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GREETINGS, GATEWAY FAMILY!

GROWTH IN COMMUNITY

I am excited to continue to hear conversations that have sprung forth from our recent messages and discussion groups about community. The elder team is hard at work seeking the Lord, reviewing your feedback, and now putting together a plan for 2018. Two priorities that we have heard from you are more church-wide fellowship opportunities and a re-prioritizing and launching of Life (Home) Groups. Please continue to pray for us as these plans come together. I am really excited about where we are headed!



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

November and December have many opportunities for us to fellowship together as a body of believers. We are providing opportunities for all of us in the Gateway family, including all ages, to come together for these fun fellowship opportunities. See pages 2 and 3 for more information, but a few highlights include:

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| November 19 | Thanksgiving Dinner and Celebration |
| December 6 | Service Project and Family Movie Night |
| December 13 | Gingerbread House Decorating Fellowship |

The upcoming Thanksgiving Dinner is a great opportunity to be together and to be encouraged as we share how we have seen God provide and move in our lives this year. Details are on page 2 about the specific plan for this evening. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for it!



THANK YOU!

It is hard for me to believe that I have been here at Gateway for one year! This year has been a great joy for me and for my family. Thank you to all of you for welcoming us and encouraging us in so many ways this year. Thank you also for the many expressions of kindness to us during pastor appreciation month, including your generous love offering. You have exemplified Biblical community to us, and God has shown His grace to us in so many ways through you all.



~Grady
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CHILDRENS MINISTRY

FALL FESTIVAL THANK YOU

Thank you so much to everyone involved in our Fall Festival! It is always great to see our church come together and encourage our community. Many families were served as they were able to enjoy a night of fun and hear the good news of Jesus Christ! Gateway's Fall Festival continues to shine the light of Jesus through reaching out to our local neighborhood and city.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

As the holidays are fast approaching, we want to give families many opportunities to be together and to serve others! Operation Christmas Child is one of these great opportunities. We are encouraging families to enjoy this project together!



Samaritan's Purse continues to share the love of Christ through Operation Christmas Child each year. Shoeboxes filled with presents are given to children in over 100 countries around the world. As they receive their gifts, they are taught about the ultimate gift of Jesus Christ.

Will you join in this effort by filling a shoebox? Shoeboxes are available in the church office. You may take as many as you are able to fill. We will take the filled shoeboxes to the official drop off site. The deadline to receive your shoeboxes back at Gateway is November 15. Please let me know if you have any questions.

As always, I am so thankful for your children and I'm continually praying for their salvation.

~ Molly Moore
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LADIES MINISTRY

SOUP & CRAFT NIGHT

Monday, November 13 ~ 6 p.m.

Ladies, mark your calendar and plan to join us for our next fellowship evening! We will eat soup, play games, and do Thanksgiving crafts together. We will meet at Gateway in the gym.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 ~ 6:00

It is time again to come together with a heart of thanksgiving and enjoy a night of food and fellowship together. Our annual church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner is a great way to experience Biblical community as we celebrate the goodness of God and how He has blessed us so much in 2017. There will be a time of giving God glory by sharing testimonies of what He has done this past year. We have so much to be thankful for, so please join us for this annual celebration!

The meat and dressing for the meal will be provided by Gateway. Sides are provided by you, the church family. To make sure we don't end up only with green beans that night, what you should bring is determined by the first letter of your last name. Please take note of what you should bring, and plan for your dish to be enough to feed 15 people. If you bring guests, please bring a little extra to help provide for them.

A - D - Bring desserts
pies, cakes, cookies, etc.

E - G - Bring vegetables
green beans, carrots, corn, etc.

H - M - Bring other sides
rolls, cranberry sauce, gravy, mac & cheese, deviled eggs, etc.

N - S - Bring potato dishes
mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, sweet potato casseroles, etc.

