

Northgate Baptist Church

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HAPPY Mother's Day

On Sunday, May 14 we honor our mothers. Again this year, Northgate will make a donation to Shepherd's Gate in honor of all of our mothers.

Church Family Picnic

Wednesday, June 7 @ 5:30pm
Family Hamburger Supper at Holmes Park

EVERYONE IS INVITED

The cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12.

Make reservations by signing up in your Sunday School class or by calling the church office no later than 5pm on Wednesday, May 31st. NO services or activities at the church on June 7.

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Northgate
Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor



May is a busy month. Busier than I realized.

May is: Asian American and Pacific Islander Month; Jewish American Heritage Month; National Clean Air Month; No Mow Month; ALS Awareness Month; American Stroke Month; Apraxia Awareness Month; Be Kind to Animals Month; Better Speech and Hearing Month; Bladder Cancer Awareness Month; Borderline Personality Disorder Awareness Month; Brain Cancer Awareness Month; Celiac Awareness Month; Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month; Fibromyalgia Awareness Month; Gardening for Wildlife Month; Hepatitis Awareness Month; High Blood Pressure Awareness Month; Huntington's Disease Awareness Month; Lupus Awareness Month; Lyme Disease Awareness Month; Mental Health Awareness Month; Mobility Awareness Month; Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month; Older Americans Month; National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month; National Cancer Research Month; National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month; National Neurofibromatosis Month; Oncology Nursing Month and Pet Cancer Awareness Month.

In addition, the month of May contains ten full weeks and fifty-four specific days that we set aside to remember and bring awareness to important causes. There are literally too many to list here. Many of these special emphasis days are to bring awareness to diseases and disorders of which many struggle and suffer.

The point of all of this is that May is only one month. When we multiply that by twelve and consider all of the hurts, fears and concerns in the world we can begin to see the awesomeness and the omnipotence, omniscience and omnipresence of God. There are now, eight billion people on earth, and God knows everything about every one of us – He knows our past, present and future. He knows our hurts, our joys, our fears and our concerns. **Psalm 139:4 - "For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether."**

Not only does God KNOW everything about us, He has the power to give us what we need before we even know we need it. His sovereign will is unrelenting, irresistible and certain. **Psalm 33:10 - "The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect."** **Psalm 115:3 - "Our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases."** **Psalm 31:15 - "My times are in Your hand."**

The most comforting truth for us is God's omnipresence. God not only knows everything about us and has the power to control the events of our lives, He is with us. That is the essence of Christmas - Emmanuel - God is with us! At the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew, in Matthew 28:20, Jesus told His followers, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

As we encounter the storms and blessings in our lives, let's remember that we cannot escape the knowledge, power and presence of our loving God. Our grateful response to God's loving grace is worship. **Come worship the risen Christ with us at Northgate!**

Springtime blessings,

Barry

The Gate Post



Parent-Child Dedication for Robby, Tiffany and Lucas Bannister will be held on Mother's Day, May 14.



The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of **Memorial Day.**



We are collecting items for 2023 **Operation Christmas Child.** In the month of May, we are collecting for 2-3 year old girls, chunky jewelry, sippy cup, fun Band-aids.

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.

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

Have you ever been thrown into a situation where you had no idea what you were doing? One time in college I signed up to take an “intermediate” level Spanish class. It had been a few years since I had taken a Spanish class but I had done two semesters of Spanish in high school so I figured I would be ok. On the first day of class the professor gave us all an ungraded pre-test. I thought this was a little strange but it became very apparent that he knew exactly what he was doing. About 5 minutes into the test. I realized I was completely lost. I don’t think I could answer a single question. After 15 minutes I got up, turned in the test, thanked the professor, and then informed him that I would be dropping the class. Within a few hours I had dropped the class, added a new class in its place, and was set to attend the first day of the new class the following day.

In the month of May, we will celebrate graduate recognition for our 2023 graduates. These high school graduates in particular will be heading into adulthood, college, and/or the workforce and they will be doing so in a world that is extremely hostile to young followers of Jesus. For many of them it will be the most challenging thing they have faced in their lives to date. In as much, these students need us older believers more than ever. They need our prayer, support, and encouragement if they are going to effectively navigate the mission field that they are about to enter. If we want to change our nation and ultimately the world we need to first reach their generation. When you get a chance to speak to any of our graduates, take a moment to do so. Let them know you are praying for them. **Speak words of Biblical wisdom into their lives.** Speak to and pray with their parents as well. I truly believe that revival can happen in their generation but it will require that we do our part to disciple and prepare them for the work that God wants to do. I also want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart who already invests in these young people from day to day and week to week. **The work you do matters! To God be the glory!**



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

What did Jesus say? We were living in a small house in the western suburbs of Chicago. Our little boys were just three and four, but they were highly rambunctious and driving Peggy close to the edge. It had been one of those days, and in desperation Peggy points to a bedroom door and tells the boys “I’m going in there and ask Jesus what I should do.” A few minutes later Peggy emerged from the room and found our four-year-old son staring at her wide-eyed, asking, “What did Jesus say?”

“What did Jesus say?” That’s a great question. When it comes to prayer, we are often adept at making our petitions to God, telling him about all the things that are on our heart. However, when it comes to listening, to hearing from God, we may not fare too well. A.W. Tozer in his book, “The Pursuit of God” states “The tragedy is that our eternal welfare depends upon our hearing, and we have trained our ears not to hear.” Part of that incongruity may lie in the kinds of petitions we make.

“Speak, O Lord” is a hymn we often sing that begins with an appropriate petition:

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, To receive the food of Your Holy Word.

Take your truth, plant deep in us; Shape and fashion us, in your likeness.

That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory.

In addition to the practice of proper petition, Tozer would also suggest a proper prayer posture. He says, “Get still to wait on God, and it’s best that we get alone, preferably with our Bible outspread before us. Then if we will, we may draw near to God and begin to hear Him speak to us in our hearts”.

So, as you practice proper petitioning, and proper prayer posture, the next time the question arises “**What did Jesus say?**” You may just know the answer.

For extra credit read the lyrics for “**Speak, O Lord**” (Our hymn # 432, or search the web).



Friday and Saturday

May 19 & 20

9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, May 19 & 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days.**

I hope you will make plans to join in the May 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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Preschool and Children's Sunday will be May 7.

Plan to be here as our children lead us in worship at 10:45am. Please have your children in the children’s department by 10:00am or come to children’s Bible study beginning at 9:30am. Invite your family and friends for this special Sunday. No kids worship on May 7.



Tina Jimmerson
Interim Minister of Children
and their families

VBS meeting for leaders and teachers will be held on Sunday, May 21 at 4:00pm in the fellowship hall.

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.



AWANA celebration for the 2022-23 year will be held on Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary followed by pizza and dessert in the fellowship hall. Please make plans to attend and encourage our preschoolers, children, and our AWANA adult volunteers.



May Joy Club

Our May Joy Club is Monday, May 15.

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 May 10 for a reservation.



Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 21. If you will be a 2023 graduate from high school or college, please contact Barry Agnew, Jr. if you or a child plans to participate.



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Soul-winning Workshop

Sunday, May 7 at 4pm

in the fellowship hall

Pastor Barry will be leading the workshop. Everyone is invited!



We share our sympathies with Michael and Chris Brooks on the passing of their mother, Wanda Brooks; Pastor Jimmerson and family on the passing of his father, Clint Jimmerson; Patty Runion on the passing of her son, Chris Reese. Please keep these families in your prayers.