

The Gatekeeper

The Monthly Newsletter of Gate City Baptist Church

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Gate City Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and visits at the passing of my mother. After ninety years of life here in her earthly body, she was ready to begin her new life in heaven.

In Christ, Steve Hensley and Family



New Sunday School Class

On Sunday, March 13th, we will be launching a new Sunday School class for young couples.

Brad and Valerie Ford will be leading this class for couples in their 20's and 30's. It will meet in room B-125. Make your plans to be part of this new opportunity!



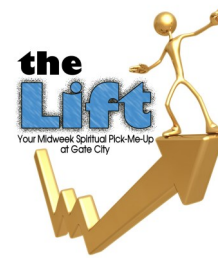
Quilting Group

A ladies' quilting group meets each Thursday at 2 pm. Join us for a great time of fellowship.



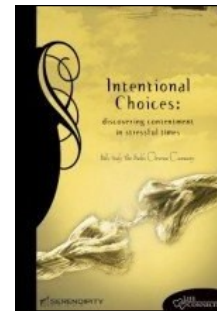
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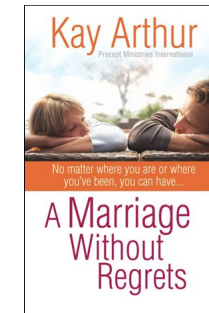
The Lift Begins Wednesday, March 2 at 6:30 PM

Children's Choir will be offered for children grades K-5, Youth Fusion for students, and three discipleship classes for adults. Nursery care will also be provided. So that we can have adequate materials, we ask adults to sign up by February 27.



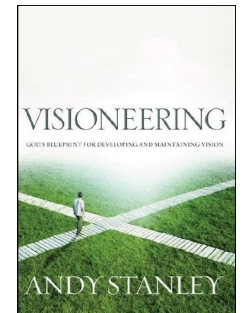
Janice McMinn will be leading a study entitled "Intentional Choices: Discovering Contentment in Stressful Times." In life we experience stress from multiple sources: work, relationships, loss, change and decision making. This study will help you discover and experience real peace in the midst of these difficult and stressful times.

Cost: \$7
 Room: B-126



John and Sandy Gagliano will be leading a study entitled "A Marriage Without Regrets." Filled with practical teaching straight from God's Word, this study will give you the tools to build a healthy marriage from the start, strengthen a good marriage, or save a marriage from spiraling toward disaster.

Cost: \$12 (includes book and workbook—only one set is needed per couple)
 Room: B-121



The Pastor will be leading a study through Nehemiah called "Visonering." In the life of a believer, a vision is a burden that God puts on your heart not only of what *could be* but *should be*. This study will help you discover the burdens that God has been trying to put on your heart so that you can see Him begin to really use you.

Cost: None
 Room: B-125

Sign up in either the main or side lobby or by calling the church office, 292-8672.

From the Pastor...

How many times have you been in conversation with someone whether friend, family member or stranger and you thought, "I can't believe they said *that!*" Perhaps more importantly, how many times have you been involved in a conversation and afterwards you asked yourself, "Why did I say *that!*" Let's face it, our mouths and what we say all too often get us in trouble. We simply say things that we should not.

Things that we should not say go far beyond foul language and include hurtful and disrespectful comments, coarse joking and gossip. Regardless of how long you've known or how closely you try to walk with the Lord, we regularly struggle with what we say. How do we get this under control?

In Psalm 17:3c, the psalmist says, "I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress." In saying, "I purposed," the psalmist is saying, "I decided before hand...I made the intentional choice." You've probably said something like this before: "I spoke before I thought." The problem isn't so often that we fail to think about the words we say immediately before we express them, rather that at the beginning of each day we don't think about the conversations we might have. We don't make the choice before we ever speak to anyone, "I'm going to honor the Lord with what I say."

The psalmist decided and made the choice that he was not going to "transgress" with his mouth; he was not going to sin and get in trouble with what he said. He made his choice. How about you?
—Pastor Michael



Starting on March 2, our Wednesday night Youth Fusion Bible Study will begin at 6:30 PM.



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.

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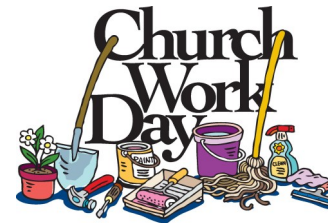
The middle school Disciple Now weekend will be March 25–27. Over the course of the weekend, we will be staying in host homes and going through some intensive Bible study, but having a great time along the way. Make your plans to be a part of this life changing experience!



