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## GREETINGS, GATEWAY FAMILY!

### New Life Groups Begin This Month

I am so excited that our new Life Groups begin this month! After looking at what God's Word says about biblical community last fall, and then having discussion groups to respond to His Word, you as a church family indicated a strong desire to renew our focus on shared life through home based groups. After months of praying and planning, we are excited to let you know that our all new Life Groups are about to begin! Life Groups begin the week of February 12-18. We are initially offering eight of these home based groups. Groups are available on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. Please see page two for a listing of available groups. Be watching for an email as well as on our Facebook page for information on how to register. I hope that each of you will get involved as this is a great opportunity to go deeper with one another as we discuss Scripture, pray, and fellowship together!



### Welcoming Guests

I am so encouraged each week to meet visitors who are coming to worship with us! Let me encourage each of you in the Gateway family to make it a priority to be on the lookout for our many visitors and to take time to talk with them and to get to know them. Also, we have a Discover Gateway class where our new friends can learn more about Gateway. Details are on page 2. Encourage them to come!



### Deacon Ministry Update

One of the great strengths of Gateway is the godly men who lead this church fellowship. We have 10 elders and 13 deacons who oversee the life of Gateway. At the end of last year, you elected four men to join our deacon team. It was a joy to ordain them last month (see picture to the right). Those new deacons are Craig McCullough, Henry Williams, Linnie Dickson, and Steve Gillis. Dave O'Meara has faithfully led the deacon team for several years. We are so grateful for his years of faithful leadership and service! As we begin 2018, I am excited to let you know that Mike Mertz has been elected as the new chairman of deacons. I am looking forward to how God will use him as he leads this great group of men!



~Grady

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

### JUNE 25 – 29

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is coming! Get ready to grab your megaphones and lace up your cleats for Gateway's VBS experience in June! This year's theme is "Game On - Gearing Up for Life's Big Game," and is based on 2 Peter 1:3 which says, "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence."



Vacation Bible School will be **June 25 - 29**. As you are making summer plans, we hope you will set aside this week to bring your kids or to help serve.

~ Molly

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## DISCOVER GATEWAY CLASS

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 ~ 12:15 PM

Are you interested in learning more about Gateway? Join us for a lunch and one hour class after the worship service on Sunday, February 11. This class is the first step in the membership process, but you are welcome to come learn more about us without obligation. You will learn about our beliefs, church government, and opportunities to grow and serve here at Gateway. The lunch and class will be in the home of Pastor Grady and Julia Smith. To register, please contact the church office at 334-272-9494 or at [office@gatewaybaptist.com](mailto:office@gatewaybaptist.com) by noon on Thursday, February 8.



## SECRET CHURCH SIMULCAST

### FRIDAY, APRIL 20 ~ 6:00 PM



# LIFE GROUPS

Gateway's new Life Groups are here! Our Life Groups meet in homes at different times throughout the week. Each group is built around three priorities: Discussing God's Word together, prayer, and fellowship. Most of the groups will not provide new teaching, but rather will focus on discussing the sermon from the previous Sunday and how we apply to our daily lives the truths we are learning.



Please note that our Life Groups are not based on demographics (things like age, gender, life interests, etc.). Rather, we encourage you to consider joining a group either based on people you know or on the group's location or schedule that works for you.

### The Available Life Groups Are:

#### Home of Jason & Erin Gross

Sundays, 5:30 p.m.

Brighton Estates (just behind Gateway)

#### Home of Grady & Julia Smith

Sundays, 5:30 p.m.

Sturbridge

#### Home of Craig & Ashley McCullough

Sundays, 5:30 p.m.

Arrowhead

#### Home of Seth & Megan Rhodebeck

(for college students and adults who love students)

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Capitol Heights

#### Home of Henry & Alice Williams (with William Foxx)

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Neighborhood near Gateway

#### Home of John & Sherry Reese

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Neighborhood near East Boulevard & Vaughn Road

#### Home of CJ & Nikki Falcione

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Arrowhead

#### Home of Bruno & Brooke Resende

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

Neighborhood near East Chase

CHILD CARE is available on the Gateway campus for the Sunday evening groups (babies through 6th grade) and for the Wednesday evening groups (babies through youth).

LIFE GROUPS BEGIN the week of February 12 - 18.

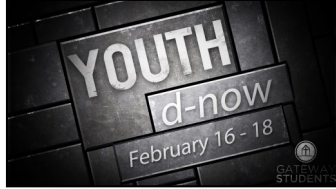
REGISTRATION information will be sent via email and posted on the Gateway Facebook page soon. Watch for details on how to register for your new Life Group!





