



the GATEPOST

NEWS | CALENDAR | PICTURES | EVENTS

VOLUME 35

JUNE 2017

NUMBER 6

A MINISTRY OF GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH // MONTGOMERY, AL

GREETINGS, GATEWAY FAMILY!

Julia and I (and our kids also) are so thankful for the six months here at Gateway with you! We are enjoying getting to know each of you, and we look forward to what God has ahead for us as we walk this journey together.

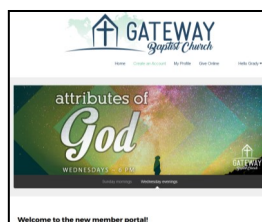
OPPORTUNITIES IN JUNE

We will continue our journey through *The Gospel of John* on Sunday mornings as we look at John chapters 6 and 7 in the weeks to come. We also will continue our study on Wednesday nights of *The Attributes of God* as we look at God's omnipresence (God is everywhere) and God's immutability (God does not change) over the next two weeks. June also has lots of other opportunities for us with a church-wide ice cream fellowship, barbeque lunch, and Vacation Bible School. Please see pages 2 and 3 for more information.

NEW ONLINE MEMBER PORTAL

As we seek to grow in community and our ability to connect with one another, we are transitioning to a new church database and communication tool. We are looking forward to what *you* will be able to do through it....

- Update your information
- Communicate with your Bible study groups and serving teams
- Give online
- See the church calendar



Be watching for an email from us soon with details about how to setup your online account to access these new features.

PRAYERS

I am so grateful for your prayers. Let me ask you to regularly pray for myself and the other elders. We are working on some exciting things right now, particularly how to strengthen community and life groups as well as our men's ministry. We also have a team working on how we can better welcome and serve military families. There are a lot of exciting things happening already, and more plans are in the works.

Please also be in prayer for our children and youth as they have great opportunities to grow to know God more during special events this month. Finally, take a moment to read the Haiti update on page 3 and pray for Pastor Marc there as well.

Grady
grady@gatewaybaptist.com



PAGE 2

- CHILDREN'S PROMOTION
- KIDS IN WORSHIP
- KIDS WEDNESDAY PLANS
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- COLLEGE MINISTRY UPDATE
- UPCOMING CONFERENCE

PAGE 3

- YOUTH MISSION TRIP
- YOUTH BBQ BENEFIT LUNCH
- GOD AT WORK IN HAITI
- WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

PAGE 4

- JUNE BIRTHDAYS
- SYMPATHY
- ATTENDANCE SUMMARY
- GIVING SUMMARY



CHILDRENS MINISTRY

June is an exciting month in our Children's Ministry! Here are some of the things happening this month...

PROMOTION SUNDAY

This past Sunday was Sunday School promotion day. All our children moved up to the appropriate grade. We have wonderful teachers ready to teach God's Word to your children this new year.

KIDS IN WORSHIP SERVICE

There will be no "Kids Worship" during the service beginning next week and continuing throughout the summer months. We want your children to have an opportunity to worship with you each Sunday. We look forward to strengthening the family by spending this time together.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesday evening activities continue this summer. We will continue to worship together with the adults in the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. Afterwards, preschoolers will meet in the 4's/5's room for a new music curriculum led by Brooke Resende. Kindergarteners through 6th grade will meet in the gym for a summer full of Bible stories, snacks, and recreation!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

And, finally, it's time for Vacation Bible School on June 19 - 23. The week will begin with us teaching about God creating man and beginning a relationship with us. We will learn how the relationship was broken and then restored. We will share the good news that Jesus loves us and gave his life to be our Savior. Vacation Bible School is a great week filled with snacks, games, crafts, mission stories, music, Scripture, and more. Classes are based on the grade completed, kindergarten through 5th grade. Visit our web site or Facebook page or call the church office to register.

As always, thank you for entrusting your children to me. I love them and continually pray for their salvation.

~ Molly

molly@gatewaybaptist.com



COLLEGE MINISTRY



Our college-aged ministry is now meeting at Seth and Megan's house on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. It is a great time of fellowship and digging deeper into Scripture and Grady's sermons.

Please continue to pray for our times of fellowship and discipleship. Also, please pray for the following students who are going or have gone on mission trips this summer: Caleb McDuffie (Philippines), Julie Fuller (Nashville), Elijah Weiss (Nashville), and Laura Glass (Worldsong). These students are faithful to plant and water the seeds of the Gospel; join with us that God would cause these watered seeds to grow.

