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Northgate
Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor



I've been looking for snow in the forecast. Usually, by February, we have a snow event. Not yet.

My favorite kind of snow is the thick blanket in the morning that covers the grass but causes no travel issues. My favorite kind of snow that is thick and beautiful for a day or two and then slowly melts into the earth. South Carolina snow is fleeting; very much unlike the permafrost in the polar regions of the earth.

Fleeting snow reminds me of the fragility of life. It is here today and gone tomorrow. It is limited. We must enjoy it while we can. It is gone too soon.

We all have friends and loved ones with whom we wish we could spend one more year...or month...or week...or day...or hour...or minute...or second. But life is fleeting, death is final and eternity is endless. Life is time and time is life. We must enjoy it while we have it.

Just as we learn to be good stewards of the snow, we must also learn to be good stewards of life. The experienced South Carolina snow-enjoyer knows that to build a successful snowman, we must begin early – as soon as enough snow is on the ground we must begin forming balls of snow into what will become the body of the snowman. A well-built snowman will outlive the snow around it. The same is true of a well-built life. A well-built life outlives its years. A well-built life leaves a legacy. A wasted life leaves regret.

The Bible speaks of the brevity of life. Psalm 78:39 – “For He remembered that they were but flesh, a breath that passes away and does not come again.”
James 4:13-14 – “Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”;¹⁴ whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.”

As we wait for the fleeting winter snow let's reflect on the fleeting nature of life. Let's agree not to waste our days; rather, let us take advantage of every minute afforded to us by a holy and sovereign God.

We have this precious and fleeting time to prepare for an endless eternity. **Place your trust in Jesus Christ.**

I am praying for you,

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Deacons of the Month

David McClure
Tom Simon

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



Northgate's Men's Prayer Breakfast meets 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.**



ONLINE GIVING

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.



We share our sympathies with

Linda Craig on the passing of her mother, Joan Garrett; Marian Huskey's children, Janet, Michael and Chris on her passing; Laverne Walls on the passing of her brother, Jewel Cochran. Please keep these families in your prayers.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

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 your 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 February is:
February 1—Chick-fil-A; February 8—Baked Spaghetti; February 15—Hotdogs; February 22—Chicken Taco Soup

The Gate Post

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

Well, it's officially February. Do you know what that means? It may still be cold outside but in church we're working hard planning for the summer! Our students have many activities coming up in the months ahead. They include things like serving for Joy Club, attending a Christian conference, recreational activities, and much more. However, some of our biggest activities here at the church are being planned for the summer. In the month of June alone I will be leading our Boston mission team for a week and then just a week later I will be headed up to Andrews North Carolina for summer camp with our youth. There is plenty more going on in the summer with children's camp and Vacation Bible School coming in July.

As we look to move into spring, we know that summer will be just around the corner and with summer comes some of the biggest ministries that Northgate does. In these coming months I want to ask you to do three things... **Pray. Give. Go.** First off, pray for these ministries. Pray that God would move in a way that goes beyond our wildest expectations. Pray that we would see people go from death in sin to new life in Christ. Secondly, I ask that you give. Ask God how you can sacrificially give to support the ministries of His church. Our Boston mission team and our youth camp trip will both depend on our church giving faithfully as it always does! Lastly, I want to encourage you to ask how you can go. This is to say, how can you be a part of what God is doing this Summer. From serving in our weekly ministries, to VBS, and on to much more. There are plenty of ways for everyone to be a part of what God is planning to do this Summer. **We are stepping out on faith this year to see God work in amazing ways. It's my hope and prayer that you will join us!**



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

Becoming a Faithful Follower

From the very first of Jesus' ministry, whether it be to Phillip, Peter, Andrew, or to Matthew the tax collector, Jesus' instructions were still the same: **"Follow me."**

Let me ask as simple question. Do you ever visualize yourself following Jesus? I mean, physically following Jesus? Sometimes I imagine my being on a path, following right behind Him. He goes up the hill, I go up the hill. He goes right, I go right. I'm never far from Him. But with Jesus, that's not the whole story.

I recently came across the old, well-known hymn "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought" that reminded me of a truth, a truth I had allowed to atrophy.

Here's the chorus:

He leadeth me He leadeth me

By His own hand He leadeth me
His faithful follower I would be

For by His hand He leadeth me.

Do you see that? "For by His hand He leadeth me." Suddenly, I can picture Peggy, as a young mom, crossing a street with one of our toddler boys in tow. He didn't need to keep her in sight. It didn't even matter if he properly grasped his Mom's hand. She was not letting go!

Lest you think I'm over-spiritualizing a song, take a look at Psalm 37:23-24 "The steps of a man are ordered by the Lord who takes delight in his journey. Though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand." Thank you, Lord, for that reminder!



Friday and Saturday

February 17 & 18

9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, February 17 & 18 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!

Church Office: 864-242-3805
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Contributions: Contribution statements for 2022 have been mailed. If you do not receive your statement within 10 days, please contact Brenda in the financial office. **Thank you for your faithful giving!**



Tina Jimmerson
Interim Minister of Children

Centri-kid Camp—We are on the waiting list for camp for the week of July 17th. If you are interested in your 3rd - 6th grader going to camp, please contact Tina Jimmerson.

VBS—Lifeway's "Twist & Turns" is coming July 23-27! We will need many volunteers in all areas. Please be praying about where God will have you serve in this important ministry.

Thank you for investing in our kids!!!

**Thank You notes have been received from:
David & Linda Craig and Sara Jo Jennings.**

February Joy Club



Our February Joy Club is Monday, February 20. Our special guest will be Rev. Stephen Clyborne. You don't want to miss this. 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 February 15 for a reservation.



S.T.A.N.D.

Youth Worship Night will be February 19 from 5:00-7:00pm. There will be games, giveaways, live worship and much more!

Students are encouraged to invite friends. Contact Barry Agnew, Jr. for further information.



Congratulations to:

Jonathan & Ashleigh Brooks and siblings Kinsleigh, Blakleigh and Nash on the birth of Valleigh Faye Brooks born on December 19. Valleigh weighed 7.2 lbs. Michael & Shannon Brooks are the proud grandparents.



Thursday, February 9, we will go to Brick Street Café at 11am. We will leave the church at 10:30am and return by 1pm. You may meet us there at 11am if you prefer to drive. Call, text or email Carole Coker for a reservation at 864-320-2263 or bryantcoker315@gmail.com.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Northgate's goal \$4,000
Offering received \$3,931