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GREETINGS, GATEWAY FAMILY!

BIBLICAL COMMUNITY

I am so thankful for your response to the recent teachings on "What is Biblical Community?" I hope you enjoyed this focused time, and were challenged as well. I am especially thankful for the great response to the meetings with church leaders in homes. More than half of the congregation participated in this time to share what God has been teaching each one of you, and to speak into the process of how we as a church grow in these areas. Please pray for our elder team as we take what you shared and seek the Lord on how to best equip us all to live together doing what we have seen in 1 Peter 2, Romans 12, 1 Thessalonians 2, and John 17.



FALL FESTIVAL

Our largest outreach to the community each year is our Fall Festival on October 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. It is an exciting evening with hundreds of people from our community attending each year! I hope that you all will be here, regardless of whether or not you have young children. This is an incredible opportunity to bless our community and make connections with people, and it takes all of us working together to make it possible. Please see page two for more information about how you can be involved, including hosting a game out of the back of your car, serving food, welcoming people as they arrive, supervising bounce houses, or being available to pray with our guests. Please begin praying for this strategic outreach of our church family, as well as inviting other families you know to join you for it!



DEACON ELECTION

Gateway is blessed to have 10 men who serve on our elder team and 11 men who serve on our deacon team. On Sunday, October 8, I will be preaching on the role of these leaders in the life of the church to help us better understand their responsibilities. After discussions with our elders and deacons, we believe that there is a need for additional men to join our deacon team this year. As such, we will begin the deacon election process this month. In the weeks to come we will share with you more about how deacons function at Gateway, the Biblical qualifications to serve as a deacon, as well as what particular gifts and skills would be helpful to meet the needs of the body at this time. Please be watching for more information on that process.

~Grady

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FALL FESTIVAL

Tuesday, October 31
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.



Fall is here, and that means our annual Fall Festival is coming soon! On October 31, many families from Gateway and the community at large come together here on the church campus for a night of fun. The entire event is free and is a safe environment designed for children.

It takes a lot to make the event happen, and we need your help!

- First, please be praying for it and for opportunities we will have to bless the community and meet people through it.
- Second, make plans to come and invite other families you know to join you as well.
- Third, we need a lot of volunteers to serve in the Fall Festival. Every position is important. We will need snow cone and cotton candy servers, face painters, inflatable games and bounce house supervisors, greeters, parking lot assistants, people to pray with those requesting prayer, game hosts, and more.
- Fourth, we are collecting candy to give to the kids. Please bring candy donations to the church office.

Specifically, if you are willing to bring your car and host a game from the back of it (like go fish, ball throw games, and other carnival type games), please contact Jennifer Hostetter at jennifer.hostetter@gmail.com

If you have questions or want to serve in any other way, please contact Molly Moore, Gateway's children's ministry director, at molly@gatewaybaptist.com

PRAYER TIME FOR FALL FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 - 6 P.M.

PRAYER
SERVICE

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH LIFE GROUPS

Fall is always a great time to reflect and regroup. As we get back into the routine of a new school year, we also tend to reconnect at a deeper level in relationships. As a congregation, we have been challenged with the concept of biblical community. This has been a wonderful opportunity for all of us to consider how we are journeying together, as we seek the Lord. One of the ways our students experience community together is during weekly Life Groups which meet at various times and are led by several adults who are passionate about investing in students. If you are not currently plugged in with one of these groups, we would love to help you get connected. Please see Drew for information about when and where each group meets.

YOUTH CAMPING TRIP

Youth, join us for our upcoming camping trip for a great time of fellowship together. It will be:

October 13 - 14

Chewacla State Park in Auburn

Cost: \$10 per person

Leave Gateway Friday afternoon at 4 p.m.