# GATEWAYSTUDENTS

**D-NOW Weekend**  
**February 16 - 18**  
\$35 per person



The “D” of our D-Now stands for discipleship. Anytime I hear the word discipleship, I think of the way that Eugene Peterson describes it - a long obedience in the same direction. I have found that developing a pattern of long-term obedience is often kick-started or enhanced by spending a weekend focused on Scripture and growing in our faith. That is certainly my prayer as we gather for D-NOW 2018. The theme for this year is DIVERGE. Our focus passage is 1 Peter 1:14-15: *“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct.”*

Please join me in praying for our students and also the small group leaders. Our leaders for the weekend are Ashton Collins, Laura Glass, Alex Smith, and Zach Stewart. We are expecting a great weekend of fellowship, encouragement, and discipleship. Thanks for praying!

~ Drew

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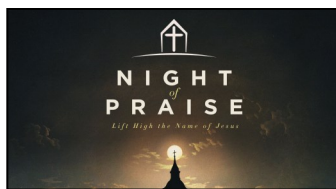


## PRAISE MINISTRY

Hello Gateway Family! How wonderful it is to sing new and old songs of praise! I want to share with you some of the new songs we will be singing together in the upcoming months....

*So Will I* - Hillsong  
*Worthy of Your Name* - Sean Curran  
*The Rock Won't Move* - Vertical Worship  
*Defender* - Rita Springer

Also, there is another “Night of Praise” in the works! Details are coming soon. I hope you find these special times of praise refreshing. My prayer for this next Night of Praise is that it will be a time of rest and abiding in Christ; worshipping while resting in His presence and free of distraction. I love leading you each week into worship and singing with you the praises of our Savior.

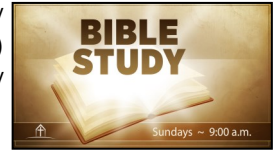


~ Ashley

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## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

We have four outstanding Sunday Bible Study (Sunday School) classes that meet here at Gateway at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings!



For those of you who are not in one of these Sunday Bible Study classes, I would like to invite you to join me on February 11 as we begin a new study on 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy. We have been studying Psalm 23, which has given us a beautiful look into the relationship between a shepherd and his sheep. We have seen the glory of God revealed as we think about that relationship between us and our shepherd, Jesus. Now, we will get to see how the Lord reveals His will on issues of church life in what are called the “Pastoral Epistles.” 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy are referred to as such because Paul is instructing Timothy, his son in the faith, on how to respond as a shepherd when certain topics arise within the church, and how believers should live in the world as we represent the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ. I hope you will join us for this new study!

~ CJ

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## CAPITOL HEIGHTS SCHOOL

We are continuing on in our ministry at Capitol Heights Middle School (CHMS). This semester we are focusing on Ephesians 2:10: *“For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to good works, that God has prepared in advance for us to do.”* The kids are working on memorizing this verse. Based on it, we are reminding them of their God-given identity; we are created by God, loved by God, and sent by God.



Please continue to pray for our team. This is the time of year that discouragement can creep in. Our team is focusing on the fact that we have been called to water and sow seed, but God is the only one who can bring forth fruit. We are ministering at Capital Heights Middle School as an act of worship to God. We are trusting Him for the results. We continue to have 20 to 30 kids come to our meetings each week. God is faithful.

Finally, we could use some more volunteers to join us in this ministry. Would you consider helping us minister to CHMS? We also are praying about how we can better serve this school at large. I have talked with Grady about some ideas to bless the teachers at CHMS. Do you have any ideas? Do you have a heart to minister to teachers? Join our team.

Thank you for your prayer covering! Apart from God, we can do nothing.

~ Seth

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Stella Burton  
Jr. Cunningham

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Bekah Barber  
Julie Fuller

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Kelly Quattlebaum

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Kathy Smith  
Mike Mertz

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Trey Slagle

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Caleb McDuffie

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Laher Wu  
Rita Zartman

**23**  
Daniel Paulk  
Lela Moody

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Greg Locklier

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY

Sunday Worship \_\_\_\_\_ 228  
Sunday School [for all ages] \_\_\_\_\_ 132

## GIVING UPDATE

January Budget Requirement \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 40,370  
January Budget Receipts \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 31,178

Other Designated Receipts \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 13,222

2017 YTD Budget Requirement \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 514,940  
2017 YTD Budget Receipts \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 511,925

## 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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