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You can still help our Awana ministry even though it's on summer break! Any small prize/award item(s) that you would be willing to donate to the Awana store would be greatly appreciated! Donations can be given to Nancy Pendergrass or Marie Haymore.



KidStuf is a unique and engaging worship experience for children grades K–5 that meets on Sundays in conjunction with the morning worship service. During August, it will only meet on Sunday, August 28.

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Money is so tight at our church right now that our pastor isn't taking a salary. He's actually being good for nothing!"

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The Gatekeeper

The Monthly Newsletter of Gate City Baptist Church

August, 2011



Thursday, August 11 at 6:30 PM

Ladies, you're invited to the third night in our Summer Salad Series. Christian comedian and motivational speaker Kelly Swanson will be sharing, "Who Hijacked My Fairy Tale?" She'll encourage us to look beyond life's obstacles and even laugh in the face of stress and change.

There is no cost, although donations will be accepted. We ask each lady to bring a salad. Sign up by calling the church office by August 9th.

Sunday, August 14 at 4:00 PM

We hope you'll join us for Family Night at the Greensboro Grasshopper's game. This will be a great time of fun and fellowship. Tickets are: \$6.50/adults, \$5/seniors and \$5/children age 12 and under. Sign up by calling the church office or by seeing Marie Haymore. Payment is due when you sign up and you must sign up by Sunday, August 7.



New Ladies Study Begins September 7

Tapestry, Gate City's Women's Ministry, is sponsoring a new study of Beth Moore's book, *Stepping Up*. It is a study of Psalms 120-134. The study will be offered at two different times beginning September 7: from 10:30AM–11:30AM led by Darnell Bullins and as part of The Lift beginning at 6:30 PM. The cost for materials is \$13. Sign-up sheets will be available in both the side and main lobbies. This will be a great opportunity for discipleship and fellowship that you'll not want to miss!



From the Pastor...

I don't know how often you think about this, but I really hope that it is your desire as a Christian to see God really use you. The Bible is replete with examples of God taking ordinary people and working through them to yield extraordinary results. Have you wondered why you haven't witnessed this in your own life?

If so, it may very well be that you've thought there's more that you've got to do: you need to learn more, study longer, put in more time. The thought seems to be, "I've got to get stronger so God can really use me."

Though it seems counterintuitive, the simple truth is that God is not looking to see how strong you can become before He uses you. In fact, God isn't looking for strength—He's looking for weakness. The question then is not, "Am I strong enough for God to use me?," it is "Am I weak enough for Him to use me?"

This thought is one of the pronounced themes of 2 Corinthians. That is why beginning in August, I am starting a new series of messages entitled, *Strength Through Weakness: God Using Weak People to do Mighty Things*.

For eight weeks, we'll be walking through 2 Corinthians and discovering how God works through the weakness of people to demonstrate and reveal His power—power that makes an amazing difference in our life and that of those around us. I hope that you will be here each week!

As always, know that I love you and am grateful to serve God alongside you!

—Pastor Michael

Deacons Meeting



Deacons will meet on Sunday, August 14 at 4 PM in room A-118.

August 2nd and 16th at the Golden Corral on Wendover at 8:30 AM.

ROMEO
Breakfast
Retired Old Men Eating Out



Fusion Campout

Students will be having a campout at the church on August 4 beginning at 8 PM.

Youth Worker's Meeting

There will be a youth worker's meeting on Wednesday, August 10 after Fusion.

Fusion Fall Kickoff

Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30 PM.

NETMA Meeting

The NETMA parent's meeting will be on Sunday, August 28 at 7 PM



With Deepest Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Catherine Dalche with the passing of her sister, Margaret Jaroc; to Carl and Mildred Gibson at the passing of their grandson, Jonathon Voncannon, and Carl's sister, Jenny Wilson; to Charlie Wells at the passing of his wife, Ida.



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Our fall semester of classes will begin on Wednesday, September 7. Look for details in the coming weeks.



Total Enrollment: 272
Average Daily Attendance: 254
Total Missions Offering: \$1301.82
Number of Decisions for Christ: 17
Thank you again to all of our VBS workers for such an amazing week!



