like what Paul wrote in Romans 7:19 (CEV) - "Instead of doing what I know is right, I do wrong." James wrote in James 4:17 (CEV) - "If you don't do what you know is right, you have sinned."

Incentives have a way of motivating us to do what is right. We are more likely to file our taxes early if we think we are going to receive a refund. We are more likely to begin a diet if we know we have a beach trip planned for the summer. Where there is no incentive, we are likely to procrastinate. Someone said, "A successful procrastinator puts off his work so long that by the time it's finished, there's no time not to like what he had done." Anyone who has ever finished a long research paper on the night before it was due can identify with the above statement!

I want to encourage you to read the Bible. You may want to listen to it. Just get the Word of God into your life! Of course, we don't HAVE to wait until the beginning of a new year to begin reading the Bible, anytime we begin is a good time. For example, I finished the Bible on September 14, 2022 and began again on September 15. As stated above, a new year is a great time to begin new things. The Word of God is the source material for all we believe about our faith in Jesus Christ. Without reading the Bible ourselves, we are stunting our own growth. Hebrews 4:12 - "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Of course, that doesn't mean we don't need the ministries of the church or the fellowship of Christian community; the church is vital. She is the bride of Christ. The letters of the New Testament were written to and distributed to the church. As you begin reading the Bible in the New Year, I hope too that you will make a new commitment to attend and participate in church and Sunday School.

Your physician wants to see you physically healthy in the New Year. Your accountant wants to see you financially healthy in the New Year. Your pastor wants to see you spiritually healthy in the New Year. So, eat your fruits and vegetables, plan your finances, read the Word of God!

I am praying that you have a wonderfully successful new year. I look forward to growing with you in Sunday School and worshipping with you in church at Northgate in 2023!

Happy New Year! Barry

The Gate Post

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

Like many of you out there, I like routine. I like it when my days are predictable. I like my days without surprises. However, at the same time I always thrive when I have something to look forward to. Whether it's an exciting event or maybe even a vacation, I enjoy having something fun coming up on the horizon. In particular, I love it when God is doing exciting things in and through His church. This time of year it is fun to reflect back of what God has done in the previous year and what He already has in the works for the coming year.

Last year was an exciting time for our Student ministry in particular. We had loads of events and activities and had a blast seeing God move at camp. As the year went on, we were also able to update our youth room in preparation for our STAND Youth Worship Nights that we kicked off in November. Each month we're holding this event where we have games, food, and giveaways capped on to a worship event where we have a full student service including live worship and a message. If you haven't seen what we have done to the youth room so far, make sure to stick your head inside the room next time you're downstairs!

This year we have loads of exciting things coming up as well. We will have lots of events, including outreach events and fellowship events for our students. In the month of June, we will be loading up a mission team on a plane and heading to Boston for a mission trip working with an SBC church planter in the Bunker Hill community. With so many exciting things coming up I want to strongly encourage everyone to ask first how you can serve God's church with all of the exciting things going on, and second pray! Pray that God would move here in our efforts in our community and our efforts across the nation. **We know that God has big things planned for His church at Northgate in 2023 and we hope that you will join us for the ride!**



### A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

**Auld Lang Syne, remastered.** As we've discussed before, the melody of many of our favorite hymns are derived from traditional folk tunes. Since this is the Christmas season, one need not look further than the "traditional 16<sup>th</sup> Century melody, "Greensleeves", to understand the musical origins of "What Child is This?"

Likewise, **Auld Lang Syne** is sung to a traditional Scottish tune. The song, as we know it, came together when it was combined with a poem written by Robert Burns in 1788. Recently, songwriter Dustin Kensrue, came up with some powerful, new lyrics, and the beautiful new hymn, "All Glory Be to Christ" was born. You know the melody, "Should old acquaintance be forgot." Try singing it with the new words.

Verse 1

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?  
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

Chorus

All glory be to Christ our king, all glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ

Verse 2

His will be done His kingdom come on earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy, the thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ

Verse 3

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful, and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us, and be our steadfast light  
And we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ



Friday and Saturday

January 20 & 21

9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, January 20 & 21 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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In case of inclement weather on a Sunday morning or Wednesday night, please check our website at [www.northgatebaptist.com](http://www.northgatebaptist.com), our Facebook page or tune into WYFF-4 for information about services and activities.



Tina Jimmerson  
Interim Minister of Children

Another year has passed and now we begin 2023!! 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 4, at 6:15.** Our AWANA attendance has tripled since we began in September, 2021. Thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers who help each week.

We are planning our kids camp trip for next summer. Look for more information soon.

**Leadership Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30pm**  
**Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30pm**



### January Joy Club

Our **January Joy Club** is **Monday, January 16.** Our special guest will be Laura Price. Laura will play the violin and lead us in some songs. Invite others to come join us.

The meal is \$8/person. Remember, if you have a reservation and do not come, you must pay for your meal. Contact Judy Rothfuss at 864-483-0709 by January 11 for a reservation. We wish everyone a Happy New Year!



**S.T.A.N.D.**

**Youth Worship Night will be January 15 from 6:00-8:00pm.** Worship Service There will be games, giveaways, live worship and much more! **Students are encouraged to invite friends.** Contact Barry Agnew, Jr. for further information.



**Our 2023 Mission trip is officially set for Boston, MA from June 8-12 for Northgate members ages 16 and up. Contact Barry Agnew, Jr. for more information.**



**We share our sympathies** with Markus Heinis on the passing of Joan. Keep Markus and family in your prayers.