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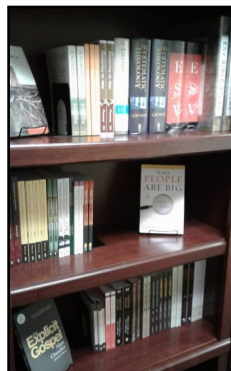
GREETINGS, GATEWAY FAMILY!

June was a great month around Gateway! I have enjoyed our times each week in corporate worship, as well as our extra times of fellowship with Family Night and the Ice Cream Fellowship. In addition, Gateway's children had an amazing experience at Vacation Bible School and our youth had a great trip to the Souled Out Youth Camp. Updates on those special events are on page 2. I am thankful for the many of you at Gateway who have worked so hard this past month to make all of these things possible!

NEW RESOURCE CENTER

I am excited to let you know that we have a new resource center in the hallway outside the church office. The old bookshelves there have been transformed into a small resource center with books available to help you. We currently have a variety of books in the following categories:

- Bibles and Bible study tools
- Theology
- Christian living
- Resources for life issues
- Marriage
- Parenting
- Children's books



Each book is both theologically sound and readable, and I believe they will be of great benefit to help you grow in your relationship with the Lord and with one another. For a few of the highlighted resources this month, see page 3 of this issue of *The Gatepost*.

There is a suggested donation amount listed on a sticker on each book and a payment box located on the shelves. Any amount we receive back from books you take to keep or pass along to others will help us both keep this resource ministry ongoing and grow it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We resume our regular Wednesday evening activities on July 12, and they will continue the remainder of the summer. I want to invite the adults to join me for our study of "The Attributes of God." This month we begin the "communicable" attributes of God as we look at God's knowledge (omniscience), wisdom, truthfulness, and power (omnipotence). We also have a missions fundraising lunch on July 9 and a special night of praise on July 30. I hope you will join us for these opportunities!

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PRAISE MINISTRY

NIGHT OF PRAISE — July 30

Greetings, Gateway Family! I am super excited about another "Night of Praise" on Sunday, July 30, at 7:00 p.m. In April it was a wonderful, intimate time of worshipping our Savior together. It is a privilege to be able to do this again! I hope you will be able to join us. Come and invite your friends and family! Childcare will be provided for children three and younger.



~ Ashley
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CHILDRENS MINISTRY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Vacation Bible School 2017 has come and gone. We had 86 children enrolled with an average attendance of 76. It was a great week!

I am so thankful for the huge number of Gateway members who made this possible. Because of your tireless efforts doing everything from teaching to making snacks, the children felt loved while with us. They heard the good news of Jesus Christ many times. Please pray with me that these children will come to know Him!

I'm also thankful that so many of you have continued to join us on Wednesday nights this summer. We are studying God's Word and having fun playing together. The summer pace is a nice change to the busy school year.

As always, I appreciate you entrusting your children to me. I continually pray for your families!

~ Molly
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DEACON UPDATE

1 Peter 4:10 says, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." It is joyful in the Holy Spirit to serve the Gateway Fellowship and all those around us locally and globally. The Deacons met on May 31 to plan for the rest of the summer. We have a work day on July 29 to paint the main hallway in the office/sanctuary building. We are also planning a training session this fall on visitation and reaching out to the sick and hurting. We are excited at the response of the Fellowship to help us in ministering to others. Please let us know if you have any needs or thoughts on how we could improve.

God bless you as we use the God given gifts to help others on the path to relationship with Christ. We ask you to pray for us and all the leadership within the church. Thanks again for all everyone does to reflect Christ to others.

~ David O'Meara
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SUMMER OUTREACH

KIDS BIBLE CLUB ~ JULY 24-28

We are partnering with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) to lead a "5-Day Club." These clubs are a unique and effective way to reach the children and families in our community. For 1 ½ hours each day children ages 5 to 12 gather to play high energy games, hear exciting Bible lessons and missionary stories, and sing upbeat songs that teach unforgettable truths. We will host three of these clubs daily the week of July 24 to 28. There will be clubs at True Divine Day Care and at Regency Park, which is aimed at reaching the Mixtec community.



Our Gateway families are encouraged to come to the club at Gateway and bring their neighborhood friends Monday (July 24) through Friday (July 28) from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day.

