

India Partnership News and Events

India Child Sponsorship Initiative

We have the ongoing challenge and opportunity to help sponsor some 250 children who live and attend school at the New Life Centers in northern India under the direction of Helena Singh. Outside funding for many of these children will be lost this month. It costs \$40/month to sponsor a child. You may also choose to co-sponsor a child for \$20/month through a co-sponsor offer from an anonymous donor for up to 50 children a month. This is not just open to our Gateway family. Pick up a packet today and introduce this ministry to your friends and family members. There is more information on this program on the web at indiachildsponsorship.org. Sign up on the website or through the church office. Remember, if you can't sponsor a child on a monthly basis, donations of any amount are gladly accepted.



Upcoming Mission trip



Gateway will send a team to Uttarakhand, India in the foothills of the Himalayas from September 22-October 1. Team members will be Alan Cross, Bill Hurley, John Wible, Karen Golson, and Shin

and Alycia Jeong. They will meet up with two others who will join them from Sacramento, CA. This team will focus on identifying the needs of the children related to the India Child Sponsorship Program and will visit with partner ministries in the mountains and surrounding areas. We will also sponsor and participate in a holistic development conference. Please pray for this team and consider giving to help them go! We still have not raised all of our support yet.

Fundraiser Lunch

On Sunday, September 18, there will be a fundraiser lunch immediately following worship to help raise money for the trip to India. This lunch is for the whole family and reservations are not required. So, put this on your calendar and plan to stay around that Sunday. This is one way you can help be a part of this on-going ministry in India. There is no set price for the meal and all donations will be gladly accepted and can be counted as a contribution to the church.



Reaching the World (and the Future) from Montgomery



We have been talking about how much God loves us and what it means to love Him throughout August. To be a spiritually formed follower of Jesus, we must both know and rely on the love that God has for us (1 John 4:16), learn to love how He has created us and what He is doing in our lives, and love Him with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength. From that place of union with God, we then love others sacrificially. Part of loving others involves ministering to people the love of Christ through the gospel and the teachings about Jesus, both lived out and through the spoken word.

Gateway has been blessed with incredible opportunities to reach the world and future generations with the love of Christ. Here are a few ways that we have been living missionally both globally and locally:

- **Reaching the next generation:** through the ministry of our families and parents and through AWANA, Sunday School, our youth ministry, and the example of adults in our church, we are preparing the next generation to take their place in the world and to shape the future for Christ. Every time you take part in ministering to a child, you are sowing seeds into that young person's life that will could bear fruit for eternity and impact countless people. We also ministered to hundreds of kids outside of our church this summer through mission trips, the Summer Reading Program, the Compassion Soccer Camp, and Camp Adventure. Through these ministries, we are also seeking to address issues in our community related to education and a productive future for children, half of whom never graduate from high school.
- **Ministering to our nation's military:** every year, we meet new military families and individuals who connect with our church through relationships and word of mouth. Our desire is to love them and provide a place where they can grow in the Lord and continue their discipleship journey. From here, they are sent all over the world to both lead our nation's military and also to be an ambassador for Christ everywhere they go.

(Pastor Alan's article continued)

- **India:** whether it is sponsoring children through the India Child Sponsorship Program (<http://indiachildsponsorship.org>) or through supporting other development projects in North India, Gateway has been impacting lostness in a very dark region of our world for 7 years. We have helped raise over \$200,000 for the indigenous ministries there and we have seen many come to Christ.
- **Church Planting:** we have formed a partnership with Pastor Jong Son and his wife Kum as they have started New Life Church that meets on Sunday mornings. In less than two months, they have already seen seven come to Christ and are beginning to grow. Please pray for them as they reach the Korean community here. They told us that many Koreans are only here for a few years before they go back to Korea and most have a Buddhist background. We have also been working closely with Venture Church here in Montgomery, started by Joe Martin and Gregory Teal.
- **Campus Ministry:** through Eddie & Shaunte Chambers and Tom & Jan Kotouc, we have been able to reach into Alabama State University's campus and to share Christ there, seeing several come to the Lord and many more grow. We are also praying to reach the Faulkner and AUM campuses through students and athletes there. This is another way that we can help shape the future!
- **Disaster Relief:** Every time there is a natural disaster nearby, Gateway springs into action to provide immediate relief to people. We worked on the Gulf Coast for years after Katrina, brought supplies to tornado victims this year, and continue to work with Charley & Martie Elgin of Pathfinder Mission as they are now working with children in Haiti building an orphanage and seeking to provide a future for those children.

Gateway, as a local church, is seeking to bring transformation to our community, the world, and also to the future. Please pray, sacrifice, go, and give to these ministries, and if God puts something on your heart, don't be afraid to start it! Let's continue to trust God for great things!

Alan Cross

Time of Baptism

There will be a time of baptism on Sunday, Sept. 11 during worship. If you or a family member are interested in participating, please contact the church office.

Please note - the church office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day.

Student Ministry News

Youth Lake Day

Saturday, September 17th

9:00am - leave Gateway for Lake Jordan

9:00pm - return to Gateway

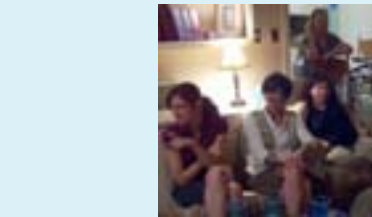
Cost: \$10 per student plus sack lunch



For all Jr. and Senior High youth. Plan to come out for a full day of lake activities and lots of fun!

