

New Adult Sunday School Classes begin August 8 9:00 - 10:15am

Adult Sunday School at Gateway consists of small groups that journey through life together, meeting on a weekly basis for *fellowship, genuine care, and quality teaching focused on God's Word*. In many ways, they mirror our Life Groups which are small groups that meet in homes throughout the week. Each week brings opportunity to share your life, needs and encouragement with others in a smaller group setting, and engage in relevant, biblical studies that apply to your life today. We currently have four new adult classes:

Book of Colossians taught by Greg Teal and Jeff Moody

Book of Acts taught by CJ Falcione and Seth Rhodebeck

Book of Psalms taught by John Neal

Young Adult Class taught by Bruno Resende and Eddie Chambers

The **PrimeTime** class will continue to be led by Robby Collins and Carmen Falcione. Please come join us Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. for fellowship, care, and quality biblical teaching and see God do His transforming work in your life, for His glory!

New Sunday Morning Schedule

Adults	Sunday School, 9-10:15
Youth	Sunday School, 9-10:15
Children	Sunday School, 9-10:00 Kid's Connection, 10-10:20 Children's Church, 10:30
Worship	10:30

Why the Changes?

Starting this month, Gateway will be experiencing a few schedule and emphasis changes in our ministries. You will find the *WHAT* as you read through the Gatepost, including new classes, time changes, new ministries, etc. I thought that I'd spend some time on the *WHY*.



As a church, we have one task. We are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ. This means that we are to love God and love people everywhere we go – to the ends of the earth. To do this, we must all commit to engage in a continual process of spiritual formation so that we might be formed into the image of Christ (Rom. 8:29; Col. 1:28, 29). Nothing is more important for us as a body of believers.

We believe that the best way to make disciples is through a small group. Over the past year or two, we have seen people come into our church and not necessarily connect with a small group. While we have started several new LIFE Groups, we have not been able to start enough to meet the needs of our growing church, nor are we able to get everyone to participate in a group. Since our main focus needs to be on making disciples, we believe that it is not sufficient for people to just come to our Sunday worship service. We have asked for several years that members of Gateway commit to either a LIFE Group, a Sunday School class, or to Wednesday Night Worship. We are about to get a lot more serious about that and hopefully make it easier for people to connect with a small group of some kind.

This leads to our changes. Sunday School classes are going to become more like LIFE Groups. They will meet for 75 minutes instead of 60 and will stay together throughout the year. We are also starting a few more LIFE Groups that meet off-site during the week to give people more options. In addition, our Wednesday Night Worship will start with us all worshipping together and then will see us break into different groups to age (AWANA, youth, and adults). We will have several small groups that will come out of the adult study as well. Combine all of this with the emergence of full-blown children's worship on Sunday mornings, and you have some changes that will hopefully enable us to be more effective in making disciples everywhere we go!

Gateway is changing as we serve and follow the God who is always working, redeeming, restoring, and reconciling the world to Himself!

Alan Cross

CLUBHOUSE GATEWAY

AWANA Clubs begins August 11



This is always an exciting time for our children ages 3 through 6th grade. There are still just a few openings for volunteers in the Puggles, Cubbies, and TNT boys. Please prayerfully consider being a part of our AWANA leadership team this year. Clubs will begin Aug. 11 at 6:25 following our corporate worship time. Please plan to register your child(ren) following worship on Aug. 8. For more information or to volunteer, please contact John Neal or the church office.

Kid's Connection & Children's Church

Beginning August 8, Children's Sunday School will end at 10am. From 10am until 10:20am, there will be a high energy time in the gym called **Kid's Connection** where kids can gather, play and have a good time while adult and youth Sunday School classes are finishing up.



Children's Church will be extended to 4th grade and will be provided for the entire worship time, not just the sermon portion. It will include worship, Bible stories, and interactive activities. Children will either go from Kid's Connection to Children's Church, or they will rejoin their parents for worship in the sanctuary depending on the desire of the family.

Baby Showers



There will be a "wipes and diapers" shower for **Jeff and Mandy Moody** on Sunday, Aug. 22 immediately following worship. It will be at the church facility. Jeff and Mandy are expecting a girl in September.