~ C.J.
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SERMONS AND TEACHINGS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The audio of our sermons from Sunday and from our Wednesday night teachings are all available online at:

www.facebook.com/gatewaybc
www.gatewaybaptist.com



YOUTH MINISTRY

On June 5 - 9, we took 36 people to the Souled Out Youth Ministry conference. We had a great experience! Here is how one of the chaperones described it:

"Souled out was a great experience for students to have an opportunity to meet other believers and fellowship with them. They offered many tournaments and recreational activities for people to participate in without making it obligatory. The speakers and the leadership had solid foundations and a clear understanding of empowering the local church to equip the students. The worship was genuine and they did well to not manipulate the students emotionally. Instead, they encouraged them to participate in worshipping our God."

Hear now from two of our youth about our trip:

"Souled out was a wonderful experience. My relationship has grown and become deeper with God. Big Lee was talking about associates of Christ and how they go with the flow and act differently around friends or try to fit in with the world. He said that if we wanted to get serious about our faith, then we would be looked at as weird and could be picked on for who/what we stand for. God has revealed to me through my time at Souled Out that church is everywhere and my church is not just a bunch of friends, and we don't just go to have fun and say the right things, but to apply what we learn to our lives by loving, living, and letting Christ shine through us. My friends and I don't just call each other friends anymore, we call each other family. We have had our ups and downs, pain and sorrows, but our Savior will always be here for us no matter what."

"During the Souled out trip, I experienced the Lord in many incredible ways. Before the trip, I was so angry with myself, I shut people out for trying to help me. I thought that no-one needed to have my problems on their back. On June 7th of this year, I got saved. I felt Him through me and I knew He loved me. I knew that everything I've been through, I had gone through for a reason. I learned that God doesn't give you a hard time just because. I also learned that in the future, you will run across someone who will need to hear your testimony, and it may save their life. God loves every single one of us and He sent His only son to die for our sins because of His love for us. I didn't realize that, but my eyes were opened, and I am very grateful to have been able to go to Souled Out."

~ Drew

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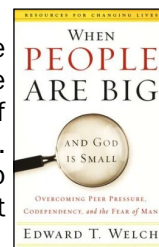


RESOURCE CENTER RECOMMENDATIONS

Need some good summer reading? Here are a few suggestions that all are available in the new Gateway Resource Center outside the church office...

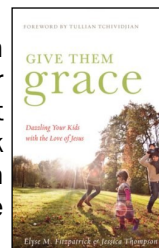
WHEN PEOPLE ARE BIG AND GOD IS SMALL BY ED WELCH

At the root of many of our sin struggles is the "fear of man," or living for what other people think. Even if it is not peer pressure, many of us are bound by people pleasing tendencies. Ed Welch provides biblical help for how to replace our fear of others, whatever form it takes, with the fear of God.



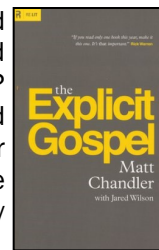
GIVE THEM GRACE: DAZZLING YOUR KIDS WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS BY ELYZE FITZPATRICK

Is our parenting any different from that of an atheist or Mormon? Are we parenting for behavior or with the desire to see heart attitudes transformed? Elyse Fitzpatrick provides a helpful, but challenging, book on how the Gospel and understanding of grace should change how we parent.



THE EXPLICIT GOSPEL BY MATT CHANDLER

"The Gospel" - we talk about it a lot around church. But do we really understand it and the awe and wonder that comes with it? Reading this book is like listening to a friend talk over a cup of coffee. Matt Chandler gives a fresh look at the wonders of the Gospel and how it is more than just my individual story.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Ron and DeRita Burke
James and Jessica Choi
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Jerry and Karen Neighbors





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Lucas Jones

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Steve Gillis
Allison Hayes
Jinny Mertz

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Russell Rose

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE

Sunday Worship _____ 259
Sunday School [for all ages] _____ 139
Wednesday Evening [for all ages] _____ 125

GIVING UPDATE

June Budget Requirement _____ \$ 42,911.67
June Budget Receipts _____ \$ 44,541.64

Other Designated Receipts _____ \$ 3,689.00

2017 YTD Budget Requirement _____ \$ 257,470.02
2017 YTD Budget Receipts _____ \$ 218,854.01
2017 YTD Deficit _____ \$ 38,616.01

PASTORAL AND STAFF TEAM

Grady Smith _____ Pastor
CJ Falcione _____ Associate Pastor
Drew Burton _____ Student Ministries Pastor
Molly Moore _____ Children's Ministry Director
Ashley McCullough _____ Worship Leader
Erin Gross _____ Administrative Assistant
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Robby Collins, William Foxx, Ira Hostetter, William Hurley,
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*We would like to offer our sympathy to
Lisa Minney in the passing of her mother.*