Our Awana year will begin on Sunday, September 11 for children age 3 through 5th grade.



The monthly church council meeting will be on Monday, August 1 at 7 PM for all ministry and committee leaders.



Important Children's Ministry Dates

August 2 6:30PM—9:30PM

Christian skate night at Roll-A-Rink in High Point. We will meet at the skating rink. The cost is \$4 and the entire family is welcome!

August 3 & 10 9:15AM

Children's movies at the Paladium Theater: *Kung Fu Panda* will be shown on the 3rd and *Madagascar 2* on the 10th. The cost is \$1.

August 12 11:30AM—12:30PM

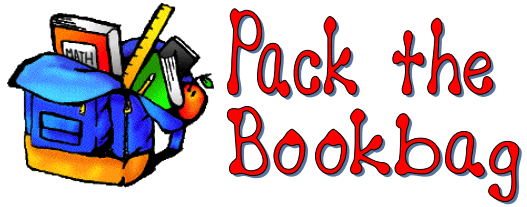
We will have Arts & Crafts day here at the church.

August 21 9AM

Promotion Sunday in Sunday School!



Gate City supported missionaries to the Middle East, Josh and Kristi Smith, will be sharing about what God has using them to accomplish on Sunday morning, August 14.



Pack the Bookbag

Tapestry Ministry, in conjunction with GCBC's Children's Ministry, is sponsoring a "Pack the Book Bag" project, to provide school supplies for needy children. At designated tables in the side lobby are cards for sponsors that detail a student's grade level and the needs the student has. We ask for supplies to be turned in by August 21st. For more information contact Darnell Bullins.



On Friday, August 26 beginning at 7PM, the Joy Group is sponsoring a "Chocolate Feast."

The night will begin with a concert by Howard Chandler and will be followed by some amazing desserts. There is no charge for this event, but you must have a ticket. Tickets are available from Emma McCoy.



The Hostess Committee is sponsoring a church-wide homemade ice cream social on Sunday, August 21 beginning at 6 PM. Make your plans to join us!



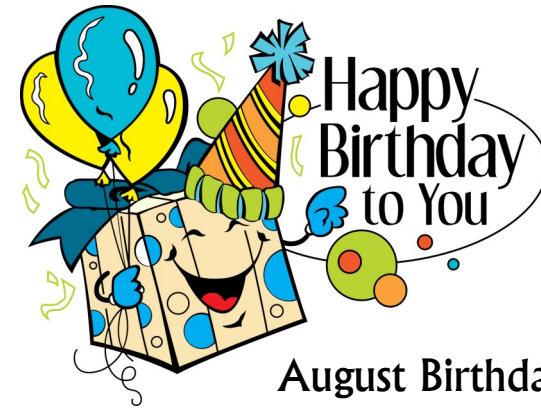
Gate City Family,

Thank you so much for your Christian love and prayers for me and my wife Ida Gray. The phone calls and cards were a great blessing to her. My special thanks to Ed Carmichael and Pastor Owens. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. My special thanks also to Tracy Beach, my deacon, for all his calls and visits.

—Charlie Wells



Have you ever thought about singing in the choir? On Sunday, August 28 beginning at 5PM, the choir will have it's "New Year Kickoff Supper & Singing." It will be a great time of fellowship, eating and singing. Your attendance doesn't commit you to being a choir member, but this would be a great way for you to come and "try it out!" You do not have to audition or have the ability to read music. We are simply looking for people who are willing and eager to sing to the Lord from their heart! Join us!



August Birthdays

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| 4 | Joanne Ward | 18 | Wayne Bishop |
| | Liam McKinney | 19 | OL Snyder |
| 8 | David Coke | | Boyd Russell |
| 11 | Donnie Sanders | 29 | Jimille Beard |
| 12 | William Kafer | 30 | Mason McGuire |
| 16 | Tiffany Viera | 31 | Cindi Beacham |
| | Debbie Nunn | | Brittany Ahearns |
| | Kim Shaver | | |
| 17 | Shawn Mehegan | | |

Please contact Nancy Pendergrass in the church office if your birthday is not listed.



God Using Weak People To Do Mighty Things

The Pastor's new sermon series begins Sunday, August 7.