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## GREETINGS, GATEWAY FAMILY!

April was an exciting month here at Gateway! I hope you enjoyed all of the special activities around Easter week, as well as the special teaching times with Secret Church about the authority of the Bible and with Dr. Bruce Ware teaching about the Trinity.

### ATTRIBUTES OF GOD STUDY

Wednesday evening activities will continue through the summer months with our ongoing children and youth Bible studies. For the adult Bible study, on Wednesday, May 10, I will begin teaching a new study on the attributes (characteristics) of God. Over the years as I have talked to people about God, when asked to describe God, most respond with "God is love." Yes, that is one of His attributes, but there are many more, and we must not stop there. Each week we will take one attribute of God and see where we find it from both the Old and New Testaments. As with our previous study, we will then divide into small groups for discussion and prayer. Our discussion times will be focused on how understanding that particular attribute of God encourages our faith, helps us pray, and influences how we treat other people. We also will set aside more time each week to pray together in our small groups. I am excited about this journey with you and hope you will join us each Wednesday evening in the months to come!



### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

We will continue our journey through the Gospel of John on Sunday mornings. Let me encourage you to read ahead in John 5 and 6 as I will be preaching from those chapters this month. Also, I am encouraged seeing guests visiting on Sundays. Please be intentional to look for people you do not know and to help them feel welcome and get connected here.



### SUNDAY CORPORATE PRAYER

One of my favorite parts of the week here is gathering with friends at 8 a.m. on Sunday mornings to pray for the Bible studies and worship service, needs in our church family, one another, and our community. A small but faithful group comes week by week. I believe it is one of the most important things in the life of Gateway and makes an eternal impact. Would you consider joining us as we seek the Lord together this Sunday at 8 a.m.?

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# CHILDRENS MINISTRY

## Our First Year of GO!

Our first year of doing Gateway Orange (GO!) has been a success! We have studied many Bible stories, made life applications, memorized 10 verses, sang songs, laughed together, and learned of God's awesome love for us. GO! will end on May 31, but will begin again on September 6. However, there will be a fun summer curriculum you won't want to miss starting on June 7.



## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is coming soon on June 19 to 23. Children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade will become Galactic Starveyors as we spend the week discovering the God of the universe. Registration will begin soon. Mark your calendars and invite your friends!



As always, thank you for entrusting your kids to us! All of the children's volunteer leaders love your children and are praying that their hearts and minds will be opened to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

~ Molly

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## LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Monday, May 22 ~ 6 PM  
at the Home of Julia Smith



## Seen around Gateway last month:



## COLLEGE MINISTRY

### Moving To Tuesday Evenings at Seth and Megan's Home

Summer is coming and with it a lot of change. Those enrolled in school will be taking a break or pressing on with summer classes; others are taking mission trips; and others are working to save some much-needed money.

Summer is also bringing change to the college ministry here at Gateway. This Sunday, May 7, will be our last time to meet on Sunday mornings for Sunday school. As it turns out, a weekend morning at 9 a.m. is not an ideal meeting time for a ministry designed to reach college-aged students. Beginning Tuesday, May 16, our college ministry will begin meeting in Seth and Megan's home on Tuesday evenings for fellowship and study. Please pray for us as we transition to this new season.

~ Seth

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# HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS 2017

## Ashtyn Cross

Ashtyn Cross is a senior at LAMP High School. She attended Gateway from the time she was 7 months old until age 17. She will attend Azusa Pacific University following graduation, and plans to pursue a degree in Cinematic Arts Production.



## Casey Falcione

Casey will graduate from Evangel Family Christian Academy on Saturday, May 27, at 6 p.m. at Evangel Church. She played volleyball for EFCA for four years. She has volunteered at church in Kid's Worship and the nursery, and has participated in several youth mission trips and projects. Casey will be working full time in the fall at Smart Smiles Orthodontics. She is the daughter of CJ and Nikki Falcione.



