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of **Jesus** who love **God**,
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Youth Ministry	Caleb Wheeler
Treasurer	Paul Snedecor
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Sunday Worship: 9:00am & 10:30am
Fellowship Times:
8:30-9am & 10:00-10:30am

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Community Groups provided on
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Service Sunday – August 2017

The last Sunday of August was a great day! In the morning we worshiped, in the afternoon we broke break and had a time of fellowship, and in the evening, we served together.

The service project for this month was making cards and goody bags for the North Wasco County School District staff. After an hour and half of making cards, tying bags, and sampling a few of the treats we'd completed personalized cards or encouragement and thanks for staff of The Dalles Middle School, The Dalles High School, and Chenoweth Elementary. The remaining schools will be completed by the students and leaders at Taco Tuesday.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the August Service Sunday a great time and a huge success. And for helping bless the teachers and staff of the NWCS. Let's keep the students, staff, and admin in our prayers and continue to find ways to be a blessing to them this coming school year.

The next Service Sunday will be Sunday, September 24th from 3:30-5:00pm. See you there!

Youth Ministry Update and Upcoming Events

September is finally here! For the last couple of months, the youth ministry team has been preparing and praying for the new ministries

that are being launched and now the time has finally come.

As we enter into this new season of ministry please keep the leaders, support, parents, kids, staff, and ministry team in your prayers. We believe that God has great plans for youth ministry here at Gateway and that we are going to see Him do amazing things in the lives of kids and adults alike this year.

Upcoming Youth Events

MS Sunday School - September 10th (Move Up Day)*

HS Youth Group - Wednesday, September 13th
6:30-8:00pm

MS Youth Group** - Tuesday, September 19th
6:30-8:00pm

HS Small Group - Wednesday, September 20th
8:00-9:00am

Service Sunday - Sunday, September 24th
3:30-5:00pm

HS Youth Group - Wednesday, September 27th
6:30-8:00pm

**MS Sunday School will meet every Sunday starting September 10th during the 2nd service.*

** There will **not** be Middle School Youth Group on September 5th as posted in the August Open Gate. September 19th will be the first **middle** school youth group of the school year.

MOVE UP SUNDAY

ALL STUDENTS GRADUATE TO NEW CLASSES!

Sunday, September 10th
For kids through 5th Grade
Don't Miss It!!

Those entering 3rd grade will receive a Bible and those entering the 6th grade will receive a devotional book. So mark your calendars and plan to join in the Move Up day!



All Church Picnic



Institutes are formation courses offered twice a year: in the fall and winter over a 5-week period. Formation courses are intended to stimulate greater theological reflection, personal healing, and the application of theological reflection and healing in daily living. A variety of themes are covered in these courses: spiritual formation, justice engagement, and relational development.

Institutes will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 with childcare provided,

and will begin each October and February. The basic structure of each course will begin with a “welcome” time, followed by an interactive teaching time, and concluding with reflective group process.

Institutes: Fall 2017

Thursday's 10/5/17 – 11/2/17 6:30 – 8:00

Parenting from the inside-out

Parenting happens on many levels. Children are complex little beings, and parents will miss a lot if they think that their parenting needs only focus on the child's physical well-being.

This course will draw from the book, “Parenting from the inside-out” by psychiatrist (Daniel Siegel) and nursery school teacher (Mary Hartzell) in order to help parents understand why they act and react the way they do to their children.

The uniqueness of this course is that it focuses on the parent, not the child. Based on the premise that many of a parent's reactions to a child are based on their own past experience, Siegel and Hartzell help parents figure out why they are reacting to their child the way they are and how they can change that.

This course will be facilitated by Pastor Jeff Cook

Are you living with regrets?

If the answer is “yes”, then that makes you just like the rest of us. And, regret often can be quite informative, and you can also move on from the experience of regret. There is a way forward – and it's as refreshing to your mind and emotions as first-time sight to a blind man.

This course will present God's design for dealing with human failure, and experience for yourself the clarity that emerges as we move *through* regret so that we might move *on* from regret.

This course will be facilitated by Janell Wyatt and Dick LaFever

To register for either one of these courses call or email the church office.
(541-) 298 - 8531

From the Pastor~ Dr. Tom Pipkin, Senior Pastor

Dear Gateway Family,

A few years ago I, along with some of my pastor colleagues, read a book called True Faced, by Bill Thrall, Bruce McNicol, and John Lynch. The central image from the book involves a significant choice that we all must make in life. Here is how the authors describe it:

As we're walking down life's road, we arrive at a tall pole with signs pointing in two different directions. The marker to the left simply says, “Pleasing God.” The pointer leading to the right reads, “Trusting God.” It's hard to choose one over the other, because both roads seem to have a good feel to them. So, we look for a third. But, at this intersection of life we don't see one. At the same time, we realize we can't jump back and forth between the paths. We must choose one. It will now mark the way we live.

