

GATEWAY CATHEDRAL

NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

I love Christmas. What a wonderful time for Christians to show forth the love of Christ, when everyone's heart is just a little more open to what we proclaim with joy:

"God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son that WHOSOEVER believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

I am looking forward to another Christmas with all my family at home, sharing all that the Season celebrates.

As a church family we have such an opportunity to welcome the community into our church and show them in fresh new ways the meaning of it all.

Our cell groups have just concluded for the Fall semester. It is so encouraging to hear the many testimonies, see the growth and maturity and the friendships made in the last few months.

We concluded the Fall semester with a wonderful Christmas Dinner as we transitioned from our Fall to our Christmas schedule.

We look forward to the Season of Advent leading up to Christmas. Each Sunday I will be speaking an Advent message preparing our hearts to receive the King.

The Choir, Musicians, and Actors are putting the finishing touches on hours of practice preparing for the presentation of "Casting Call" our Christmas production.

We will end with our Christmas Eve Candlelight service on Sunday, December 24th as we gather one more time to wish each other a blessed holy Christmas.

So, from my house to yours, we wish you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas, and a joyous and prosperous New Year.

Pastor Gord

OPERATION CHRISTMAS JOY

Operation Christmas Joy has 120 families registered as of November 30, 2017. This represents 270 local children. This number will increase as we approach the program's delivery date on December 09th, 2017.

Please pray for the families looking for help, the children that will receive the many blessings and for those that have given by volunteering or by contributing with auction goods, merchandise, funds or being a prayer warrior.

Operation Christmas Joy would like to thank each and everyone who makes this possible.

Don & Linda
Directors

LIBRARY

We have just finished our fall book sale. We made a bit of money which will help buy new books and DVD's, as well as provide much needed room in our crowded library. You may have noticed that I rearranged the books so they are somewhat more accessible.

Within a few days, our Christmas reading

and DVD's will be on display in the hallway. This display will make it easier to find and sign out the seasonal items you might enjoy.

To make this system work, PLEASE follow these simple rules.

1. Sign your name on the library card as usual and then place it in the box provided.
2. When you return the items, place them on the library window shelf. DO NOT attempt to return items to the shelves.

If you have questions, please see me.

Ruth Williams
Librarian

MUSIC & WORSHIP

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14 (NIV)

It's Christmastime again! What a wonderful time of year, a time to celebrate with family and friends and possibly eat too much, but also a time to step back from the business of life, and once more remind ourselves why He came, and realign our lives with Him.

We feel the excitement bubble up inside us as we prepare for the Christmas season, and also look forward to what the Lord has in store for us in the New Year. We pray that his anointing will continue to flow in our services, as we offer our lives and talents as living sacrifices to him.

We are delighted with the progress we are making as a team, but also with the construction and layout of the new platform. We want to thank all those who helped with the construction and decorating, Dan Brennan, Rick Parks, Lorrie and Emily Noddin and the list goes on.

We are honoured to be able to serve the Lord and His Body in the area of worship, and covet your prayers as we continue to

be co-workers with you in God's service.

Aaron Hanley & Emily Walsh
Worship Leaders

"CASTING CALL"

Christmas is a busy time of year but we are so grateful for the enthusiastic response we received when we started practices for this year's Christmas Production "Casting Call."

This year's production has similar characteristics to previous productions in terms of structure. The main difference this year however, is that we will be performing to live music.

We are especially excited about this, and are delighted to be joined by some talented cellists and violists who make up our string section.

We want to thank those who have given of their time and talents to make this year's production a success.

Aaron Hanley & Connie Birch
Music Director & Drama Director

LADIES MISSIONARY GROUP

It's that time of year again, when we look back over the past 12 months and prepare for the next year.

The Ladies Missionary Group meets on the second Wednesday of the month, and we are delighted by the many ladies who take time from their busy lives to join us.

We have been able to send funds to our missionaries from our monthly giving and fund raisers, and making plans for other fund raisers in 2018.

It has been a good year and we feel blessed to be able to be a benefit to the work of the Lord.

Pam McGarrigle
President