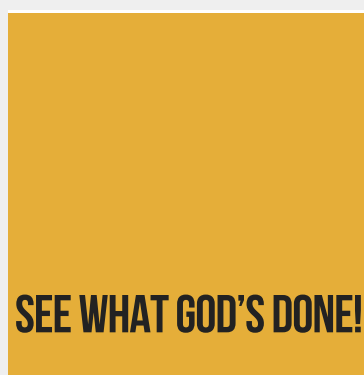
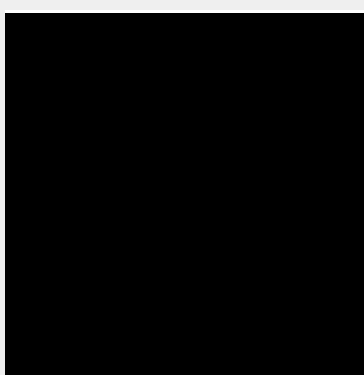
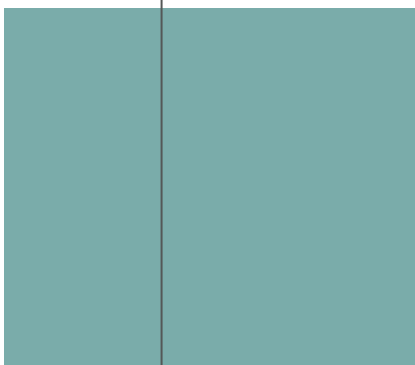
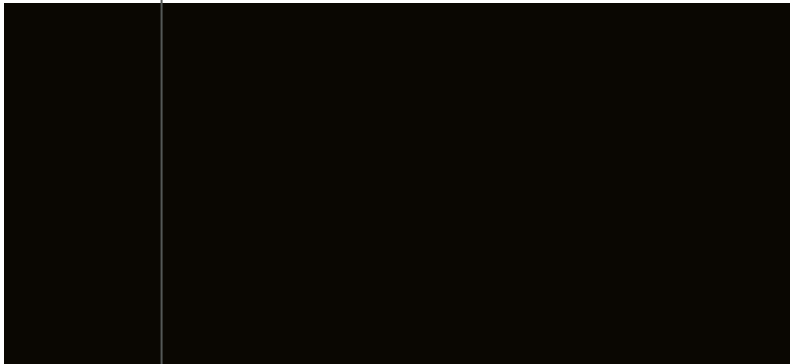


# 2026 NORTHGATE SUMMIT WEEKEND

*Our mission is to bring people to Jesus, build them up in that relationship and send them out to share His love.*



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# A LETTER FROM PASTOR JOHN

Dear Northgate,

As you spend some time with this year's report, I hope you see more than just information...I hope you see evidence of God's faithfulness among us.

It's helpful to pause and reflect on what's happened over the past year. The numbers tell part of the story, and they matter because every number represents a person—a life, a family, a moment where God is at work.

But the full story goes deeper than anything we can chart or summarize. This past year, we've watched God meet people in such real and meaningful ways. We've seen faith sparked, strengthened, and sometimes rebuilt. We've seen people take next steps, find community, and experience the grace of Jesus in ways that are hard to fully capture on a page.

What encourages me most isn't just what God has done, it's the sense that He is continuing to move. There's a growing hunger, a deepening faith, and a shared expectation that God has more in store for our church.

So as you read through this report, I invite you to reflect, to celebrate, and to look ahead with hope. God has been good to us—and we believe the best is still to come.

Gratefully,

**John Keller**

*Lead Pastor*



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# OUR TEAM

## LEADERSHIP & STAFF

### **DL Walter**

Next Generation Pastor

### **Amanda Saber**

Communications Director

### **Anthony Hoisington**

Worship Director

### **Angelique Spring**

Group Life Director

### **Sherrie Staines**

Hospitality Director

### **Kris Braun**

Bookkeeper

### **John Bernardini**

4-6th Grade Director

### **Katie Zimmerman**

Kto3 Director

### **Allison Lang**

Operations Director

### **Andrea Moore**

Care & Counseling Pastor

### **Becca Johnson**

Northgate Kids Director

### **Justin Reynolds**

Graphic Designer

### **Tara Blowers**

Assistant Worship Director

### **Kyler Ribbing**

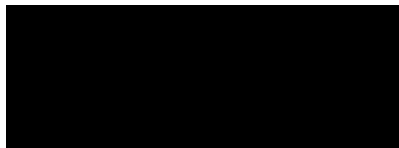
Video & Audio Production Director

### **Erin Ribbing**

Base Worship Leader

### **Courtney Mead**

Infant/Toddler Director



# BRING

This past year, Northgate made clear progress toward its mission of bringing people to Jesus by creating intentional opportunities for connection, spiritual growth, and service. Weekly worship services saw an average attendance increase of 11%, and the launch of eight new small groups provided meaningful spaces for people to grow in their faith. Twenty-nine individuals made first-time decisions to follow Christ through baptism, publicly declaring their commitment to Him.