Pleasing God and **Trusting God** represent the ultimate motives of our hearts. And as the book continues we realize that most of us choose to try to please God. This path leads us to a door with a sign that reads **“Striving to Be All God Wants Me to Be.”** We turn the doorknob of **“Effort”** and enter the **“Room of Good Intentions.”** The room is full of people who are determined to be godly. On the back wall of the room is a big banner that reads, **“Working on My Sin to Achieve an Intimate Relationship with God.”** After spending a few months in this room we begin to notice that most of the people sound a bit cynical and look pretty tired. Many seem alone or in pain, and many are wearing masks. We realize that we don't feel very comfortable in this place anymore; we strive mightily and become fixated on our efforts not to sin. How can a path that started out with such a noble motive lead to such an unsatisfying destination?

So we decide to try the other trail. We choose to begin walking life's path with the motive of trusting God. This path leads us to a second door. These words are written above it: **“Living Out of Who God Says I Am.”** We turn the doorknob of **“Humility”** and enter the **“Room of Grace.”** This room also has a huge banner on the back wall. This one reads: **“Standing with God, with My Sin in Front of Us, Working on It Together.”** We notice that this room is full of people as well – but there is a difference. These people all seem vitally alive and none of them are wearing masks.

Here at Gateway, we want to be holy people... but we realize that our holiness comes not from our striving not to sin, but rather from the growing realization that God accepts us as we are and wants to be at work in our lives to mold us into the kind of people he wants us to be. As we move into the fall season, let's get involved in Community Groups; let's serve in Children's and Youth ministry; let's engage in the worship and work of the church wholeheartedly and unreservedly... but let us do so from a position of trusting God, whose grace is at work in our lives enabling us to be the people God wants us to be.

Under God's Mercy,

Dr. Tom Pipkin



Pizza and "Draft" Night

Sunday, September 10, 2017

5:00-6:30pm

Gateway Church



This will be a family event for anyone who is participating in a Community Group or for those who have considered it, but still aren't sure about taking the first step. Starting with pizza then to the worship center for the "draft." Don't worry, you aren't going to be drafted. Rather, you will be doing the drafting as you consider the different Community Groups. We look forward to seeing you, as we kick off our Community Group season.

THIS YEARS THEME:

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OF CHRIST ON
THE WINDING ROAD



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\$12.00 Admission
Tickets Available



with Beth Moore

Sept. 22, 2017

6:30-8:30pm

Sept. 23, 2017

9:00-Noon

MISSIONS + OUTREACH

It has been a busy and exciting June and July for Outreach Ministries. Peter and his family spent a couple of weeks in The Dalles before returning to their homeland, Gary and Linda Simons from Wycliffe shared in both services as did Chaz and Stephanie Wolfe. We spent an evening with Gilles Gravelle, also from Wycliffe, and sent three of our young men to a short-term mission in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. It is a great reminder to all of us that our God is still mightily at work in the world.

Through the generous financial support that Gateway receives from our family of believers we are able to partner with eight ministries both globally and locally. Some of them began their journey into the mission work through their involvement at Gateway.

We currently support:

- A husband & wife team working in Viet Nam with Bethany International
- Two husband & wife teams working with Wycliffe Bible Translations
- A husband & wife team working to share Jesus with the Middle East
- A Vietnam Christian who graduated in a US seminary then returned to his homeland
- Lee Davis working on Oregon college campuses with CR.

-Joe & Tara Martin working with The Dalles youth through ACTS

-The Youth Empowerment Shelter (Y.E.S.) also working with the youth in The Dalles

We are currently preparing to send Pastor Tom and Elder Mike Murat on a short trip to Vietnam to meet with our current missionaries and look at the various opportunities available for sending a short-term mission group there from the Gateway congregation.

Outreach Ministries also gives missionary updates during church services through the Open Gate and maintains a missionary focus board in the foyer. And when one of our missionaries is visiting The Dalles they are invited to personally give an update during our worship services.

Outreach has been blessed by having a great team of people that have a heart for those lost around the world and are always looking for new members with that same passion, whether here or abroad.

Our current members are; Ken and Phyllis Farner, Mary Jo Taylor, Bill Fisher and Elders Mike Murat and Jim Schwinof. We meet at the church the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

~Submitted by Jim Schwinof

We'd like to say a big

THANK YOU

To everyone who participated in the July Food Drive. The shelves in the Deacon's closet are looking full! Everyone has been so generous.



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



- September 4th | Church Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- September 10th | 10:30am | Move Up Sunday
- September 10th | 10:30am | Middle School Sunday School
- September 10th | 5pm | Pizza & "Draft" Night (Everyone is Invited)
- September 13th | 6:30pm | High School Youth Group
- September 14th & 28th | 9am | Mom's Group
- September 19th | 6:30pm | Middle School Youth Group
- September 20th | 8am | High School Small Group
- September 22-23rd | Beth Moore Simulcast for Women
- September 24th | 3:30pm | Service Sunday

Get Involved Now!

Community Groups

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
-Acts 2:42

Questions?
Contact Jeff Cook,
Keith Stelzer or
Kelly Steward



Chenoweth Elementary School Supply Drive

Supply Drive will continue through September

~Please put the donated supplies in the blue bin in the entryway~

Questions or would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Kim Nosenzo at 541-980-3352

Thank You!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, O Lord; teach me your decrees
Psalms 119:11-12

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:29

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." Luke 11:1

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.
Acts 1:1

