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Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor

“Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep” (Psalm 121:4, NKJV).



The history of Israel since 1947 is fascinating to say the least and miraculous at best. Israel has fought and won four major wars since her reestablishment in 1947:

The War for Independence (1947-1949) was fought by Israel against Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Yemen. The result was an Israeli victory with the enlargement of Israeli borders by more than 1,900 square miles.

The Suez War (1956) was fought by Israel, UK and France against Egypt. The result was an Israeli victory with no significant change in Israeli borders.

The Six Day War (1967) was fought June 5-10, 1967, by Israel against Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Lebanon and Pakistan. The result was a resounding and even miraculous victory for Israel with the enlargement of Israeli borders to include: the Golan Heights (from Syria), the West Bank (from Jordan), the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula (from Egypt).

The Yom Kippur War (1973) was fought by Israel against Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Jordan, Iraq, Libya, Kuwait, Tunisia, Morocco, Cuba and North Korea. The result was an Israeli victory with the eventual return of the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt in exchange for a peace treaty.

There have been many other skirmishes and lesser military conflicts in Israel since 1947. The current conflict with Hamas has the potential of becoming another major war for Israel's existence.

The United States and other Western allies have had a history of standing firm with Israel, but the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict has strained some of those alliances.

I simply know this:

Genesis 12:1-3 – “Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. ²I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (NKJV).

I stand with Israel.

Blessings,

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Tim Crane
John Folk
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Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be Sunday, November 19.

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 November 19.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS ARE BACK!!

Sign up by calling the church office by noon on Monday. 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 Monday.



Daylight Saving Time ends on November 5. Reset your clock before retiring on November 4.



The Church Office will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 23 and 24. We will close at noon on November 22. NO service or other activities will be held on Wednesday, November 24. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

The Gate Post

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

People aren't as trusting as they used to be. To be honest there's a lot of good reasons for us to be careful who and what we trust. The reality is that there are a lot of untrustworthy people out there. Unfortunately, this has made outreach much harder for churches. For instance, it was not very long ago that it was easy to go around a neighborhood knocking on doors sharing the gospel and inviting people to church. Now you're lucky if you can get anyone to answer their door. In years past, parents and families tended to trust most churches without much of a question. Now many parents will visit a church for months before they are comfortable with dropping their children off in a children's Sunday School class or the church nursery.

This cultural shift in the United States has impacted how we do outreach. People don't blindly trust churches anymore. Rather, we have to give them good reason to trust us. We have to prove to them that we care about them and that we love them. Over the past few months we have had several outreach initiatives here at Northgate including our Block Party and our Fall Festival. These events serve to show our community that we care about them and they give us as followers of Jesus the opportunities to meet our neighbors and to build relationships with them for the sake of the Great Commission. During our Fall Festival we watched as hundreds of people walk through our doors. Many of us were able to have conversations with these people asking them about their lives, sharing the love of Christ, and inviting them to church. I cannot thank everyone enough who took part in making these events happen. When we come together as the body of Christ God moves in amazing ways. **Now let's continue to pray and look forward to what God is going to continue to do through His church as we continue to seek obedience to the Great Commission!**



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

You know the songs, "Rescue the Perishing", "Blessed Assurance", "Pass me not, oh Gentle Savior", "Jesus is Gently Calling me Home", "Rescue the Perishing", "Praise Him, Praise Him", and "To God be the Glory".

Frances Jane "Fanny" Crosby (1820-1915) is likely the greatest hymn writer the world will ever know. With over 8,000 hymns and Gospel songs to her credit, and over 100 million copies printed, she is unquestionably the most prolific. Oh, did I mention, she was blind?

Fanny's father died when she was 6 months old, so she was raised by her mother and grandmother who grounded her in Christian principles, helping her memorize long passages from the Bible. Crosby began memorizing full chapters of the Bible starting at age 10. By age 15, she had memorized the four gospels, the Pentateuch, the Book of Proverbs, the Song of Solomon, and many of the Psalms.

About her blindness, she stated: "It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered to me tomorrow, I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me." She also once said, "when I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior." What an awesome thought!

In Him Who first loved us, Dennis

Excepted from Wikipedia and other sources.



**Friday and Saturday
November 17 & 18
9am-9pm each day**

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

I hope you will make plans to join in the November 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**

The Family Sunday School hour was well attended and the kids had a great time learning with their parents. We hope to do this again next quarter.

After Thanksgiving, the kids will be learning some Christmas songs.



Northgate will be a polling place for the November 7 election. We need volunteer greeters for a 2 hour time slot to greet and direct our neighbors beginning at 7am-7pm. Call the church office if you can volunteer a time slot.



We share our sympathies with Bonnie Arey and family on the passing of Cecil. Please remember Bonnie and her family in prayer.

The memorial service for Cecil will be held on Saturday, November 4, at Northgate. Receiving of friends will be at 10am followed by the service at 11am.



November 20 Joy Club

JOY Club will meet Monday, November 20 at 10:45am in the Fellowship Hall. The Gap Creek Singers will be our guests. You may sign up in your Sunday school class or call the church office by November 14. **The meal charge is \$8.00/ person and is payable at the door.**



Sunday, November 12, we will have an IMB Missionary will be at Northgate. The service will not be recorded or live streamed. Plan to be here.

Pray for our missionaries.



We will be having a packing party in the gym on Saturday, November 11 from 10am-12pm. Everyone is welcomed to come help us. Children may also come. Donations to help

with the postage would be appreciated. Just not in the memo line "OCC Postage."



Nick & Laurel Shaler are expecting a baby girl! We will have a drop-in baby shower for them on **Sunday, December 10 from 2-3:30pm** in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Babylist.com. Gift cards are welcomed.



Ladies join us for a night of fellowship and fun on Friday, November 10 from 6:30-8:30pm in the fellowship hall. A night of painting with 2 designs to pick from. Contact Debbie Hudson for more information.