YOU MUST SIGN UP with Drew no later than Sunday, September 11th if you plan to attend.

Women's Ministry News



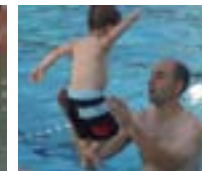
On Aug. 18, Gateway ladies gathered at the home of Laura Summerford for a special surprise time of blessing Erika Cross on her recent graduation from Auburn with her Master's Degree in Special Education! Way to go, Erika! Job well done!

Precept Bible Study

The next Precept upon Precept Bible study being offered will be on the first five chapters of Romans. The study will begin on Tuesday, September 6 and will be from 6:15 -8:30pm each week in the meeting room of the new building. Cecelia Teal and Pam Garner will be facilitating this study. Two options for outside of class homework will be offered allowing ladies to choose which best suits their schedule. If you are interested in attending this study, please contact the church office to order a book. The In and Out workbook (less homework) is \$24 and the regular workbook is \$27. These studies provide great times of digging into God's word and sharing with other ladies how God is moving and working in your life.

Fun Night at the Y

On Sunday, August 14, our Gateway family gathered at the Bell Road YMCA for our annual Fun Night at the Y. Families and individuals swam, ate, played tennis, games, basketball, and had a great evening spending time with others.



GET PLUGGED-IN THIS FALL!

Sunday School - Five adult Sunday School classes are offered that each focus on teachings from different

books of the Bible. There are classes for babies through youth that are age-graded. Classes are from 9 to 10:15am.

Wednesday Bible Study - Pastor Alan leads adults in a group discussion lesson each week from 6:25-7:45 that meets in the youth classrooms. This fall we will be looking at how one knows God and grows in a relationship with Him.

Life Groups - We have several LifeGroups that meet at various times and places each week. There's a group for you!

A complete listing of Sunday School classes and LifeGroups is available at the entrances.

"New Beginnings" ministry opportunity

This summer we began a partnership with New Beginnings Resource Center, a ministry providing after-school tutoring and GED classes. Along with two other churches we hosted a summer camp that allowed inner city children to stay current on their academic skills and also have the opportunity to participate in drama, music, dance and sports. Now we are continuing this partnership throughout the school year and would like to invite you to join us. We have been so impressed with the passion and the vision of Florence Catledge, the director of New Beginnings. She has mobilized so many talented volunteers and they are achieving exceptional results with their students. If you would be available for only one or two hours per week to help with either tutoring elementary students after school or to help adults who are working toward their GED and life-skills training, please contact Drew Burton for more info. Our experience has been that the reward far outweighs the investment.

Elder/Deacon Election Time Line

The process for nominating men to serve in the positions of Elder and Deacon will begin this month. Please be in prayer for the men of our church and for this process.

- Sept. 11-25** Nominations made by Gateway members
- Week of Sept. 25** Notification and information letter sent to nominees
- Oct. 3 or Oct. 4** Orientation/Training
- Oct. 9** Deadline for nominees to declare intent to serve or not to serve
- Week of Oct. 10** Consideration of Candidates by Election Committee and active Elders and Deacons
- Week of Oct. 17** Ordination Council for consideration of candidates by all ordained Elders and Deacons
- Oct 24-Nov. 6** Names of approved candidates given to church for prayer and consideration
- Nov. 6** Election Day
- Nov. 13** Ordination service (if needed)

Open Gym

Beginning Monday, Sept. 12, open gym will resume each Monday night from 6 to 8:30pm. This is a time set aside for guys in our community to come hang out and shoot basketball in a safe, indoor facility and hear a gospel message. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, contact Pastor Alan.



Pastoral and Staff Team

Alan Cross.....Senior Pastor
 Elders:.....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
 Laura Summerford.....Ministry Assistant
 Laura Summerford.....Preschool Coordinator/Housekeeper
 Chad Smith.....Worship Leader
 Brandon Shaw.....Set up

Welcome New Members:

Gabe & Bobbi Posey
 by baptism on Aug. 14



Congratulations to:

• **Daniel & Jessica Paulk** on the birth of a daughter, Sara Lucinda, on August 23. Sara weighed 6lbs., 8oz., was 20 inches long and is welcomed by her brother, Elijah.

Regular Gatherings of our Church Family

Sunday

Sunday School.....9:00 am
 Worship.....10:30 am

Wednesday Schedule

Weekly Fellowship Supper.....5:00-5:50 pm
 Nursery (babies & toddlers).....6:00-7:45pm
 Worship time (all ages).....6:00-6:20pm
 AWANA (ages 2-12).....6:25-7:45 pm
 Adult Bible Study.....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 August, 2011

Sunday Worship.....256
 Sunday School for all ages.....164
 Wednesday Worship (Youth & Adults).....86
 AWANA (including nursery).....63

For August, 2011

Monthly Budget Requirement.....\$32,715.62
 Budget Receipts.....\$27,082.10
 Building Fund.....\$2,005.00
 Gateway to the World Missions Offering.....\$7,954.45
 Other Designated Receipts.....\$4,557.53

2011 Budget Requirement YTD.....\$261,724.93
 2011 Budget Receipts YTD.....\$272,051.00
 2011 GTW Missions Giving YTD.....\$43,405.00

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

Phil. 4:4

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