T - Z - Bring salads
tossed salad, fruit salad, pear salad, pasta salad, congealed salad, etc.

Please have your food items at the church no later than 5:30 p.m. that evening.

Childcare is not available for the event. We want the whole family to enjoy being together for this special evening!

~ C. J.
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NIGHT OF PRAISE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 ~ 7 PM

Gateway family, I am excited about our upcoming "Night of Praise!" on Sunday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m. Our desire is that this be a time for our community to come worship together as the body of Christ. Childcare for children through age 3 will be provided during this time to allow everyone the ability to attend. I look forward to worshipping with you during this special time!

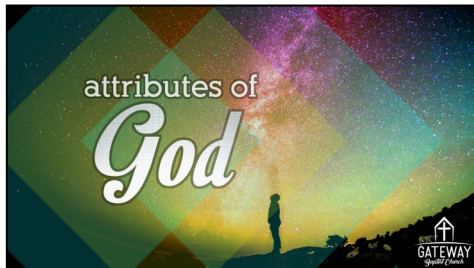


~ Ashley
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WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

FINAL WEEKS OF "ATTRIBUTES OF GOD" STUDY!

November 8 Topic: "God's Perfection"
November 15 Topic: "God's Glory"



November 22 No Evening Activities

November 29 Prayer Meeting

CHURCH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS
(see details to right for more information)

December 6 Service Opportunity & Movie
December 13 Gingerbread Fellowship

CHRISTMAS BREAK / NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

December 20
December 27
January 3

FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS

Join us the first two Wednesday evenings of December at 6:00 p.m. for special church-wide fellowship opportunities! These will be events for all ages (children, youth, college, and adults) to come together for fun evenings as we begin the Christmas season.

SERVICE PROJECT & A MOVIE!
Wednesday, December 6

Join us December 6 as we come together to prepare goody bags for first responders in our city. After the bags are ready, we'll have a family friendly movie with popcorn and hot-chocolate. As we leave, each family or group can take goody bags to fire and police stations nearby.



GINGERBREAD HOUSES
Wednesday, December 13

Join us December 13 as we have a gingerbread house decorating competition! Families or groups of friends can work together to decorate their gingerbread house. All supplies will be provided for you, as well as Christmas snacks and hot-chocolate!



MBA ANNUAL MEETING

At Gateway on November 6

Gateway is excited to be the host church for the annual gathering of the Montgomery Baptist Association annual meeting



and celebration. Join us on Monday evening, November 6, as we welcome brothers and sisters from other Baptist churches across Montgomery. Come be encouraged as we hear how the Lord is moving throughout the river region this year, and come welcome and encourage these friends.

At 6 p.m. there will be a missions fair in the gym where you can learn about opportunities in the community.

At 7 p.m. there will be a worship celebration in the sanctuary to praise God and what He is doing in the area.



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John Schneider

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Nate Payne
Laura Payne
Grady Jeremiah Smith

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Skylar Richmond
Alycia Jeong

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Thresea O'Meara
Jason Gross

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Gigi Gross

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Foch Smart
Joseph Falcione

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Isaac Mooney

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Dave O'Meara

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Jackson Gross

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DeAnne Watson

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Alice Gwin
Paige Burton

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Terry Huffman
Ollie Moody

We would like to offer our sympathy to

Mandy Moody on the death of her father
John Schneider on the death of his mother

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER

Sunday Worship _____ 210
Sunday School [for all ages] _____ 111
Wednesday Evening [for all ages] _____ 110

GIVING UPDATE

October Budget Requirement _____ \$ 42,911.67
October Budget Receipts _____ \$ 51,643.32

Other Designated Receipts _____ \$ 7,659.08

2017 YTD Budget Requirement _____ \$ 429,116.70
2017 YTD Budget Receipts _____ \$ 379,637.49
2017 YTD Deficit _____ \$ 49,479.21

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,
Jeremy Jones, John Reese, Seth Rhodebeck