Return to Gateway Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

~ Drew

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October 13-14
Chewacla State Park

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Tucker & Katie Andrews
Eric & Trish Butterfield
John & Lisa Glasscock
Mark Guarin
Scott & Laura Hedgecock
Reed Lawrence

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

TUTORING AT BREWBAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tutoring kicked off Wednesday, September 27, in a new venture as Gateway partners with the AUM Honors Assembly and Brewbaker Middle School. A dozen AUM honors students will tutor Brewbaker Middle School students every Wednesday this semester. I will deliver a 20 minute character lesson each week and will supervise under the watchful eye of Principal Cameron Whitlow and his staff. Dr. Matt Jordan at Auburn University Montgomery is the faculty advisor for the AUM scholars.



This Gateway ministry needs the prayer support of the Gateway Family in general. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open the doors to the minds and spirits of the Brewbaker and AUM students. Pray for the Spirit to open yet unseen ministry doors. More pointedly, we need 12 particular prayer warriors who will agree to pray regularly for one of our 12 AUM tutors and me. Please contact the church office or me to say, "Yes, I'll be a prayer warrior!" We will give you the name of your tutor.

~ John Wible
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BIBLE STUDY AT CAPITOL HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thank you for your continued prayers for the Capitol Heights Middle School Ministry. For the past seven weeks, our team has been building relationships with the students of CHMS and sharing the love of God with them. We are journeying through Scripture to reveal God's redemptive heart to the students and how God's love should compel them to love God, themselves, and others. Please continue to pray for us. Please contact me if you have any interest in serving CHMS.



~ Seth
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ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS — 6:00 P.M.

Our Bible study on the Attributes of God continues this month as we look at God's grace and wrath. Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for it!



MISSIONS UPDATE

A LETTER FROM CHARLEY & MARTIE ELGIN

Well, the Lord has the Elgin's on the move again. I guess 2 years rest is all we needed. Martie and I are moving to Texas to join in the recovery effort there. God moved quickly this time, but has been providing every step of the way. We are selling our home and one vehicle. When we are on mission we must be unencumbered with "stuff". Many of you know that from our past. We have loved our time at Gateway and will miss you. God has shaped us to go to the "hard" places. When He says "GO," we go. As Pathfinder Mission, we will partner with Clearpoint Church in Pasadena, Texas, along with several other local churches that want to reach out to the people who have lost their homes to Hurricane Harvey. Our role will be similar to what we did for 5 years in Mississippi, hosting volunteers, working with clients, and managing the reconstruction of their homes. At this point we expect to be in Texas 2 to 3 years. We met with the church elders to share our decision on September 27. Sorry that we won't be able to stay to say goodbye to everyone properly on Sunday. We hope that this letter will suffice as a substitute. We will certainly be back to give you a report at some point in the future.



What you can do for us... The most important thing you can do is to pray. The Watson's and Resende's have graciously received Laura and Nate into their homes until their mom, Amanda, moves to Montgomery in December. So pray for both families and the twins. When you see them, let the twins know that they are loved and appreciated. Pray for the work in Texas. We need wisdom and stamina for the days ahead. It will not be easy, but God is faithful and can do more than we can ask or think. Pray for Martie and me. Leaving family is never easy, but it is required of us. What the Lord requires of us is difficult, but we know that through our obedience He will be glorified. Pray for the people in Texas. That they will not just look around, but they will look up! That their hearts will be tender toward the Gospel and many will come to Jesus in the aftermath of this calamity. God Bless You All. We thank God for Gateway and for each of you. We love you.

~ Charley and Martie

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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday Worship _____ 232

Sunday School [for all ages] _____ 130

Wednesday Evening [for all ages] _____ 81

GIVING UPDATE

September Budget Requirement _____ \$ 42,911.67

September Budget Receipts _____ \$ 36,308.51

Other Designated Receipts _____ \$ 1,160.00

2017 YTD Budget Requirement _____ \$ 386,205.03

2017 YTD Budget Receipts _____ \$ 332,861.17

2017 YTD Deficit _____ **\$ 53,343.86**

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

Did you know?

You can update your information, see the
church calendar, and give online at
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