Outreach efforts such as Thursday Night Tailgates and A Very Northgate Christmas engaged more than 300 local residents, creating welcoming environments for connection and community. Globally, our ongoing partnership in Gahanda, Rwanda, continued to make an impact through the installation of basketball and volleyball courts and the support of a women's farm and sewing school—helping families experience the love of Christ in tangible ways.

Looking ahead, Northgate remains committed to deepening discipleship by inviting individuals to become partners and take next steps in their relationship with both the church and Christ. We also plan to expand opportunities for community service and launch additional groups to foster stronger connections and mutual support as people grow in their walk with Jesus.

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New members of  
Northgate in 2025

10

Dedications & child  
baptisms

38

Average online  
weekly attenders



# BUILD

This past year, Northgate has intentionally focused on helping people grow in their relationship with Christ by creating clear, accessible, and welcoming pathways for spiritual growth. More than 445 people found connection and encouragement through small groups and Bible studies—spaces designed to deepen understanding of Scripture while building genuine, life-giving community.

Our Pathway to Partnership class guided over 28 individuals in taking meaningful next steps, equipping them with practical tools for prayer, engaging the Bible, and developing spiritual rhythms in everyday life. Along the way, more than 180 people stepped into serving on ministry teams, discovering the joy and growth that come from living out their faith in action.

This year also marked the growth of our residency program, a partnership with students from Roberts Wesleyan University. Through this program, students are given hands-on opportunities to learn about ministry, serve within the local church, and grow in both their calling and their desire to lead and serve others.

As we look ahead, Northgate is excited to continue building on this momentum. We're launching new discipleship pathways, creating more opportunities for people to serve in ways that reflect their unique gifts, and introducing new community outreach opportunities. Our heart is simple: that everyone who calls Northgate home would feel supported, known, and equipped to grow in a thriving relationship with Christ.



29

Small Groups

>180

Serving in our  
church and  
community



# SEND

This past year, Northgate didn't just talk about its mission—we stepped into it, actively sending people to share the love of Christ both locally and around the world. Through hands-on outreach, support of three Free Methodist World Missionaries, and the faithful sponsorship of over 200 children in Gahanda, Rwanda, we've seen lives touched and communities strengthened in real, tangible ways.

Closer to home, we've also seen a meaningful partnership take root with All Babies Cherished in Batavia. As this relationship continues to grow, more people from Northgate are stepping in to serve, support, and build connections with families and children in our community. Through volunteering, resource support, and increased awareness, we're helping strengthen a ministry that provides care, encouragement, and practical help to those who need it most—creating a bridge between our church and the local families it serves.

Across our congregation, many are also stepping into everyday moments—at work, in schools, and in their neighborhoods—with a growing confidence to live out and share their faith.

Looking ahead, Northgate is ready to keep moving. We're expanding outreach opportunities, creating spaces to equip people to confidently share their faith, and sending even more people into our communities and beyond. The goal is simple but bold: to see more lives transformed as more people encounter the love of Jesus.

# LOCAL MISSIONS

## All Babies Cherished

- New mom kits assembled
- Volunteers on site
- Advocacy for at risk moms

## GCC Campus 180

- Lead by Dr. Carrie Starr, giving opportunities to students to explore faith, build communities and grow as leaders

## Great Day of Giving

- Gifts in 2025 included:
  - Justice Advocacy for Children
  - YWCA domestic violence home & food pantry
  - ARC Glow

## Rummage Sale

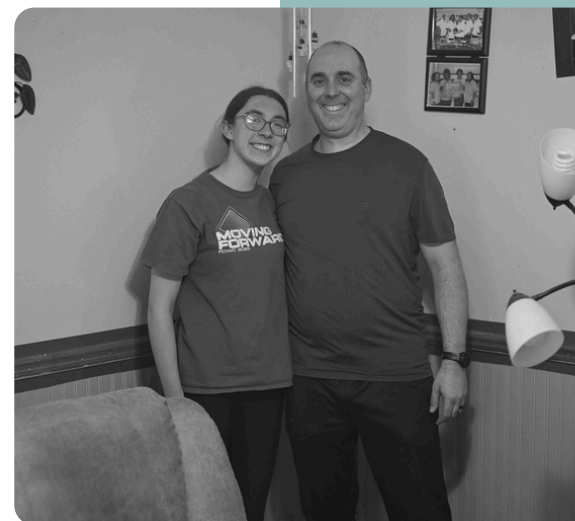
- Helps raise money for local and global missions. The team just completed their 7<sup>th</sup> sale!

## Salvation Army

- Collections for food pantry
- Supporting Angel Tree through gift collection and distribution

## Flower City Work Camp

- There were 11 students and 10 adults that helped in various ways throughout the week.



# GLOBAL MISSIONS

## Josh & Suzy Fajardo

Josh is the Europe Area Director for FMWM. He provides leadership for Impact Europe, which helps with church planting and social & holistic ministries

## Chris & Yuko Wilkins

Both FMWM missionaries who encourage discipleship and kingdom building in their community within Japan

## JR & Becky Crouse

Both assist the FMC in Ecuador and the Latin America Area through development and education.

