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GREETINGS, GATEWAY FAMILY!

With March already here, Easter is just around the corner! Easter is always a special time of celebration around Gateway. On page 2 you will find details about all of the Easter activities including the Good Friday service, an Easter sunrise service, our Easter worship service, and a community-wide evening service.



EASTER RESOURCE FOR YOU

Easter also provides us a great opportunity to talk about the Lord with others. To help you with your outreach to friends who do not know the Lord, I am excited to let you know that we have available for you "The Gospel of John" booklets. Each copy has the Scripture (ESV) in book format, an overview of the Gospel, and a reference page to help people find verses in John. We are providing these outreach Gospel of John booklets at no cost to you, provided you will give it away to someone! Copies are available in the resource center in the hallway by the office.

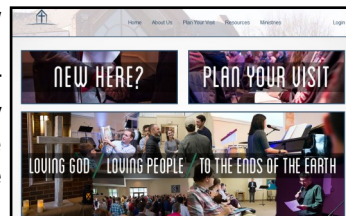


LIFE GROUPS

Our new Life Groups are off to a great start! The discussions of Scripture, prayer times, and fellowship they provide already have been so encouraging to me and to many of you as well. If you have not yet joined one, it's not too late! To learn more or to register, just visit our web site at www.gatewaybaptist.com/LifeGroups

NEW WEB SITE

Speaking of our web site, I am excited to let you know Gateway has a new web site! Ethan Widen, who serves on our church staff, has done an amazing job designing our new site. It has more information, is more visually appealing, and is mobile friendly. What you see is just the start! We are in the process of adding more content, more pages, and more functionality for you. Did you know you can update your information with the church office, message everyone in your groups, see the full church calendar, submit prayer requests, and give online? Check it out at www.gatewaybaptist.com



~Grady
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EASTER WEEK

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, March 25 ~ 10:30 AM

A focus on Jesus' triumphal entry in our morning worship service



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, March 30 ~ 7 PM

A reflective service of Scripture, prayers, songs, and communion as we think about the crucifixion.

(Childcare is not available for this service.)



SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 1 ~ 6:00 AM

Grace at Bell Road Church Gateway and several other local churches join together for a sunrise service. A pot-luck breakfast follows.



EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 1 ~ 10:30 AM

Celebrate Easter in our morning worship service as we focus on Jesus' resurrection. Childcare is available through age 3.

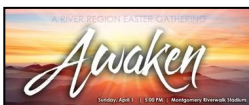


AWAKEN

Sunday, April 1 ~ 5:00 PM

Riverwalk Stadium

A community wide service of praise and communion. See details below.



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This celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus reaches across denominational, ethnic, and cultural divisions to bring together and unite the hearts of the body of Christ in joyous praise to our Lord. If the people of God, in all our rich diversity, worship together, who knows what may happen next? God may just lead us also to work together. If we can learn to worship and work together, then the Spirit of God also may lead us to walk together in harmony and peace to advance the kingdom of our great God! We invite you to join together with brothers and sisters in Christ from across this city to display the glory of God as the one church.

When: Sunday, April 1 ~ 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.

Where: Riverwalk Stadium

~ CJ

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CHILDRENS MINISTRY

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)



These words are a beautiful reminder to me of how Christ makes all things new. He especially shows us this in the season of spring. I pray that as you see the flowers blooming, it refreshes your soul. May it also provide an opportunity to enjoy your family and prepare your children for the celebration of Easter.

EASTER RESOURCES & SCHEDULE

I have found several resources of ideas and activities to celebrate Easter as a family. I will have these packets available for families at church.



There will be no Kid's Worship on Easter Sunday, April 1. We want you to worship together as a family on this special day! Again, do not worry about wiggles and whispers. Jesus asked for the children to be brought near Him!

GO! GRAND PRIX

Our annual Gateway GO! Grand Prix is coming soon on Sunday, April 8, immediately following the worship service. Be watching for more details soon, and start building those cars!

As always, thank you for entrusting your children to our care. We love them and are continually praying for their salvation.

~ Molly

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PRAISE MINISTRY

Greetings Gateway family! I want to let you know more about our Good Friday and Easter services. We will have four different opportunities to gather and worship together Easter weekend! Friday, March 30, at 7 p.m. is our Good Friday service which will include worship through song, Scripture readings, prayer, and communion. On Sunday, April 1, there are three services throughout the day that we want you to be a part of: The Sunrise service, our worship service at Gateway, and the community Awaken service that evening! It will be an awesome weekend full of praising our Savior for what He has done!

~ Ashley

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GATEWAYSTUDENTS

SPRING BREAK TRIP TO TOCCOA FALLS March 11 - 14

This month is Spring Break for all of our students. It's a great time to take a break from school and the regular routine and get away. We are taking a retreat to the North Georgia mountains to refresh and refocus. We will be staying at a house on Lake Hartwell, just out from Toccoa Falls, Georgia. The group will be leaving Gateway on Sunday, March 11, immediately following the worship service. We will return on Wednesday, March 14. While we are away, we will have times of praise, teaching, and prayer. We will also be hiking and doing team building exercises on a ropes course. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to grow in their faith and to grow in relationships with other students. The cost of the retreat is only \$35 per person. Please be praying for our students as they seek the Lord together during this retreat. See me for more details or to register!



~ Drew

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INDIA CHILD UPDATE

Gateway has enjoyed a Gospel-centered partnership with New Life Center in Dehradun, India, for 14 years. Dehradun is considered a holy Hindu city in North India, where less than 1% of the population is Christian. One aspect of Gateway's relationship is the **India Child Sponsorship** program. Sponsors are matched with a child who lives at New Life Center's boarding school. The children come from families who cannot otherwise financially support their child's education; many have lost one or both parents. Sponsorship is a \$40/month commitment to support their schooling and pray for a child. Sponsors receive a child's photo, biographical information, and regular written correspondence. Currently, we have **seven slots available for co-sponsorships**. Co-sponsors pay only \$20/month and their monthly gift is matched. While you may not be able to go to India, this is a worthy investment in sharing the Light of the World in a dark place. For more information, please email indiachildren@gmail.com or contact me.

~ Alycia Jeong
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SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Psalm 71:9 says, "Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent." We are excited to let you know that Gateway is starting a new ministry for senior adults and almost senior adults. We will have a kickoff on Tuesday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. It will be a dinner and "get acquainted fellowship" in the gym. At it, we will discuss plans for the senior adult ministry. If you plan to attend, please see John Schneider or contact the church office.



Going forward, each month we will have an activity with time for fellowship, learning, and food to keep our senior adults active and recognize their contributions to our church. We do not set an age limit; anyone who wants to encourage and be around senior adults is welcome!

~ John Schneider (Deacon for Senior Adults)
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SECRET CHURCH SIMULCAST

FRIDAY, APRIL 20 ~ 6:00 PM



CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, APRIL 22 ~ 12:15 PM



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!



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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday Worship _____ 227
Sunday School [for all ages] _____ 119

GIVING UPDATE

February Budget Requirement _____ \$ 40,370
February Budget Receipts _____ \$ 35,336

Other Designated Receipts _____ \$ 8,589

2018 YTD Budget Requirement _____ \$ 80,740

2018 YTD Budget Receipts _____ \$ 66,514

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
Ethan Widen _____ Ministry Assistant

ELDERS

Robby Collins, William Foxx, Ira Hostetter, William Hurley,
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