

# Northgate Baptist Church

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Northgate  
Seek. God. First.

## Thoughts from our Pastor



Heraclitus (ancient Greek philosopher) said “The only thing constant is change.” Benjamin Franklin said, “When you’re finished changing, you’re finished.”

I don’t like change. I don’t think many of us do. But the truth is, change *is* the one constant in life. And there are those times when change is welcomed. When we are relieved from a crisis we are grateful.

Revisiting Heraclitus, he taught that nature was always in motion (change). He famously noted a river as an example. A river is constantly flowing and impacting its environment through erosion while being impacted by rainfall and floods creating a constant change in its course.

Our lives reflect the same pattern. Sometimes our lives change through proactive decision-making while other changes are thrust upon us unexpectedly as the result of the actions of others or the diagnosis of a disease or even through the inevitable birthdays in the aging process.

It is important to recognize that God is the ultimate changer. While He is immutable (unchangeable in His nature), He is constantly bringing about change on His creation through His providence and sovereignty. Job’s life changed when God allowed Satan to inflict pain upon him. Saul’s life changed on the Damascus road. Jesus changed time. Jesus changed me. When Jesus changed the life of the woman at the well, her testimony to others changed an entire village. God is the ultimate changer.

Church is not immune to change. We are experiencing change at Northgate. Currently, we are experiencing changes in staff. Through the course of birthdays, Dennis informed us that it was time for him to transition (change) to the rewarding life of retirement. That change has led to the calling of a new Worship Leader, Matthew. Matthew will certainly lead worship differently (he plays the piano, not the guitar). Barry Agnew, Jr., Mandy and Gideon are experiencing change as they have sensed God’s call to missions in church planting. That staff change will lead to another as Barry’s responsibilities will need to continue under the leadership of someone else.

The Christian need not fear change. While it isn’t always easy and comfortable, it is part of God’s perfect plan. Our role is simple faithful obedience. When we seek God first, we are always making the right decision.

Blessings,

# The Gate Post

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Deacons of the Month  
Josh Capps  
David McClure  
Joel Warren

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change

**HAPPY Mother's Day**  
On **Sunday, May 12** we honor our mothers. Again this year, Northgate will make a donation to Shepherd’s Gate in honor of all of our mothers.



**Parent-Child Dedication for Nick, Laurel and Mary Grace Shaler will be held on Mother’s Day, May 12.**



The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of **Memorial Day.**



SCAN ME

**2024 Breaker Rock Beach VBS is June 2-6 from 6:00-8:30pm. Scan this QR code to register your child. All volunteers must register too.**



## Church Family Picnic

**Wednesday, June 12 @ 5:30pm**  
**Family Hamburger Supper at Holmes Park**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED**

The cost is \$8 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, June 5. NO services or activities at the church on June 12.

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

I'm really not a big fan of change. Then again I'm not sure many of us are. There's one thing I always have to remind myself of though. I always have to remember that at the end of the day God's will always be best. Even when His will calls us to uncomfortable change we trust that His will be for our good and for His glory.

When we read the Bible we often see that God is a sending God. From God's sending of Abram in Genesis 12 to the sending of His angel in Revelation 22, hundreds of examples portray God as a missionary, sending God. The Old Testament even ends with God promising, through the words of the prophet Malachi, to send a special messenger as the forerunner of the Messiah. "See, I am going to send my messenger" (Malachi 3:1). Then the New Testament opens with the arrival of that messenger in the person of John the Baptist described in the gospels as a man sent by God (John 1:6). All of this culminates for us in the Great Commission. A key part Matthew 28:19 is the word "go". When God calls us to make disciples He doesn't tell us to sit back and ask lost people to come to us. He calls us to go to them.

Here then is where I have to be obedient. The Lord has called me to go. It can be scary. It is definitely asking me to step out of my comfort zone, and while from a secular perspective it may seem like a very uncertain move, we have to remember that we serve a certain God. Mandy and I are trusting God's provision and His providence to glorify Him in His calling on our lives.

Now for Northgate I want to stress how beautiful of a thing that God has done. Northgate is sending us out to plant. It is God's church sending out missionaries to carry on a legacy. My heart's desire is to stay connected with God's church at Northgate and I believe that God is calling us to continue on in gospel partnership. **I believe that God is doing a great thing and that Northgate has, and will continue to play a major role in that. Thank you all so much for all you have done. Always and forever, to God be the glory.**

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**We are excited to announce that on April 21, 2024, we voted to call Rev. Matthew Winters to be our new permanent Part-Time Worship Leader. Matthew will begin his ministry at Northgate on June 2.**

Matthew came to faith in Christ and was baptized in 1987. He surrendered to God's call to vocational ministry in 1997. Matthew has been married to his wife, Jennifer, for eleven years. They are the parents of eight children!

Matthew brings to Northgate 27 years of church music ministry experience with additional experience in children's, youth, discipleship, church planting, pastoral ministry, preaching and Christian school ministry. He plays the piano, flute and is a vocalist.

He has earned the following degrees: M. Div. (Pastoral Ministries) 2013; Master of Arts in Religion (Leadership Concentration) 2006; and a Bachelor of Science in Religion, 2003; all from Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA.

Matthew and Jennifer come to us through nothing short of God's providence. The story is an amazing testimony of God's provision. We look forward to beginning a new chapter in Northgate's worship ministry in June!





**Joy Club**  
Joy Club will meet on Monday  
May 20 at 10:45am.  
Our guest will be Jerry Stepp, worship leader at El Bethel Church. Jerry will inspire us with playing the piano and singing. We will be singing along.  
Meals are \$8/person. Remember, if you have a reservation and do not come, you must pay for your meal. **Sign up in your Sunday School class or call the church office by May 15.**

**Sunday School Leaders  
Appreciation Breakfast**  
**Sunday, May 19**  
**8:45am in the  
fellowship hall.**

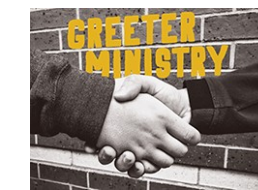


**Congratulations to:**  
Congratulations to Jason & Laura Catherine Kirschner on the birth of Luke Michael Kirschner. Luke weighed 8.15 lbs. and was 21.5" long. The proud brother is James.

**ONLINE GIVING**  
You may give online by scanning the QR Code. The scanned code should take you to Northgate's website. Click on the "Give" icon.



**Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 19. If you will be a 2024 graduate from high school or college, please contact Barry Agnew, Jr. if you or a child plans to participate.**



**"More than Hello": Greeter Training and Orientation will be held on Sunday, May 26th from 3:30 to 5pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Please join us for a time of fellowship and learning as we dive into the world being a church greeter. Find out the important role this ministry plays in the life of the church and some of the best practices for success.**



Northgate's Men's Prayer Breakfast is meeting 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.**



**VBS is June 2-6**

**6pm-8:30pm**

If you are interested in volunteering contact Valia Warren or Brandy Ager. We have a place for everyone!