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Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor



I have always been interested in geopolitics. I enjoy studying world maps and watching as the names of nations and their borders change. The study of geopolitics is like watching a chess game between master players. Most moves are calculated and strategic, while some are more haphazard and seemingly random.

In the 20th century we saw European and Asian nations make strategic plans to establish themselves as superior to one another. WW1 resulted in the redrawing of the borders of nations and the renaming of some. WW2 resulted in a much greater reestablishment of world order. Geopolitical strategies have always been a part of the story of nations.

Geopolitics is interesting to watch but as Christians we must guard ourselves against watching too carefully. **The reality is there is a God and He is sovereign and He is in control of all of the affairs of men and nations. Daniel 2:21 – “And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings.” Proverbs 21:1 – “The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.”**

Therefore, in a world that looks chaotic to us, we can know that God has a plan. If not for the horror of the holocaust in WW2, we would certainly not have seen the reemergence of the nation of Israel as soon as 1948. We will never understand the problem of suffering, but we can know that God always has a plan. Even when world events look chaotic to us, God is sovereign. The following was found written on the wall of the Jewish concentration camp in Cologne, Germany:

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining and I also believe in love, even when no one is there. And I believe in God, even when He is silent. I believe through any trial, there is always a way but sometimes in this suffering and hopeless despair my heart cries for shelter, to know someone’s there but a voice rises within me, saying hold on my child, I’ll give you strength, I’ll give you hope. Just stay a little while. I believe in the sun even when it is not shining and I believe in love even when there’s no one there but I believe in God even when He is silent. I believe through any trial there is always a way. May there someday be sunshine. May there someday be happiness. May there someday be love. May there someday be peace.

Wise perspective comes from the one who trusts in the Lord and in the truth of His Word. **Proverbs 3:5 – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.”** Perhaps Job said it best: **Job 1:21 - “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”**

Trust in the Lord and oppose every form of evil.

Blessings, *Barry*

The Gate Post

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Deacons of the Month
Gene Grant
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Dean Waters

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



The Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper will be Sunday, July 28. No fellowship meal.

NO kids worship on July 28.



The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Women’s Prayer Night

Friday, July 19 @ 6:30pm
at the home of Carole Coker.
All ladies are invited to join us.

Deacon Ministry

Please be in prayer for the deacon selection committee and the upcoming deacons vote in the month of July.



WELCOME MATTHEW WINTERS, WORSHIP LEADER

Well, I'm a few weeks in here at Northgate, and I couldn't think of a busier time to come in. I started the day VBS kicked off. As a newcomer, I will let you know up front that I am an observer. Here is what I have observed so far.

First, I observed joyful service during the week of VBS. I saw smiles. Those smiles were not only on the faces of the children, but those smiles were on the faces of the leaders. You were modeling Colossians 3:23 which says, "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." You were serving these children and our Lord with enthusiasm. God was glorified, and these children saw the difference. Serving the Lord should never be drudgery. Thanks for serving with joy!

Second, I have been observing joyful singing. Nothing lights a worship leader's fire more than hearing a congregation sing! God loves it! Even God rejoices over His people singing (Zephaniah 3:17).

Joyful singing is the product of a Holy Spirit-filled life. Ephesians 5:18-21 says, "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God." This Spirit-filled singing is, first of all, a command. Also notice it is not only to the Lord but also for the benefit of our brothers and sisters in Christ ("to one another"). God doesn't give the qualifiers of us liking the songs or having musical ability. We sing because we love the Lord. You are doing that!

People have been asking about the choir. I love choirs! I love choirs even more when they know their biblical purpose and unite as an army of praise. Choirs recorded in Scripture were well-prepared and set the atmosphere for worship. I can't wait to pull Northgate's singers together to do just that.

Mark your calendars for a choir kickoff on Friday, August 16, and Saturday, August 17, in the fellowship hall. It will be a time of food, fun, biblical truth, and singing. Whether you are a choir member, former choir member, or you just want to come out of curiosity to see what the choir looks like, plan to be there. We will meet Friday evening and Saturday morning. More details are forthcoming.

God is up to something mighty and powerful at Northgate. Jesus said when we hunger and thirst after righteousness, we SHALL be filled. Are you hungry? Are you thirsty? Do you long for revival? It happens with one person at a time. May our prayer be the same as the psalmist who said in Psalm 85:6, "Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?" Rejoicing is the overflow of a revived people. Lord, let it be!



New Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm

Friday 8am-12pm

Leadership Council meeting will be on Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30pm
Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, July 31 at 6:30pm



COMING IN JULY
FOR THE KIDS ON
WEDNESDAY
NIGHT AT 6:30pm

July 3—NO services or activities

July 10 is water night. Have your kids bring a towel.

July 17 is movie night.

July 24 the critter keeper will be here. The kids always love this!

July 31 is Mission Project Night

August 7 AWANA kick-off



Thank you to all who are covering our preschool and kids areas throughout the summer. Mrs. Beth and Mrs. Tina appreciate you for this much needed break!

Northgate Discovery Class

Discovery Class will be held on Sunday, August 4 from 1:00-4:00pm in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided immediately following worship for those attending the class. New members must take the class to complete membership and guests can attend to become more acquainted with Northgate.



A great big thank you to all who helped cover the preschool department this summer! As it turned out, the Lord knew the regular workers needed some time off to attend to other matters this summer and you all stepped in to make it happen in a big way! THANK YOU!

AWANA kick-off will be August 7th. School is starting early this year so we will too.

I will be getting a new schedule out soon on what the Preschoolers will be studying in Sunday School. Please try to attend Sunday School for your children's sake. This is the time where we are able to teach the Word to them personally.

A new Preschool worship schedule will be developed by the start of the new church year so if you need some extra love or brutal honesty, come join us and we can put you on the schedule.

Thank you for trusting your children to us. We are all honored to be able to spend time with each of these little ones!



We share our sympathies with the family of Peggy Barker Anthony; the family of Sara Jo Jennings; Melissa Lawton and family on the passing of Chip. Please keep all of these families in your prayers.



Matthew & Jennifer Winters
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Their children are Charisabella, August, Andrew, Aziana and JJ



From the Transportation Committee

DRIVERS NEEDED

If you are interested in being a driver for our church buses, please see Randy Mott or call him at (864) 354-0729.