There will be a couples shower for **Brad and Sarah Mooney** on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 3 to 5pm at the Spivey home, 7940 Norris Farms Rd. Brad and Sarah are expecting twin boys in September or October. Contact Fran McCorkle for more info.



Tools for Schools for the teachers at Brewbaker Intermediate

For the second year in a row, the teachers at Brewbaker Intermediate School will not receive any teacher supply money. So they are really hurting for classroom supplies. There are about 25 teachers at Brewbaker Intermediate. This is the same school that we have been partnering with for the reading program this summer. Please pick up some of these supplies as you are shopping and bring them to one of the collection boxes located in the hallways.

A list is provided below:

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| hot glue sticks (smaller or larger sizes) | |
| Expo Vis-a-Vis overhead markers | |
| dry erase markers | poster board |
| red/blue/black pens | pencils |
| post-it notes | notepads |
| manila folders | 10x13 clasp envelopes |
| colored folders | pencil sharpener |
| staplers and staples | liquid paper |
| avery address labels 5160 | dry erase markers |
| 1"binders (white or blue) | scotch tape for a dispenser |
| red ink pins | erasers |
| borders for bulletin boards | scissors |
| black permanent markers (like Sharpies) | |



Wednesdays at Gateway

Begins August 11

Fellowship Supper - 5:15 - 6pm

Reservations are required by noon Tuesdays. Cost: \$4.50 for adults ages 12 and over, \$2 for children ages 4-11, free for children under age 3, \$17 maximum per family.

Corporate Worship Time - 6 - 6:20pm

AWANA - 6:25-7:45pm

(Ages 3 through 6th grade)

Adults - 6:25-7:45pm

Adults will begin a journey through *Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything* by Tim Keller. This 8-10 week study will combine video, teaching, discussion, and small group interaction involving the work of the gospel in our hearts and in the world around us. This will be a life changing discipleship experience! Adults will meet in the Youth classrooms in the new building.

Youth Impact - 6:25-7:45

IMPACT will resume with worship band, crazy games, relevant messages, and small group discussion. The Youth will meet in the sanctuary.

Nursery - 6:00-7:45

Ages birth to 2.

August Titus 2 Ladies Gathering

Thursday, Aug. 26, 6-8:30pm

All Gateway ladies are invited to our regular monthly gathering. It will be on Thursday, Aug. 26 at the home of Amy Buxbaum, 5251 Millwood Rd. Plan on being there and inviting a friend. These gatherings are a great way to connect with other ladies and make new friends.

Student Ministry News

Students minister in New Orleans

Approximately 25 of our students and chaperones spent a week in New Orleans assisting with a Kid's Camp at Northwood Baptist Church. The children came each day from 9am to 2pm for teaching, games, food, and lots of fun with our students.



Reflections from Jordan Bray

"What God showed me in New Orleans was how to let go of my pride and to live for Christ. He showed me through the kids at Northwood Baptist that humbling yourself can really impact people for the kingdom, even if it means just opening up to a couple of kids at a Kid's Camp. This mission trip was a great experience and I really grew in the Lord."



August 28th - ENFUEGO - www.enfuegoinfo.com Clanton, AL

Meaning "On Fire" in Spanish, En Fuego is a one-day festival where students from every denomination and background come together for the purpose of worship and seeing Jesus Christ change lives. Admission is free. Activities will begin at noon and probably conclude by 9:00 p.m. Contact Drew if you are interested in going.



Upcoming Leadership Development Opportunities

Global Leadership Summit - Aug. 5-6. This is a Willow Creek event that will be held at St. James UMC. The cost is between \$165 and \$205.

