

# Northgate Baptist Church

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# Northgate

Seek. God. First.

## Thoughts from our Pastor

August 18-25, is this year's Week of Prayer for God's church at Northgate. The reason we have this eight-day event is simple, we must pray. Without prayer, we are at risk of making decisions and doing work in our own power, strength and intellect. With prayer, we tap into the infinite power of the Holy Spirit. We acknowledge that our understanding and perspective is incredibly limited and God's is absolutely unlimited. To understand and partner with the Lord in His eternal plan for His church at Northgate, we must become familiar and practice the spiritual disciplines of our faith. *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster is one of the best books ever written on the spiritual disciplines. In his book, Foster categorizes the disciplines into three simple types: the inward disciplines, the outward disciplines and the corporate disciplines. *Celebration of Discipline* needs to be in every Christian's library.



A prayer guide will be included in the bulletin as an insert on August 18. The prayer guide will direct us to pray for every aspect of ministry at Northgate. Northgate's ministries are organized into six clusters: administration, evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry and worship. We will also designate a day to pray for our deacons and a day to pray for our staff. I urge you to use this guide to pray for Northgate according to these eight areas over these eight days.

George Mueller is one of history's greatest prayer warriors. The following story was related by Charles Inglis, a minister who frequently traveled with the great evangelist, D.L. Moody. Mr. Inglis heard the story from the captain of a ship with whom George Mueller prayed. Mr. Inglis said:

*On one occasion, I was sailing across the Atlantic with the captain of a steamer who was one of the most devoted Christians I have known. As we approached the shores of Newfoundland [Canada], the captain said, five weeks ago as I sailed this route, God changed my life. We had a man on board, George Mueller, of Bristol [England]. I had been on the bridge of the ship for twenty-two hours and never left it. I was startled by someone tapping me on the shoulder. It was George Mueller. It was Wednesday and Mr. Mueller told me that he had to be in Quebec on Saturday afternoon. I said, that's impossible, the fog is too dense. Mr. Mueller said, if you can't take me God will provide another way. Mr. Mueller said, let's go down to the chart-room and pray. The captain said, it was the most insane thing that I had ever heard. The fog was too thick. It was an impossible request. I asked Mr. Mueller, can't you see how dense the fog is? Mr. Mueller answered, no, my eye is not on the density of the fog, but on the living God who controls every circumstance of my life. The captain said, Mr. Mueller got down on his knees and prayed a very simple prayer. George Mueller was in Quebec on Saturday.*

Let's pray!

# The Gate Post

## Week of Prayer

The Week of Prayer for Northgate is August 18-25, 2024. Special Prayer Guides will be available in your bulletin on Sunday, August 18.

## BACK to SCHOOL

School starts back on August 8. Please pray for our children, principals, administrators, teachers and all of those involved in our schools and the lives of our children.

Help to keep our children safe and observe all school zone speed limits.

## GLOBAL HUNGER SUNDAY IS AUGUST 25



Southern Baptists join together to fight the hunger crisis by giving to the Global Hunger Relief (GHR) Fund. Established in 1978 as the World Hunger Fund, Global Hunger Relief is an initiative of the Southern Baptist Convention dedicated to providing food and sharing the Bread of Life.

Send Relief, a joint ministry of the North American Mission Board and International Mission Board, carries out missions-focused GHR projects. All GHR projects have an intentional spiritual strategy, solicit local input and expertise, work with Southern Baptist personnel and accountability measures built in.

You will have a bulletin insert on August 25. You may give as the Lord leads.



## MATTHEW WINTERS, WORSHIP LEADER

It's hard to believe that the month of August is upon us. This is the month when everything seems to rev back up in church life. School is starting back, and lots of great activities tend to fill the latter part of the year. I often found it to be the perfect time to rebuild momentum, and I believe that is the case here at Northgate.

As Interim Youth Leader, I wanted to make you aware that the student ministry of Northgate is not on hold. We are building a ministry team that is working hard to plan for the upcoming church year. Sunday School classes are still happening at 9:30 am, plus our midweek student ministry still meets at 6:30 pm. Lots of exciting things will be unfolding over the upcoming months. Pray for our students and the leadership team. People often say that our youth are the church of tomorrow, but they are the church of TODAY!

Another ministry that is re-launching is the choir. If you are the least bit curious about what God wants to do in the choir, set your calendars for August 16-17 for our in-house choir retreat that will be in our fellowship hall. The event will be on Friday night and Saturday morning to early afternoon. You should have gotten details in an email that went out to the church last week. Please let me know if you plan to attend so we can adequately prepare for the Friday night meal and all the materials that will go into the hands of those attending.

God is up to some awesome things, and I'm thrilled to be a part of it! Whatever we do, prayer must be at the center. May we never be so full of ourselves as teachers, preachers, musicians, deacons, or any other servants of God that we fail to lean fully on Him and pray like everything depends on His power and blessing.



### Kitchen and Fellowship Hall Use

**Please help us keep the church fellowship hall and kitchen clean. If you use these area for a personal event or church event, wash all dishes/utensils used and put them back where they belong. Take out all trash.**

**Sanitize the kitchen counters and tables.**

**Do not leave items in the refrigerator or pantry unless they are marked.**

**The vacuum cleaner is located in the closet under the stairs by the elevator.**

**Take all personal items with you when your event is done.**

**Thank you for helping us keep the church fellowship hall and kitchen clean.**

**Please note that tape is not permitted on the walls.**



**AWANA kick off is Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. This is information for those new to AWANA and fun for those returning. We will have registration and bounce houses.**

**AWANA starts August 14.**

**Cubbies: 3-Pre K**

**Sparks: Kindergarten-2nd grade**

**T & T: 3rd-5th grade**

**You can register your children at [www.northgatebaptist.com](http://www.northgatebaptist.com).**



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER SURVEY

We would like to know if you are interested in catered meals of 1 meat, 2 veggies, dessert and bread for Wednesday night suppers beginning in September. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Please let us know on the sign-up sheet in your Sunday school class or call Tina in the church office to have your name added to the survey.



Our new church year begins September 1, 2024. We want to keep our family records in good order. If you have had any changes of address, home/cell numbers, email address, or any other pertinent family information, please call or email the church office so we will have all of your correct information.

### Joy Club



Joy Club will meet Monday, August 19 @ 11:30am in the fellowship hall for a potluck lunch. There will be no charge for the meal and we will not have a program. It will be a time to visit with each other, give suggestions/ideas for programs/plans for 2024-25. All are invited. Sign up in your Sunday School class or call the church for a reservation.

**Deadline is Wednesday, August 14.**



We are collecting items for 2024 Operation Christmas Child. In the month of August we are collecting school supplies. There is a collection box in the Sunday School hallway. You may also donate to help pay the postage for the boxes. Pick up a box or two in the vestibule or at the bottom of the stairs near the elevator.

**NO stuffed animals or toys please.**



### Choir Retreat

Friday, August 16 from 6:00-8:30pm

Saturday, August 17 from 10:00am-1:00pm

We need an accurate head count for preparation purposes. **Please RSVP to Matthew Winters at**

**[mwinters@northgatebaptist.com](mailto:mwinters@northgatebaptist.com)**