On Friday March 11th we will have a fun student mixer with Trinity Baptist students with games, food, and music. We will have Human Battleship, Minute To-Win-It games, and a live band. This will be a night of great fun and fellowship. You don't want to miss it!



The Hostess Committee is sponsoring a church-wide Pinto Bean Supper on March 5 beginning at 5:30 PM. The cost \$5 for the adult pinto bean plate and \$2.50 for either the child's pinto bean or hot dog plate. Sign up by calling the church office by March 1st.



We will be having a church work/clean-up day on Saturday, March 19 beginning at 8 AM. We have quite a number of tasks we hope to complete and we really could use *your* help! Lunch will be provided.



The Joy Group will be sponsoring a Soup Tasting on Saturday, March 19 beginning at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a great time of food and fellowship. There is no charge for this event!



March 1st and 15th at the Golden Corral on Wendover at 8:30 AM.



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

Deacons Meeting



Deacons will meet on Monday, March 14 at 7 PM.



KidStuf is a unique, interactive worship experience for children grades K-5 that meets in conjunction with the morning worship service. It will meet in March on the 6th, 20th, and 27th.



Sign-up sheets for youth softball are available in the side lobby.

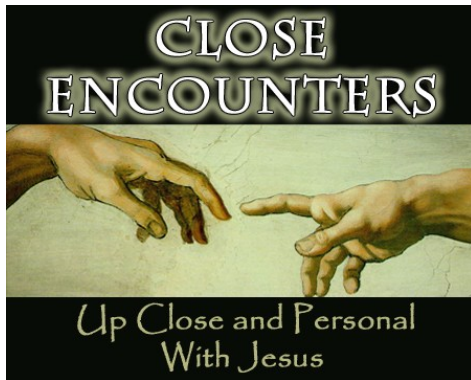


Wednesday Night Supper

When The Lift begins on March 2, we will also begin offering Wednesday Night Suppers.

Lillie Bishop has volunteered to prepare the meals. The cost will be \$4/adult, \$2/child age 4–10 and children 3 and under are free. The maximum cost per family will be \$15. Meals will be served beginning at 5:30 PM each

Wednesday night. Sign-up slips will be available in the pew racks and can be turned in through the offering plate. You may also call the church office *by Monday* of each week to sign up. Menus are available on the calendar.



In March, the Pastor is beginning a new series of messages entitled “Close Encounters.” In this series, we will be looking at the personal encounters Jesus had with people in the Gospel of John. What Jesus revealed during these encounters, He wants to guide our own relationships with Him today. Make your plans to be here!



There will be a Sunday School teacher's meeting on Sunday, March 13th at 4:30 PM in room B-111. If you, as a teacher, will be unable to attend, please have a representative from your class present!



On Saturday, March 12, children are invited to go to the Greensboro Children's Museum. We will meet at the church at 9:30 AM and return by 12:30 PM. The cost is \$7/child and children should bring a bag lunch.



There will be a Women's Ministry Kick-Off Brunch on Saturday, March 26th at 10 AM. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets in either the main or side lobby, by calling the church office or by contacting Darnell Bullins by email, pepsiedb@northstate.net or by phone 887-0158.

We have some significant and meaningful opportunities in store—make sure you're a part!



Connections, Gate City's new reaching ministry will begin in March. Visiting teams will begin on March 8. For those who signed up to be part of the Connect Cards/Call Teams or serve as a greeter, there will be an informational/training meeting on Sunday, March 6 at 4:30 PM in room B-111.



HomeCare is one of the ways we seek to ensure that our homebound members are not forgotten. Each week in the bulletin you will find our HomeCare “person of the week.” As you are able, give them a call, send a note or even make a visit.



We will be observing the Lord's Supper as part of our morning worship service on March 20.



As part of The Lift on Wednesday nights, we are going to begin a new Children's Choir ministry called “Wired.” We invite all children grades K-5 to join us in the choir room on Wednesday nights at 6:30 for a great time of music, biblical truth and fun! See Beth Whitman for further details.



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| 1 Henry Pope | 17 Dottie Davidson |
| 3 Sonja Beach | 18 Phillip Owens |
| 4 Calvin Wilson | 19 Tom Byrd |
| 6 Sandi Gagliano
Rachel McCloud | 20 Frank Willoughby |
| 8 Pricilla Idol
Diane Russell | 21 Tom Kirkman
Mary Gravely
Ken McMinn |
| 9 Howard Chandler | 23 Alisa Walsh |
| 13 Ashley Glover | 25 Jo Pell |
| 15 Rebecca Adams | 26 Tom Lundeen |
| 16 Daniel Hensley
Patsy Spence | 29 Alton Ross |