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GREETINGS, GATEWAY FAMILY!

We are so thankful to be part of this wonderful fellowship of believers here at Gateway. There are many exciting things happening within the body, and I hope you will take a moment to read through this *Gatepost* to get a glimpse of some of them.

For the Men of Gateway

I have been enjoying getting to know many of you over breakfast, lunch, or coffee. It has been a joy to hear your stories and learn more about your lives. My desire is to have this time with each one of you. If you have time in your work or school schedule to get breakfast, coffee, or lunch with me, please let me know and let's get together! Email me at grady@gatewaybaptist.com or call me in the office at 334-272-9494 and let's schedule a time!



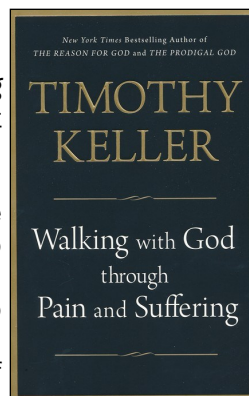
For the Women of Gateway

Julia is hosting our first "Coffee and Connections" fellowship time for Gateway ladies at our home on Monday evening, March 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. We hope to make this a regular event to facilitate fellowship among the women of the church. Mark your calendar and plan to join her for an evening of coffee and tea, fellowship, and sharing together in our home.



Book Recommendation

There are so many in our church family who are experiencing a wide variety of trials. A few weeks ago I mentioned a book that I thought would be of help to many of you. It is Tim Keller's *Walking With God Through Pain and Suffering*. It is one of the best resources I have found to help us keep our eyes on Christ and on eternity in the midst of the trials of this life. Every copy I ordered was picked up that Sunday, and the second round of orders of the book were all picked up the next week. If you still would like us to provide you with a copy, please let me know. For those who are in the midst of a trial at the present time, let me encourage you to begin the book with "Part Two: Facing the Furnace" on page 111. It is a section full of practical helps to your faith in the midst of trials and suffering.



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CHILDRENS MINISTRY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 19-23

Summer will be here before you know it which means it is time for my favorite church event — Vacation Bible School (VBS)! VBS is an awesome opportunity to minister to our church family as well as our community, and it is so much fun.



This year's theme is Galactic Starveyors as we "discover the God of the universe." We will begin with creation and learn how God began a relationship with man that was broken by man's sin yet ultimately restored by Jesus.

I am asking each of you to pray about what God would have you do in or for VBS. We need many volunteers in many areas. As you pray about this opportunity, consider these statistics: 25% of all baptisms reported by the Southern Baptist Convention comes from VBS. Also, 10% of the people enrolled in VBS are unchurched.

We can make a difference in our community by giving one week of our time this summer. Please contact me if you want to be a part of our exciting VBS team this summer!

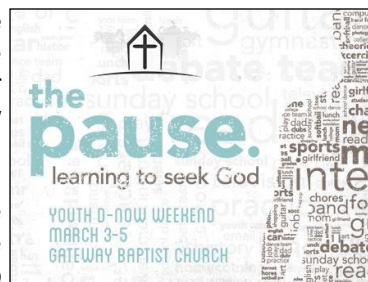
~ Molly

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YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES And How You Can Be Praying

Gateway and Heritage Baptist Church are teaming up this year for an exciting Disciple Now (D-Now) weekend on March 3 - 5 for youth in grades 7 through 12. The theme will be "The PAUSE" as we help



students learn how to take time to engage in seeking personal spiritual growth. The key is for students to learn to hit pause from the busyness of life in order to seek the Lord. The weekend will be a powerful time of Bible study and application, learning what the Scripture says about seeking the Lord. This year's speaker is Lee McBride. Please be praying for our small group leaders, worship team, and Big Lee as they share truth. Pray that our students would be open about their spiritual struggles and that they would be bold in living out the things that God reveals to them.

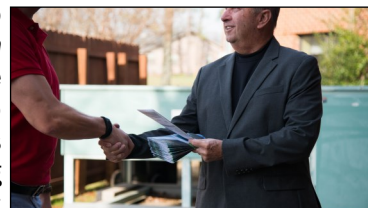
Also, our Spring Break mission trip this year will be to Orlando, Florida from March 21-25. We will be partnering with local ministries who focus on serving the homeless and undernourished population of Metro Orlando. Please pray that we would serve selflessly according to Jesus' example as detailed in Philippians 2.

