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Special choir rehearsals will be on October 4, 17 and 25 at 6:30PM. If you're not currently part of the choir, you're always welcome to join!



With Deepest Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Polly Hight, Frankie Mabe and to Lillie Bishop with the passing of her brother, Richard Horn.



KidStuf is an exciting worship experience for children grades K-5. In October, it will meet on the 9th, 16th and the 23rd. Children are dismissed to KidStuf after the offertory during the AM service.



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Find Your Place in Sunday School

During the month of October, we are having a Sunday School emphasis, *Meet the Seat*. If you are not currently part of a Sunday School class, we want you to be a part. If you're currently in a class, we want you to invite someone to join you! *Meet the Seat* will culminate with high attendance day on October 23.

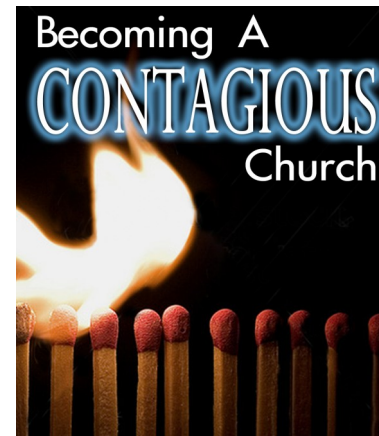
Make sure you find *your* place in Sunday School!

Our annual community Fall Festival will be on October 31 from 6:30–9:00PM and we need your help, as once again, we expect over 2,000 people!

Volunteers are needed to staff the various ride and game stations. Sign-ups for workers are available in the side lobby. In addition, we need donations of candy, can drinks, individually packed chips, small stuffed animals and other small prize items. Donation bins are available in the side lobby.



Becoming A
CONTAGIOUS
Church



When we hear the word "contagious," we do not typically think of it as a good thing. A cold or the flu, those things are contagious and no one wants it to spread. In the Christian life however, our faith should be contagious. Beyond that, hopefully you would say that you would want your church to be contagious. You want other people to know about it, what God is doing in it and you want them to be a part of it. In October, the Pastor will be sharing a series of messages entitled *Becoming A Contagious Church*. Make your plans to be here and to be part of what God wants for us, to be a contagious church!

From the Pastor...

In just a few weeks, I will have completed my first year of service as your pastor. It has indeed been a full year. Significant and thankfully significantly positive things have occurred in our fellowship over this year.

We have seen marked increases in worship attendance, an increase in Sunday School attendance, begun The Lift, launched our Connections Ministry, witnessed a resurrection of women's ministry and had dozens of people become a part of Gate City.

In addition, the mood and morale of the congregation is remarkably positive. People are stepping up to serve in a variety of capacities. There is a real sense of excitement in our church.

With that in mind, let me share with you a couple of things. First of all, none of these successes is a personal accomplishment of mine. If anything has been accomplished, it is because the Lord has been and is at work.

Secondly, I want you as a church family to know exactly where we stand, but also have a sense of the direction that we are going. As a result, Sunday, October 30 will be a special day for us. As part of the morning I will be sharing a message on the state of the church. I hope that you will make every effort to be here!

Finally, I just want to remind you what a blessing this past year has been for me and my family. You have welcomed us, loved us, and encouraged us. It is the greatest of honors and a privilege from God to be your pastor! I love you and thank God for you!

—Pastor Michael



We will celebrate 37 years as a fellowship with Homecoming on Sunday, October 23rd. This will be a special service followed by a covered-dish luncheon. Make your plans to be here!



Paintball

On Saturday, October 8, the youth will be going to play paintball at Paintball Central. We will leave from the church at 9:30AM. The cost is \$20/person.

Youth Lockout

The youth will be having a lockout on Friday night, October 14. We will meet at the church at 10PM. The lockout will end on Saturday at 7AM. The cost is \$15/person.

Fall Retreat

The youth fall retreat will be October 28–30. We will meet at the church on the 28th at 11AM.

NETMA Meeting

NETMA (No one Ever Tells Me Anything), the youth parent meeting will be on Sunday, October 16 at 7PM in the youth room.

Real Time Home Bible Study

Remember that we have a weekly in-home Bible study at the Duncan's on Sunday nights at 6PM. If you need a ride, be at the church by 5:45PM.



Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly deacons meeting will be on Sunday, October 2 at 4PM. This meeting will be the last meeting for men whose terms expire in 2011. Newly elected deacons do not need to attend until November.

Monthly Meeting

There will be a Deacon & Wives dinner on Thursday, October 13 beginning at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. This dinner is for currently serving and newly elected deacons and their spouses. If you have not done so, please RSVP with Dick Newsome as soon as possible.

Deacon Ordination

We will be having a special ordination service on Sunday night, October 16 to ordain John Gagliano, Dan Loman as well as two lay pastors from the Cambodian congregation.



You can help support our Awana ministry by donating items that can be used as prizes in our Awana store. Donations can be given to Marie Haymore or dropped off with Nancy in the church office. In addition, we encourage you to share with your friends and neighbors about this great ministry for children age 3 through the 5th grade. Awana meets on Sunday evenings from 5:30 until 7.



The monthly church council meeting will be on Monday, October 3 at 7 PM for all ministry and committee leaders.



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October 4th and 18th
at the Golden Corral
on Wendover



October 8—7PM

On Saturday, October 8 we're offering Couple's Movie Night. We will be going to see the new Christian movie *Courageous* at the Palladium Theater. Free childcare will be provided at the church. Tickets are \$8/person and you need to pre-pay to get your ticket at this price. See Shawn Megehan to sign up or call Nancy in the church office.



There will be a Sunday School Teachers' Meeting on October 16 from 4:15–5:15 PM.