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Gate City Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, calls and beautiful cards. It is a comfort to know you hold me up to the Lord. You folks are very special. May God bless you!

—Ida Wells

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your calls, visits and prayers during my recent illness. Your concern and kindness means so much to me!

—Cindy Beachum



KidStuf, Gate City's worship experience for children grades K–5 will meet in April on the 3rd and 10th. There will be no Kidstuf on Easter Sunday.



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Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 21 at 7 PM

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 23 at 10 AM

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 24 at 7:30 AM

Breakfast will be served at 8 AM

Easter Worship Service

Sunday, April 24 at 10:30 AM

Our youth are sponsoring a Fusion Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, April 30 at the Jamestown Golf Course. Four-person teams will be playing captain's choice beginning at 9 AM. The entry fee is \$50/ person and this includes: green fee, cart fee, snacks and lunch. There will also be door prizes, awards for the winning team and closest to the pin, longest drive and putting competitions. The deadline for fees and registrations forms is April 24. See Shawn Mehegan with questions or to pick up a registration form. Proceeds benefit the youth's summer mission trip.



Gate City's Children's Ministry is sponsoring a community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23 from 10 AM–12 Noon. In advance of that day, we are asking each GCBC child who plans to attend, to bring a dozen candy filled plastic eggs to be dropped off in the designated bins in the side lobby of the sanctuary.

From the Pastor...

These are exciting days at Gate City! Think with me about some of the things that have been going on just this past month. We started a new young couples' Sunday School class that has been averaging 16 people. We launched the lift on Wednesday nights and have been averaging 130 people. After moving the Adult Choir rehearsal to Sunday nights, they have been averaging over 30 people. Attendance during the morning worship service in March has been regularly over 270 and total receipts have been well over budget needs.

In March, we also launched our new Connections ministry. More than a dozen in-home visits have been made, scores of phone calls have been place and more than 130 postcard have been sent out. Beyond that, each week, before both Sunday School and the morning worship service, we have greeters who are graciously welcoming both guests and GCBC members.

In addition, as of March 1, Shawn's hours and responsibilities increased to include both our discipleship and reaching ministries. This led us to have our first Sunday School leadership meeting in more years than anyone can remember.

I understand fully that numbers do not mean everything and they do not tell the full story. They do, however tell part of the story. That story, I believe, is simple: God is at work at Gate City Baptist Church. I am so thankful to witness it, and so grateful to be a part of it. I hope you are as well!

—Pastor Michael



The Youth Real Time Home Bible Study continues on Sunday nights at the Gagliano's. The study starts promptly at 6 PM. Youth wanting to ride the van should be dropped off at the church by 5:45 and will return by 7:30.



The Joy Group will be having an Easter lunch and concert with Steve Hopper on Friday, April 22 beginning at 12:30 PM. The cost is \$8/person. You may sign up by calling the church office or by speaking with Emma McCoy



With Deepest Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Dale Fields in the death of his father, Clifton Fields and to Kathryn Lundeen in the death of her father, Phil Hankins.



Thank you to Lillie Bishop and her team of helpers for their hard work in preparing our Wednesday night suppers. If you plan to share in the meal and are not on the permanent list, please call the office by noon on Mondays.



In order to bring consistency and add strength to our Sunday School, we need to ensure that classes begin on time, at the same time. Sunday School begins each week at 9 AM. The Young at Heart class begins with their "opening" at 8:45, but the lesson does not start until 9. Teachers, especially those working with children, we need you in your classrooms by 8:45 AM.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

We will be having a Maundy Thursday service on April 21 at 7 PM. During this service we will reflect on the final night of Christ's earthly life and observe the Lord's Supper. There will be no Bible studies on Wednesday, April 20.

Connections visiting team members, please note your team's scheduled night on the monthly calendar.



April 5th and 19th at the Golden Corral on Wendover at 8:30 AM.



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We plan to baptize both on Easter Sunday.

Deacons Meeting



Deacons will meet on Sunday, April 3 at 4 PM. Please note the time change.



The monthly church council meeting will be on Monday, April 4 at 7 PM for all ministry and committee leaders.

On Easter Sunday at 8 AM, after the sunrise service, the Hostess Committee will be providing breakfast in the fellowship hall.



The Awana Grand Prix will be on Saturday, April 9, beginning at 9 AM