~ Seth

seth.rhodebeck@gmail.com

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Family Life Ministries is bringing their "Weekend to Remember" marriage conference back to Montgomery February 9 to 11, 2018. "Weekend to Remember" is a conference on a Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. It is an opportunity for married couples to deepen their relationship based on principles from God's Word. The conference is energetic and very helpful. There also is an engaged couples track available to help you get ready to be married.



It's not too early to plan to participate. Registration has just opened and space is limited. Scholarships are also available. So plan ahead for this opportunity.

To learn more, visit

<http://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember>

To register, visit

<https://shop.familylife.com/p-4998-montgomery.aspx>

YOUTH MINISTRY

HAITI MISSION

This summer, a team of fourteen people from Gateway will be headed to Haiti from July 14 -21 to partner with Pastor Marc in the mountain region of Bossier.



We will be leading Vacation Bible School in the morning and a crusade each night. One of the highlights of our trip each year is to see the way that God is working to use Pastor Marc to grow the kingdom.

HOW GOD IS MOVING IN HAITI

Here is a recent update from Pastor Marc to give you a glimpse of how God is working in Haiti...

"God is at work. Yesterday morning I had a dream - I saw a voodoo priest who invited me to pray with him. Then he burned a lot of things he used for his voodoo activity.

In the afternoon I shared the dream to some brothers and sisters. Today, I received a call from the biggest voodoo priest in Laporte. He asked me to come and pray with him as he needs to be saved. Hallelujah! I took some brothers and sisters with me (pastor Nicolas went with us also) to go to Laporte. The voodoo priest prayed to receive Jesus. Then he burned all his things that have been in three houses. The last thing we burned was the temple of the devil, a big and nice house (bloc and sheet metal). I understand we burned things that might cost thousands of dollars. We went there at 5:30, we left almost 11 PM under a big rain.

When we burned the temple, his phone rings, a client from USA called him to ask him to do something for her. He said to the client: "I'm a new creature now, the best thing I can do for you is to offer you Jesus." Then he gave me the phone. I talk to her about Jesus. She was very surprised to that news. I'm so thankful to be the servant of God."

Let's regularly pray for Pastor Marc and the work God is doing through him in Haiti. Specifically this week, we are asking the body to pray for Marc and his wife Beatrice as they continue to lead the ministry. They also are desiring to start a family and have been praying for God to grant them that blessing for several years.

Also, consider coming to our missions lunch on Sunday, June 11. It is a great way to financially support our upcoming trip.

~ Drew

drew@gatewaybaptist.com



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesday evening activities continue this summer! We gather at 6 p.m. for a time of praise for the whole family. The children and youth then head to their Bible studies while the adults remain in the sanctuary for our study of the attributes of God. Here are our upcoming topics for the next two weeks:



- | | |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| June 7 | God's Omnipresence |
| June 14 | God's Immutability (Unchanging) |

Please note the following special schedule dates:

- | | |
|---------|------------------------------------|
| June 21 | Vacation Bible School Family Night |
| June 28 | Church-wide ice cream fellowship |



- | | |
|---------|--|
| July 5 | No Wednesday night activities |
| July 12 | Resume "Attributes of God" study with the topic of God's omniscience (knowledge) |



JUNE
11

BBQ BENEFIT

Lunch for the Haiti Mission Trip





3300 Bell Road
Montgomery, Alabama 36116
PHONE (334) 272-9494
EMAIL office@gatewaybaptist.com
www.gatewaybaptist.com



LOVING GOD | LOVING PEOPLE | TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH



JUNE 2017



01	Chad Smith	21	C.J. Falcione Mary Stoup
02	Rebecca Helms Ashley McCullough	22	Molly Moore Makenzie Whatley
09	David Cho	24	Nikki Falcione
11	Patti Hurley	25	Jake Dillon Leigh O'Dell
12	Jennifer Haberkorn	26	Sherry Reese
14	Jason Rose Rachelle Whatley	28	Brittany Tompkins Micah Jones
15	Elaine Falcione John Garner	30	Kirkland Whatley
16	Joel Gbordoe		
19	Erin Gross		

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR MAY

Sunday Worship	213
Sunday School [for all ages]	128
Wednesday Evening [for all ages]	125

GIVING UPDATE

May Budget Requirement	\$42,911.67
May Budget Receipts	\$27,271.65
Other Designated Receipts	\$ 5,825.00
2017 YTD Budget Requirement	\$214,558.35
2017 YTD Budget Receipts	\$174,312.37
2017 YTD Deficit	\$ 40,245.98

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

*We would like to offer our sympathy to
the family and friends of Carmen Falcione*