

# Northgate Baptist Church

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# Northgate

Seek. God. First.



## Christmas Eve

### Candlelight Service

will be held at 5:00pm

Come for this special  
service and bring your  
family and friends.



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"Advent" simply means *coming*, as in Christ is coming, and for us now He has arrived. This is referring to His birth in history and in humanity. It meant the welcoming or the arrival of a special king and for us; He is our King of kings. This is what the Old Testament prophecies foretold concerning Jesus' Incarnation, the Word made flesh for our hope and atonement that brought us our deliverance. Advent represents our expectation, anticipation, and preparation for who Christ is and what He has done for us. He arrived into the world as a human being, being fully God and fully man. He came to identify as one of us, as the *Son of Man*, as a baby born in a manger. He came for us, He came for you and He comes into our lives and into our hearts upon our willingness to receive Him. He is coming again in great power and glory to bring His Kingdom into fruition.

Deacons of the Month  
Josh Capps  
Tim Crane  
Will Kirby

# The Gate Post

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change

**PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Sunday, December 15  
On December 15, the Preschool will have their Christmas Party in the fellowship hall from 4:00-6:00pm.

Thank you to everyone that packed a Christmas box for Operation Christmas Child or gave toward the postage for the boxes. Thanks for all the donations throughout the year. Northgate packed 100 boxes!!



**VBS AT NORTHGATE WILL BE JUNE 8-12, 2025 from 6:00-8:30pm**



The church office will be closed for Christmas on December 24 and 25. *The entire staff wishes each one a blessed and joyous Christmas as we celebrate of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

NO Wednesday services or activities will be held on **December 25, 2024** and **January 1, 2025**.

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 for the New Year. We wish you all a wonderful 2025.



## Thoughts from our Pastor



Someone has said, "Christmas is more than a holiday; it is a declaration of hope." At Northgate, one of the ways we celebrate season of this hope is with the Advent wreath. In this wreath, we place five candles, each one proclaiming a different perspective of Advent. The word "Advent," comes from the Latin word, *adventus*, meaning "arrival" or "coming." Three of the five candles are purple, one is pink and one is white. The purple candles (weeks one, two and four) represent faith, hope and peace. The pink candle (week three) represents joy. As each candle is lit on its respective Sunday, we are reminded of a different focus on the coming of Christmas. The white candle that is lit on Christmas Eve is known to us simply as the "Christ candle." But it represents the justice, light and victory that we have through the gift of Jesus Christ.

We have faith, hope, joy and peace because we have Christ. Christmas is so much more than just a holiday. It is the declaration of hope.

As we go through this season of reflection upon the enormous gift of Christ, I invite you to join me in remembering what Jesus said in **John 8:12** – "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

On behalf of all of the Northgate staff and the Jimmerson family, I pray you all have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

*Barry*



**MATTHEW WINTERS, ASSISTANT PASTOR AND  
WORSHIP LEADER**

It's hard to believe we are coming to the close of 2024! We have entered the season that reminds us of why Jesus came. Galatians 4:6 encapsulates that so beautifully - "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons." At the right time! We were lost and unable to save ourselves, but God stepped in with the greatest gift of all - His Son! I'm forever grateful, and I trust you are too!

As we close out this year, I want to do two things. First, I want to challenge you to let go of some things you don't need to carry into 2025. Some of us have some negativity, bad habits, and things that outright dishonor God that need repentance. We need to let it go and find the freedom only Christ can give. Second, I want to take this moment to thank you for welcoming us into the fellowship of Northgate the way you have and wish you a blessed Christmas and 2025. We thank God for you and count it a blessing to be used of God here. We love you and wish God's sweetest blessings upon you!

## PICKLEBALL AT NORTHGATE!



**Northgate and friends Pickleball!** The gym will be open every Sunday afternoon from 4:00-6:00pm for pickleball. Come join the fun and bring your family and friends. The gym will be open for pickle ball every Sunday afternoon. Note that on a Sunday when we have our prayer and praise service at 4:00pm, the gym will be open 5:00-6:00pm.

## GATHER with us

Carols and Cocoa will be held on Sunday, December 8 from 3:00-5:00pm on the front lawn.

These will be times to foster unity and fellowship within our church body as well as invite unchurched or unbelieving friends to a gathering where they can feel and experience the love of Jesus. Please plan now to attend this special time and invite your friends, neighbors, relatives, and all you can.



*Congratulations to Cynthia Hudson & Reid Stefanick on their marriage.*



**It's a girl!** A baby shower will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 11am-1pm for Barry Jr. & Mandy Agnew. Mandy is registered on Amazon. Gift cards are welcome.



**Marriage Retreat March 6-8, 2025 at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC.** The total cost is \$318 per couple, with the first half due by Sunday, January 5, and the second half due by Sunday, February 16. Pastor Jimmy Boggs from Ebenezer Baptist Church in West Union, SC and his wife, Barbara, will lead us that weekend. For more information, please see Matthew Winters.

**Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is December 1—December 8, 2024.** Northgate's goal is \$5,000. On December 1 a prayer guide and envelope will be in your bulletin. You may also give in memory or in honor of someone on the sheet that will be inserted in your bulletin.

## Joy Club



**In December the Joy Club will go out to eat. More information to follow.**



*Tina Jimmerson  
Minister of Children  
and their families*

**AWANA will not meet again until January 8, 2025**

**We will have a Family Sunday School Hour on Sunday, December 22 at 9:30am in the fellowship hall.**

In December (Sundays and Wednesdays) the kids will be learning some Christmas songs and will sing on

**Sunday, December 15.** There will be NO Wednesday night activities on December 25 and January 1, 2025.

**Have a blessed Christmas!**

## CENTRIFUGE

**Youth Camp (CentriFuge) will be held on June 2-6, 2025 at Southern Wesleyan University in Central, SC.** A \$75 non-refundable deposit is due by Sunday, February 2, 2025. The total cost is \$369 per person. Please see Matthew Winters if you have any questions.



**Kids Camp (CentriKid) is coming up on June 20-22, 2025 at Gardner Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC.** A non-refundable deposit is due by Sunday, February 9, 2025. Total cost is \$195 per child. Please see Matthew Winters for more information.