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## GREETINGS, GATEWAY FAMILY!

April is an exciting month in the life of our church body. There are many opportunities available for you. Please take time to read this edition of the Gatepost to learn more about them.

### EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

Easter is quickly approaching on April 16. That morning we will have Sunday School as normal at 9 a.m. However, for the worship service, childcare will be available only through age 3. We want children and parents to be together on this special morning. Like at Christmas, special activity packs will be available for the young kids as they enter the sanctuary. There also will be a special story time for kids.



### EASTER WEEK

During the week leading up to Easter, we have many opportunities for you including fellowship at a picnic, corporate and private prayer times, a special Good Friday service, and a community Easter sunrise service. A full list of these Easter week activities is available on page three. We want to provide you many opportunities to be with your church family and to focus your heart and mind on the significance of the Easter season.

### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

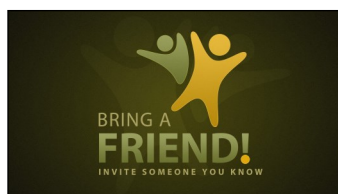
April also has several other special events here at Gateway including:

- April 21 – “Secret Church” simulcast with David Platt
- April 30 (AM) – “How to Understand The Trinity” with theologian Bruce Ware
- April 30 (PM) – An Evening of Praise

I am excited about these opportunities! Please see more details about them in the remainder of the Gatepost and plan to join us for them.

Let me also encourage you to be praying about who you can invite with you. Some people will come to church on Easter who will not come at other times. Also, some of the other fellowship, teaching, and praise opportunities may be of interest to others you know. Let's make the most of this exciting time of year here at Gateway!

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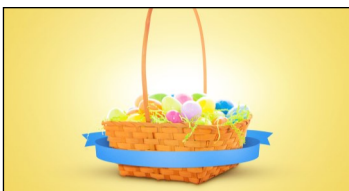


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# CHILDRENS MINISTRY

## EASTER RESOURCE FOR YOU

The month of April is filled with the beauty of spring. All around us, God is giving us a glimpse of new life. It is so fitting that this month we will celebrate Easter. It is a time to reflect on the sacrifice Jesus made for all of us. It is a time to celebrate that He walked out of the tomb and is alive!



Sometimes it is difficult to know how to celebrate Easter with young children. Personally, I love the bunnies, chicks, and Easter eggs. They all symbolize spring and newness of life. However, we must not leave Jesus out of our celebration. Our children need to hear about Jesus' death and resurrection. We desire that the seed be planted and continue to grow in their hearts.

Focus on the Family has a great resource available for free online on "Holy Week and Easter Activities for the Whole Family." It can help you with some great ideas on teaching and celebrating with your children of any age. You may find it online on their web site at [www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/holidays/easter](http://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/holidays/easter)

Thank you for entrusting me with your children. I love them dearly and continually pray that they will hear God's Word and will make Jesus Lord of their lives.

~ Molly

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# PRAISE MINISTRY

## NIGHT OF PRAISE ~ APRIL 30

Greetings Gateway family! I am so excited about our upcoming worship services this month.

I also want to let you know about a special event for you. On Sunday, April 30, at 7pm we will be having our first "Night of Praise and Worship." Our vision for this time is to have our community 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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# YOUTH MINISTRY

## YOUTH SUMMER MISSION

It is time to start preparing for our summer mission trip to Haiti! On Wednesday, April 12, we will have a parent and student meeting for those interested in being part of the team this summer. The meeting will be at 5:15 p.m. in the youth room. The trip will be July 7-15, but it takes a few months of prayer, preparation, and fundraising to be ready. So if you are interested in going with us, the time to start planning is now.



We have had the privilege of partnering with Pathfinder Mission in Haiti for the last several years, and we look forward to returning in July to continue supporting the work that God is doing there. We will be sharing different ways to pray for the team as we begin preparing for the trip. For now, we ask that you pray for Pastor Marc and the church in Jacmel. He has requested that we pray for protection from the attacks of the enemy. Please also pray for renewed faith, encouragement, and a strong sense of hope. Pray for Jesus to make himself known in a mighty way.

~ Drew

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# SUMMER OUTREACH

## KIDS BIBLE CLUB ~ JULY 24-28

We are partnering this summer with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) to lead a "5-Day Club." These clubs are a unique and effective way to reach the children and families in our community.