## Sarah Gillis

Sarah Gillis has lived in Montgomery for her entire life. She is the daughter of Steve and Audrey Gillis. For her final two years of high school she attended Loveless Academic Magnet Program (LAMP), where she was a member of the National Honor Society, National Latin Honor Society, National English Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Interact Club, Diamond Dolls, Court Cuties, Soccer Sweeties, Youth in Government, Model United Nations, and Calliope Society. She also was the worship leader for Fellowship of Christian Students. In the fall, she will attend Troy university with the millennium scholarship, and she plans on majoring in Communications with a double minor in public relations and music.



## Jenna Moore

Jenna Kathleen Moore will graduate from Trinity Presbyterian School on May 25, 2017. She is a member of four national honor societies for academics, French, art, and mathematics. She received the senior award for highest academics in French and Pre-Calculus. Jenna was awarded the Spirit of Auburn University Scholarship and will attend Auburn in the fall. She plans to major in English or education. Her proud parents are Dan and Molly Moore and brothers, Jonathan and David.



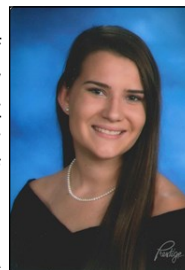
## Hannah Minney

Hannah will be graduating from Prattville Christian Academy on May 28. She has served as an Ambassador and been a member of the National Honor Society. Hannah is an all around scholar-athlete who has played on her school's volleyball team, basketball team, and soccer team, as well as ran track and field. She has ministered for many years at Gateway through working at VBS and participating in community outreach efforts. She will be attending The University of Alabama and plans to pursue a degree in athletic training with a long term goal of being a Physical Therapist.



## Makenzie Whatley

Makenzie has attended Gateway since 2011. She loves to serve, and has been a part of many local-mission activities, especially where children are in need. She is a student at Evangel Christian Academy. Makenzie fully enjoys academics and has been a member of the National Honor Society since 9th grade. She has also been a part of the SGA for 9th through 11th grade and was voted SGA President this senior year. Makenzie's athletic abilities have allowed her to play softball since 2nd grade and she has been an ECA Lady Lion since 9th grade. She was honored to be her softball team's Captain this year. She was the Jimmy Hitchcock 9th and 12th grade nominee. She plans on being a Pediatric Dental Hygienist. After graduation she will do hands on training as a dental assistant and go through UAB dental hygiene program.



## Anna Summerford

Anna has attended Evangel Family Christian Academy for all four years of high school. She played softball for two years, basketball for three years, and volleyball for four. She is very involved with the youth group and has participated in many youth events. She has gone on the mission trip to Haiti for the past two years, and will be going again this summer. Anna plans to attend Southern Union in the fall and pursue a career in early education.



*Commit your work to the LORD,  
and your plans will be established.  
~ Proverbs 16 : 3*



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	Hannah Haberkorn		
	Crystal Pfister	18	Kenzie Stoup
	Amy Schneider		
06	Linnie Dickson	20	Shawn Sedote
	Audrey Gillis	21	Melonie Howard
07	Jameson Gross	25	Michelle Gober
	Fran McCorkle		
08	Warren Lin	28	Abigail Haberkorn
			Micah Jones
11	Karen Fowler	30	Matthew Walter
	Jennifer Hostetter		
	Greg Teal		
12	Kayla Whatley		

**We would like to offer our sympathy to:**

*The family and friends of Dale Traylor on his passing,  
and Alice Hill on the death of her father*

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

Sunday Worship	249
Sunday School [for all ages]	156
Wednesday Evening [for all ages]	99

## GIVING UPDATE

April Budget Requirement	\$42,911.67
April Budget Receipts	\$40,161.56
Building Fund	\$ 160.00
Other Designated Receipts	\$ 3,853.28
2017 YTD Budget Requirement	\$171,646.68
2017 YTD Budget Receipts	\$147,090.72
2017 YTD Deficit	\$ 24,555.96

## 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