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# GATE CITY *online*

In recent months, we've made some significant improvements to the church's website. Among the changes, you can now listen to previous messages online. Our website is [www.gatecitybaptist.org](http://www.gatecitybaptist.org). It makes a great way to share information about our church to your friends and neighbors!



KidStuf is a unique and engaging worship experience for children grades K-5 that meets on Sundays in conjunction with the morning worship service. It will meet in May on the 1st, 8th, and 22nd.



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# The Gatekeeper

The Monthly Newsletter of Gate City Baptist Church

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Sunday, May 8

We will be honoring our mothers as part of the morning worship service and our Children's Choir will be singing. There will be no evening service or activities on Mother's Day.



There will be a banquet for graduating seniors and their families on Saturday, May 21 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Shawn Mehegan for additional information.

Children are invited to go to the Butterfly Farm on Saturday, May 21. We will meet at the church at 10 AM. The cost is \$5/child and \$6/adult and you should bring a bag lunch. See Marie Haymore for details.



Our Big Apple Adventure Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching. It will meet June 20-24 from 8:30 AM until 12 Noon. We need donations of 1000 juice packs and 20 cases of water. Please see Marie Haymore, Valerie Ford, or Beth Whitman with donations or find out other ways you can help!

# From the Pastor...

So many things in life are much easier said than done. This is especially true in the Christian life. A case in point is something Paul says in 2 Cor. 4:18, "We do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Paul makes this statement after having just said that he and those with him, "do not lose heart." In effect, he's saying, "We are not getting discouraged because we're not looking the physical, we're looking at the spiritual." Again, this is much easier said than done.

It's tough to not look focus on the physical realm when the doctor says, "We found cancer." It's tough not to focus on the physical when the company says, "We hate to inform you that your position has been eliminated due to budget cutbacks." It's tough not to focus on the physical if you're committed to your marriage and your spouse is showing hints of unfaithfulness. It's tough not to focus on the physical.

The only thing that makes this easier is found in what Paul says; the physical, what you can see, that's all temporary. The stuff of life: our bodies, our homes, our jobs, our personal relationships, we do not have them forever. This is why Paul says a few verses later in 5:9, "We make it our aim...to be pleasing to Him."

I'm not saying that the circumstances in your life do not matter and that you're never to be affected by them. What I am saying,

however, is that whatever you're dealing with, whether good or bad, it's not going to last. Given that this is the truth, it should be our goal to focus on what will last, namely our relationship with the Lord and make it our aim, your aim, to be pleasing to Him.

—Pastor Michael



The Joy Group will be having a cookout at the picnic shelter on Saturday, May 28 at 4 PM. The cost is \$4/person. Sign up by speaking with Emma McCoy or by calling Nancy Pendergrass in the church office.



With Deepest Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Betty Andrews and Roy Rierson.

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



May 3rd and 17th at the Golden Corral on Wendover at 8:30 AM.



## Super Sloppy Games

Youth will be having a great afternoon of fun playing "Super Sloppy Games" on Saturday, May 14 from 1–4 PM. We will be meeting at the picnic shelter.

## N.E.T.M.A.

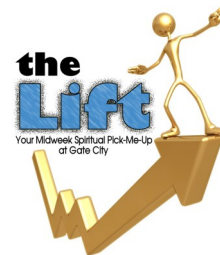
There will be a NETMA (No One Ever Tells Me Anything) parent meeting on Sunday, May 15 at 7 PM in the student center on the second floor of the education building.

## Graduate Recognition

We will be recognizing graduating seniors on Sunday, May 22 as part of the morning worship service.



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



We are nearing the end of our first series of classes as part of The Lift on Wednesday nights. The Lift will continue during the summer. Sign ups for new classes will begin mid-May.



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Ashley Glover will be going on a mission trip to Zambia, Africa from July 6 until August 4. At this point, she still needs to raise roughly \$3,000. If you would be willing to help, contributions can be sent to Ashley directly or to the mission agency she is working with, Global Expeditions. For additional information, please contact Ashley or pick up an informational brochure in the church office.

## Deacons Meeting



Deacons will meet on Sunday, May 1 at 4 PM in room A-118.