For 1 ½ hours each day children ages 5 to 12 gather to play high-energy games, hear exciting Bible lessons and missionary stories, and sing upbeat songs that teach unforgettable truths. We will host three of these clubs: the week of July 24 to 28: Gateway (9:00 - 10:30), Bell Road Preschool (11:00 - 12:30), and in the Hispanic community in Regency mobile home park (1:30 - 3:00).

Volunteers will need to participate in one of the two provided training sessions on either Saturday, April 8, or Saturday, May 6 (both are 9 am to 1pm). Gateway member, Savannah Barber, will be the CEF staff member with us, and I will be leading the team. Please pray about being a part of this exciting week to minister to our Gateway kids and to the kids in our community.

~ C.J.

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# EASTER WEEK

## PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

**Sunday, April 9 ~ 10:30 AM**

*A focus on Jesus' triumphal entry in our morning worship service*



## CHURCH PICNIC

**Sunday, April 9 ~ 12:15 PM**

**Stoneybrooke Pavilion**

*A time of fun and fellowship for all  
(Please bring your own food)*



## PRAYER SERVICE

**Wednesday, April 12 ~ 6 PM**

*A time of reflection and prayer as we prepare our hearts for Easter.*

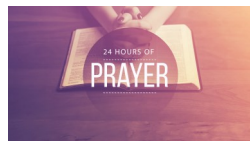


## 24 HOURS OF PRAYER

**Begins Thursday, April 13**

*Signup for a 30 minute slot to pray as we fill 24 hours with prayer.*

*Details and signup coming soon.*



## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

**Friday, April 14 ~ 7 PM**

*A reflective service of Scripture, prayers, and songs as we think about the crucifixion.*



## SUNRISE SERVICE

**Sunday, April 16 ~ 6:30 AM**

**Grace at Bell Road Church**

*Gateway and several other local churches join together for a sunrise service. Grady will be preaching. A pot-luck breakfast follows.*



## EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

**Sunday, April 16 ~ 10:30 AM**

*A focus on Jesus' resurrection in our morning worship service*



*The volunteer schedule that previously appeared here is now sent via email to those listed on it for the upcoming month. If you are on it, you already should have received it.*



# SPECIAL TEACHINGS

## SECRET CHURCH SIMULCAST

**Friday, April 21 ~ 6 PM to Midnight**

Gateway is providing the simulcast of David Platt's "Secret Church." It is six hours of in depth teaching on a particular topic. The topic for this simulcast is



"Scripture and authority in an age of skepticism." Platt will address the following questions: *How did we get this holy book? Who decided what would and wouldn't be included in it? How do we know it's true? Are there any errors in it? Is it necessary? Is it sufficient? Is it authoritative for my life? How can I understand it?* It will be a great follow up to our Wednesday night teaching so far this year.

Thanks to the generosity of a Gateway member, there is **NO CHARGE** for anyone in our Gateway church family who desires to attend. However, we need you to pre-register by emailing [office@gatewaybaptist.com](mailto:office@gatewaybaptist.com) or calling the office at 334-272-9494.

## HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE TRINITY

**Sunday, April 30 ~ 9 AM and 10:30 AM**

We are excited to welcome Dr. Bruce Ware, chairman of the department of theology at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He will help us understand the doctrine of the Trinity, and how that doctrine changes our lives.



At 9 a.m., we will combine the adult and college Sunday School classes all together for a special Bible study time in the sanctuary with Dr. Ware. During that time he will help us understand how a belief in God as triune (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) changes how we relate to one another in community and in marriage.

In the 10:30 a.m. worship service, Dr. Ware will be preaching from Ephesians 1 on the role of each member of the Trinity in the work of our salvation.

Finally, for our college students, Dr. Ware will be having lunch with you to answer your theological questions on any topic and help equip you as you share Christ with friends and faculty on your university campus.



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Phronza Hedden

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Jayla McCord

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Grace Pughsley

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

Sunday Worship \_\_\_\_\_ 227  
Sunday School [for all ages] \_\_\_\_\_ 144  
Wednesday Evening [for all ages] \_\_\_\_\_ 127

## GIVING UPDATE

**March Budget Requirement** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$42,911.67**  
**March Budget Receipts** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$42,305.55**

Building Fund \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00  
Other Designated Receipts \_\_\_\_\_ \$9,879.10

2017 YTD Budget Requirement \_\_\_\_\_ \$128,735.01  
2017 YTD Budget Receipts \_\_\_\_\_ \$106,929.16  
**2017 YTD Deficit** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$21,805.85**

## 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 Gussie Carnahan in her passing.*