## CONNECTED COMMUNITY | GAHANDA, RWANDA

Northgate now sponsors more than 220 children in Gahanda, Rwanda, continuing to invest in the next generation in a meaningful, long-term way. Alongside this, we helped fund the construction of new basketball and volleyball courts, creating spaces for community, play, and connection. To date, we've also partnered in building 38 homes, providing safe and stable housing for families. As the community continues to grow, the local trade school has expanded its offerings to include carpentry—opening new doors for skill development, employment, and long-term sustainability.



# YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTER

Northgate's Youth and Community Center is a welcoming space where students and community members connect, grow, and experience the love of Christ.

> 68

Wednesday Night  
Base Students

265

Pickleball  
players

>10

Community  
Groups



## BASE

33

Sunday Morning  
4-6 Students

26

Sunday Morning  
7-12 Students

64

2024 Fall Retreat  
attendees



# NORTHGATE KIDS

143

average weekend  
attendance

11%

increase from  
2024

127

new check-ins  
in 2025

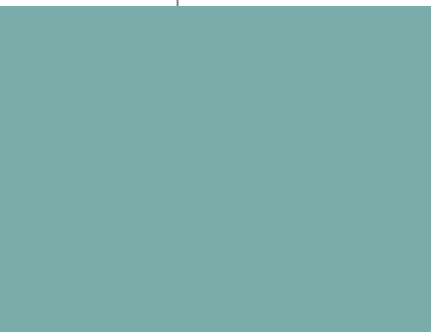
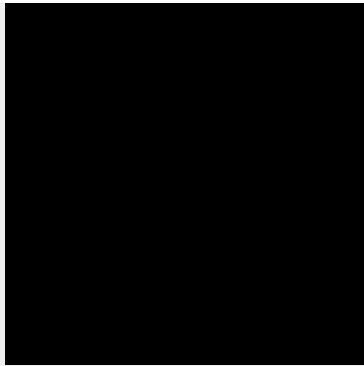
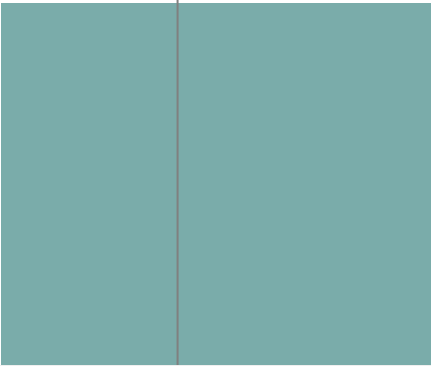


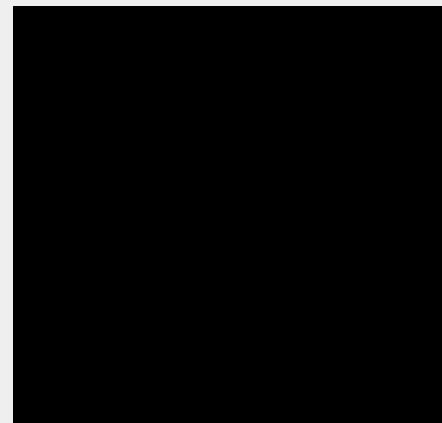
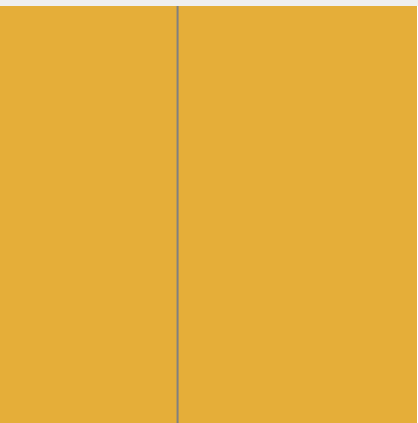
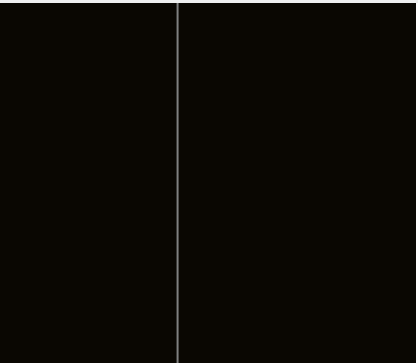
# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, because of your faithful generosity, Northgate was able to reduce its liabilities to just over \$500,000—an incredible milestone. This represents a 35.65% decrease from the previous year and reflects significant progress in strengthening the church's financial health.

At the same time, Northgate continued to live generously, giving a total of \$68,303.82 to missions and local nonprofits.


Your consistency, trust, and partnership with the Administrative Board, Delegates, and staff have made a real impact—blessing lives both within our church and beyond. Thank you.





# THANK YOU

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the numbers presented here, please contact Northgate's Operations Director, Allison Lang.

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