~ Drew

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DEACONS MINISTRY UPDATE

Your Gateway Deacon Team is thankful to the Holy Spirit for bringing eleven men into deacon service this past year! Our team's theme is "building disciples through deacon service." Our foundation begins in the words of Acts 6 as God brought a spirit of service to His growing church. Our first calling in the Deacon team is to pray! We want to talk to and listen to God's voice and read His word to guide our activities. Our second calling is to support the staff, elders, and fellowship in a number of areas. You see us helping Grady and the worship team with Sunday Service, organizing maintenance, reaching out to visit or help folks at their homes, ushering, and more. Watch for more updates on our areas of service on Facebook. Below is a list of our Gateway Deacons. Please reach out to us if you have areas of service or want to help serve the fellowship.



Johnny Chappelle
Mike Gwin
Mike Mertz

Don Hatcher
Tom Haberkorn
David O'Meara

Alex Hood
Shin Jeong
John Schneider

Jason Gross
Greg Locklier

~ Dave

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CHILDRENS MINISTRY

2's

March 5th	Chad & Kelsey Smith
March 12th	Brad & Sarah Mooney
March 19th	Andy & Rachelle Whatley
March 26th	Savannah Barber; Stella Burton

3's

March 5th	Marc & Dana Dendy
March 12th	Brooke Resende; Susan Malone;
March 19th	Haley Falcione
March 26th	Mathew & Lara Walter

4's/5's

March 5th	Chris and Charles Pughsley
March 12th	Terry Huffman; Kelly Quattlebaum
March 19th	Jason & DeAnne Watson
March 26th	Alycia Jeong; Wei Wu

Kindergarten

March 5th	Michelle and Lillian Gober
March 12th	Jordan & Avery Bray
March 19th	Casey Falcione; Laura Glass
March 26th	Paige and Sophie Burton

Director on Duty

March 5th	Pam Garner
March 12th	Mandy Moody
March 19th	Cheryl Brake
March 26th	Laura Summerford

Kids Worship

March 5th	Tom & Jennifer Haberkorn; Elle Foxx; Jennifer Hostetter; Sarah Mooney
March 12th	John Wible; Jeremy Jones;
March 19th	Joseph Falcione; Kirkland Whatley Karson & Lindsey Whatley
March 26th	Craig McCullough; Molly Moore; Morgan Burch; Daniel Paulk

OTHER AREAS

Greeters

March 5th	Mike & Jinny Mertz
March 12th	Don & Jan Hatcher
March 19th	Greg Locklier; Terry Huffman
March 26th	Johnny & Marilyn Chappelle

Deacon on Duty

March 5th	Shin Jeong
March 12th	Dave O'Meara
March 19th	Mike Mertz
March 26th	Jason Gross; Don Hatcher

ProPresenter

March 5th	Brad Mooney
March 12th	Aaron Long
March 19th	Rob Slagle
March 26th	Taylor Elebash

Sound Board

March 5th	Chris McCorkle
March 12th	Jason Gross
March 19th	Dan Moore
March 26th	Chris McCorkle

Security Team

March 5th	Bruno Resende
March 12th	David Cho
March 19th	John Garner
March 26th	Nate Dickson

Counter

March 5th	Mike Mertz
March 12th	Fran McCorkle
March 19th	Jack Lee
March 26th	Marilyn Chappelle



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03	Martie Elgin	16	Casey Falcione
04	Nathaniel Dickson	20	Ashton Collins
06	Jermisha Cooper	22	Ryan Dendy
	Jeremy Jones		
	Karson Whatley	23	Eddie Simmons
07	Dana Dendy	24	Sarah Mooney
			LaShawnda Simmons
09	Kobey Stoup	27	Cathryn Collins
10	Ira Hostetter	28	Vi Traylor
	Grace Watson		
12	Jacob Mooney	29	Marc Tompkins
	Lori Smart		Trevor Whatley
13	Cheryl Brake	30	David McCorkle
15	Kelby Stoup		

We would like to offer our sympathy to:

Patsy Hood on the death of her Grandmother, Joan Davidson.
Audrey Gillis, on the death of her Father, Horace Merrill.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday Worship	248
Sunday School [for all ages]	148
Wednesday Evening [for all ages]	127

GIVING UPDATE

February Budget Requirement	\$42,911.67
February Budget Receipts	\$34,299.17

Building Fund	\$100.00
Other Designated Receipts	\$2,085.00

2017 YTD Budget Requirement	\$85,823.34
2017 YTD Budget Receipts	\$64,573.61
2017 YTD Deficit	\$21,249.73

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
Patsy Hood	Ministry Assistant

ELDERS

Robby Collins, William Foxx, Ira Hostetter, William Hurley,
Jeremy Jones, John Reese, Seth Rhodebeck