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Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor



The greatest event in the history of the world is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Nothing else even comes close. The resurrection changed everything. It changed time.

Recorded time was divided by the birth of Christ as early as the third century. In 525, a Christian monk by the name of Dionysius Exiguus, proposed a way of reckoning time by officially introducing the concept that the birth of Jesus Christ was the only event that changed time. He proposed B.C. to refer to the time before the birth of Jesus and A.D. as the Latin term, *Anno Domini*, meaning "In the Year of our Lord."

The Gregorian Calendar, commissioned by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582, centered around the proper date of Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It was an adjustment to the Julian Calendar primarily to address two problems: the leap year problem and the proper establishment of the date of the vernal equinox (beginning of spring). Therefore, the Gregorian Calendar established that Easter Sunday can be no earlier than March 22, and no later than April 25.

Of course, without the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the incarnation of God the Son would have little meaning; and would have certainly not resulted in the very definition of how we count our years.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ changed everything. It is the greatest event in the history of the world. My question for you this Easter season, is how has the resurrection of Jesus Christ changed you? Is the Lord Jesus central to the decisions that you make? Do you consult Him through His Word and prayer in the mornings as how He would like to live His life through you? Is Jesus Christ central to your values? If you do not identify as a follower of Jesus, these questions are obviously quite irrelevant; however, if you do profess Christ to be the Savior and the Lord of your life, these questions are not only relevant and appropriate, they are necessary for a successful life.

For any Christian, surrendering one's life to the Lord Jesus Christ is the greatest achievement, the greatest success and the greatest event in life. At the point of physical death, everything in a Christian's obituary should pale in comparison to the decision to trust Christ as Savior and Lord and to live for Him. As I reflect upon my own life, I find that every accomplishment in my life as a husband, father and pastor is secondary to my decision to trust Christ as Savior and Lord and to commit my life to make disciples for Him.

The resurrection is necessarily about change. My prayer this Easter is that the resurrection would change you - everything about you. If Jesus Christ can change time, He can change you.

Sincere Blessings at Easter,

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Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be Sunday, April 30

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 April 30.



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YOUTH

Worship Service

Youth Worship Night will be April 16 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.



BABY SHOWER

Taft & Amy Jimmerson are expecting a baby boy! We will have a drop-in baby shower for them on Sunday, April 16 from 2-3:30pm in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Babylist.com. Gift cards are welcomed.



The church office will be closed in observance of Good Friday on April 7.

The Gate Post

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

This past month I had what is one of the most unique conversations I have ever had in my life. I was meeting an old friend for breakfast early one morning and naturally we were talking mostly about our walk with Christ. As the conversation progressed, we begin to talk about American churches and then how American Christians handle their money. He was telling me that while his business has become more and more successful, he and his wife have been able to give more and more. However, he was telling me that he felt convicted that it still wasn't enough. He was telling me that he felt that his family could still do more and that he didn't feel like he was really giving sacrificially yet. During this time a couple at a neighboring table had clearly overheard our conversation and had begun to talk about us. I heard a few statements they made in passing about us and they weren't exactly positive. About 30 minutes later I actually had the opportunity to speak to the couple. They told me that they were Christians but that they disagreed with our views. The husband told me that he believed that if you were making of a lot of money that it was because God had given you that money and basically that He wanted you to have it for your pleasure. I tried to explain from the scriptures that all that we have and are belongs to Christ and is intended to be used for His glory but it seemed that they just couldn't accept this truth.

Things like this make me thankful for our church family here at Northgate. I'm so thankful that we have a people who give sacrificially to support the work that God is doing. As we move into the summer we are continuing to raise money to support our Youth Camp, Children's Camp, and Boston Mission Team. However, I'm given peace knowing that this church always steps up to the plate to provide the means for us to continue to act on faith and obedience. **Thank you Northgate for your continued faithful giving!**



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

In the mid-90's Peggy was talking with Noriko Tyler, a new Japanese convert friend, and casually mentioned something about Jesus being the sacrificial Lamb for our sins. Suddenly, the lightbulb went off in Noriko's head and she exclaimed, "That's why we sing about the Lamb!" Indeed, that's why we sing about the Lamb. It's all about the Lamb!

At the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, well before the crucifixion, John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). Also, in Revelation 21 and 22, the last two chapters of the Bible, the word "Lamb", referring specifically to Jesus, is mentioned 5 times, including 21:9 where the angel says, "Come I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb!" Get that? We're going to be the wife of the Lamb. How awesome is that?

The song we sang last Sunday, "Revelation Song" comes directly from Revelation 5 and proclaims, "Worthy is the, Lamb Who was slain, Holy, holy is He." In fact, a whole section of our hymnal is dedicated to the "Lamb of God", beginning with "Worthy the Lamb That Was Slain" (p 259) and ending with "The Lamb Upon the Throne" (p 267). Next Sunday, pull out a hymnal and check it out.

Easter is all about the Lamb! This year, when we hear the word Lamb, may our hearts turn to the depth of what God did through the blood sacrifice of His beloved Son, Jesus. It should take our breath away. It's all about the Lamb!



Friday and Saturday

April 21 & 22

9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, April 21 & 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days.**

I hope you will make plans to join in the April 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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Tina Jimmerson
Interim Minister of Children and their families

Kids Salt Kids Camp for grades 3-5 is scheduled for July 17-20 in Charleston. The cost is \$199/child. If you would like to sponsor a child, please see Brenda Whitaker in the church office.

Preschool and Children's Sunday will be May 7. We will be practicing for this program on Sundays at 10:30am in the kids area followed by kids worship. **NO kids worship April 2, 9 and 30.**

VBS—Lifeway's "Twist & Turns" is coming July 23-27! Mark your calendar and be ready to serve. Our goal is to reach 100 kids this summer and we need your help! VBS shirts can be ordered online at vbs.lifeway.com.



Mark your calendar on **Palm Sunday, April 2nd**, during our worship service, Northgate's Celebration Choir will present the Easter musical "**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.**"

You'll want to invite your friends and neighbors, to share in this wonderful musical."



April Joy Club

Our April Joy Club is Monday, April 17. Our guests will be the Gap Creek Singers. They will do a mini spring concert.

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 **April 12** for a reservation.



Men's 6 week Bible study is Sundays at 4:00pm in the fellowship hall. We are studying "The Mancode: Unlocking Life's Most Important Relationships" by Dennis Swanberg. April 2 and 16 will be the remaining Sundays. **All men are invited.**



We share our sympathies with Teresa, Tony, Tiffany and their families on the passing of Walt; Clark & Judy Foster on the passing of Pat; the family of Jessie Parker on her passing. Continue to pray for these families.



We are beginning to collect for 2023 Operation Christmas Child.

In the month of April, we are collecting toothbrushes and covers, small stuffed animals and small baby dolls. There is a collection box in the Sunday School hallway. If you are unable to shop, we will do it for you. See Linda Smith for details.



Leadership Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30pm
Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30pm