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With summer nearing its end, we will be resuming Sunday night services at 6 PM. However, instead of meeting in the sanctuary, we will be meeting in Room B-125 in the Educational Building. Please note the change!



KidStuf is resuming its normal schedule. For children grades K-5, it will meet on Sunday mornings in September on the 4th, 18th and 25th. Children are dismissed to KidStuf after the offertory during the AM service.



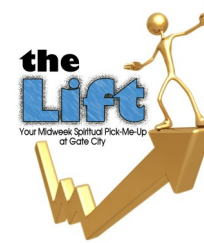
"Eve, tell me you didn't put my suit in the salad again!"

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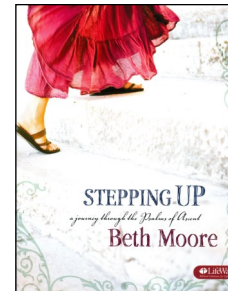
# The Gatekeeper

The Monthly Newsletter of Gate City Baptist Church

September, 2011



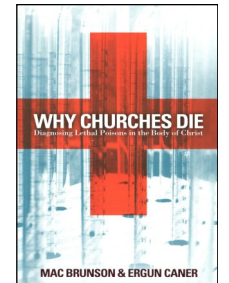
The Lift fall semester begins on Wednesday, September 7. The meal begins at 5:30PM and the classes begin at 6:30PM. For children, we offer *Wired*, our Children's Choir, for teens, we offer *Fusion Worship and Bible Study* and for adults, this semester we are offering three different course options:



Sandi Gagliano will be leading a study of Beth Moore's *Stepping Up*. This study will guide you through Psalms 120–134, the "Psalms of Ascent." This study will also be offered on Wednesday mornings from 10:30–11:30 and these sessions will be led by Peggy Irwin. When you sign up, make sure you sign up for morning or night.  
 Cost: \$13 (for study materials)



Ed Carmichael will be offering a study of the Minor Prophets entitled *Majoring on the Minors*. In our mad rush to get to the New Testament, we often overlook some small books known as the Minor Prophets. This study will help you discover some blessings and truth you might have thus far missed!  
 Cost: None



The Pastor will be leading a study of the book by Mac Brunson and Ergun Caner entitled *Why Churches Die: Diagnosing Lethal Poisons in the Body of Christ*. Each week we will look at a particular "disease" that can afflict the local church and discover not only how we can identify the problems but treat and prevent them.  
 Cost: None

To ensure that we have adequate space and materials, please sign up by using the sign-up sheets in either the side or main lobbies or by calling the church office by Monday, September 5.

# From the Pastor...

Since 1894 in the United States, we have celebrated Labor Day. It is a day when we are supposed to honor the efforts of our country's workers.

With that in mind, let me ask you a simple question, what kind of worker, what kind of employee are you? Perhaps you think this is a question best asked by your supervisor, but this is a question that has spiritual implication.

In Colossians 3:23, Paul says, "And *whatever you do*, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." Obviously the term *whatever* includes our work. About that work, Paul says, God says that we should do it "heartily," which means that we do it with all of our heart.

What you spend the majority of your waking hours doing should not be done grudgingly, with a lousy attitude, sloppily, or half-heartedly. It should be done to the absolute best of your ability.

What helps us do this is to consider who we're ultimately working for. Paul says in effect that your boss is not really your boss. You're not working for a company or even its share holders. As a follower of Christ, your work should ultimately be done "as to the Lord."

If you view God as the One who evaluates your performance, your work ethic, your business ethics, it ought to make a difference. It ought to lead you to work and work hard. It should lead you to have a positive attitude and conduct yourself in a way that demonstrates to others the difference Christ can make in a life.

With that in mind, what kind of worker does God think you are? *-Pastor Michael*

## Deacons Meeting



Deacons will meet on Sunday, September 11 at 4 PM, Room A-118.

September 6th and 20th at the Golden Corral on Wendover at 8:30 AM.

**ROMEO**  
*Breakfast*  
**Retired Old Men Eating Out**



## Amazing Race

On Saturday, September 10, youth will meet at the church at 4 PM for a great time of fun and fellowship as we play "The Amazing Race." The cost is \$10/person.

## 5th Quarter

After the Ragsdale High School football game on September 23, youth will be having a 5th Quarter here at the church. This would be a great opportunity for you to expose your friends to GCBC's Student Ministry! Join us!



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## Awana Resumes September 11 at 5:30 PM

Awana is an amazing ministry for children age 3 through the 5th grade. It not only exposes but teaches children God's Word in a way that they enjoy. Using unique and fun games, catchy songs, and incentives, children are guided through an age appropriate work book that gets God's Word implanted in their minds and hearts. Be a part of supporting this ministry by telling your friends and neighbors about this great opportunity. You can direct them to the church's website where they can find out more information, [www.gatecitybaptist.org](http://www.gatecitybaptist.org).



*With Deepest Sympathy*

Christian sympathy is extended to Pete Whitney with the passing of his mother, Catherine "Kitty" Whitney.



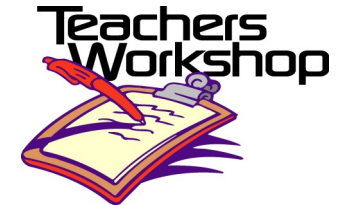
## Concert & Fish Fry—September 17—5PM

The Joy Group is sponsoring a Fish Fry with a concert by *The Solid Rock* on September 17 beginning at 5PM. The cost is \$6/person. Sign up by calling the church office or by speaking with Emma McCoy.

## CHURCH COUNCIL



The monthly church council meeting will be on Monday, September 12 at 7 PM for all ministry and committee leaders.



## September 17—9AM-Noon

We will be having a Sunday School teacher's workshop on Saturday, September 17 beginning at 9AM. We will be talking about curriculum options, ideas to grow our Sunday School, and providing some training that will hopefully strengthen your efforts in teaching others God's Word. This is an important meeting and we need *all* Sunday School teachers present! If you will be unable to attend, please contact Shawn Mehegan.



## September 10—9AM

The choir will have a special rehearsal to introduce the Christmas musical on Saturday, September 10 beginning at 9AM. For those not yet in the choir, this would be a great time to join! You're invited!



We will have a business meeting at the conclusion of the AM service on Sunday, September 18.