APEPT Leadership Training

- Aug. 27-28
Do you know your spiritual gifts and calling? Do you understand how God has wired you for ministry? On August 27-28, Gateway will be hosting a ministry conference sponsored by the Alabama State Board of Missions (SBC) and the Montgomery Baptist Association that will help you develop your calling as you work with others in missional ministry teams. It is based on the concept found in Ephesians 4 of the well rounded ministry perspective composed of the apostolic, prophetic, evangelistic, pastoral, and teaching gifts. The total cost for this conference is \$35. If you would like to attend, please go to the website below and take the survey and sign up through the church office by Aug. 13. Go to http://www.apept.org/survey/AL/MBA/ContactInfo_MBA.asp to take the test.

Kids Leadership Development Weekend-

Studies have shown that the primary time for character and leadership development for people is when they are between the ages of 10-13 years old. What if we equipped our young people to be culture changers instead of being changed by the culture? What if we taught them how to lead at an early age? In conjunction with the APEPT conference, we will also be having a leadership conference for 5th – 8th graders, August 27-28. There is no cost for this, but we do ask that you sign up by August 20th.

Gateway Summer Reading Enrichment Program comes to a successful end

This Summer, Grace and Chris Pughsley along with over a dozen different volunteers conducted a Reading Enrichment Program each day from 8 to 12. Over 13 children (primarily students at Brewbaker School) attended and worked hard to improve their reading skills. The children were very proud of their improvements and the AR tests they were able to pass.



One of Chris' primary goals was that the children come to know who Jesus is and they heard this every day. He saw a significant change in the kid's behavior as they were taught about the character of Christ. Chris says, *"Sometimes it hurts to serve the Lord and I learned to depend on Him daily. I know this is what God wanted me to do this Summer and I would do it again. It was a good experience for our family and it brought Grace and I closer as we learned to work together in this ministry."*

Fun Night at the "Y"

Sunday, August 1
5:00 - 8:30 pm
Bell Road YMCA

Activities will include:

- Dinner (food provided)
- Swimming (indoor & outdoor pool)
- Board Games
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Slide room

Food line open from 6:00-7:00 pm

Pool open from 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Modest swimwear for all, please.

That means one-piece suits for females.

Congratulations to:

- **Matt Morgan and Leslie Latino** who are engaged to be married in January, 2011.
- **Chuck & Alycia Crews** on the adoption of Ashton. He is welcomed by his siblings, Wil and Sydney.
- **Terry & Sandy Huffman** on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Athrun Bowers, born on July 13, 2010.

Pastoral and Staff Team

Alan Cross.....Senior Pastor
 Elders:.....Kris Bauman, Robby Collins, C.J. Falcione,
 William Hurley, Tom Kotouc, John Neal, John Reese, Greg Teal
 Drew Burton.....Student Ministries Pastor
 Jeremy Jones.....Children's Ministries Pastor
 Donna Spivey.....Administrative Assistant
 Karen Golson.....Ministry Assistant
 Laura Summerford.....Preschool Coordinator/Housekeeper
 Chad Smith.....Worship Leader
 Brandon Shaw.....Set up

Regular Gatherings of our Church Family

Sunday

Sunday School.....9:00 am
 Worship.....10:30 am
 Youth LIFE Groups.....4:00 pm

Wednesday (beginning Aug. 11)

Weekly Fellowship Supper.....5:15-6:00 pm
 Worship time (all ages).....6:00-6:20pm
 AWANA (ages 3-17).....6:25-7:45 pm
 Nursery (ages birth to 2).....6:25-7:45pm
 Wednesday Worship.....6:25-7:45 pm
 Youth IMPACT.....6:25-7:45 pm
 LIFE Groups meet at various times and places throughout the week.

Average Attendance for July, 2010

Sunday Worship.....204
 Sunday School for all ages.....115

For July, 2010

Monthly Budget Requirement.....\$31,482.94
 Budget Receipts.....\$33,550.47
 Building Fund.....\$3,008.00
 Gateway to the World Missions Offering..... \$847.00
 Other Designated Receipts.....\$2,295.50

2010 Budget Requirement YTD \$219,047.24
 2010 Budget Receipts YTD \$267,392.78
 2010 Gateway to the World Missions Giving YTD \$31,195.03

*“Rejoice in the Lord always, and
 again I say: Rejoice!”*

Phil. 4:4

Loving God...Loving People...
 To the Ends of the Earth



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