

## GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION

Sunday Worship Service.....10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Service.....6:00 PM

Youth Group.....Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

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# GATEWAY CATHEDRAL

## NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2018 EDITION

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings, I hope these newsletters are as much a blessing to you as they are to me. It is just another way for us to be in community, sharing the life of Christ together.

David wrote in Psalm 133 "How good and how pleasant it is when bretheren dwell together in unity."

I would encourage you to treasure what we have as a church. The next time you are interrupted from your busy schedule by someone just needing a shoulder to cry on, or a word of encouragement on a tough day, or a listening ear when they need to be heard. Don't tune them out with thoughts or more important matters.

Remember there is nothing more important to God than people, and as they share, hear the voice of the Spirit whisper, "this is Church".

Believe me, when you build unity this way, you will sense the oil of the anointing, you will find the dew of refreshment and there you will experience the blessing of God.

Pastor Gord Walsh

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS JOY

It has been another successful year for Operation Christmas Joy. As a result of the incredible support we received, we were able to provide Christmas gifts for 305 Charlotte County Children, representing 144 families in need.

We want to thank those who donated not only money but time as well. Your generosity allowed us to provide these children with clothing, toys, stocking stuffers and much more.

We thank God that OCJ is financially stable moving forward into 2018. We are anticipating a few changes to the program delivery this year as we try to eliminate inventory and new find new ways to deliver such a valuable community outreach.

Don & Linda McGee  
Directors

### YOUTH

It is with joy and anticipation that we look forward the year ahead here at Gateway. Though its been at a measured pace, we have seen consistent, steady growth in our Youth Department.

We are pleased to have over 21 names on our attendance sheet, and of those 21 names, 14 -18 of those teens are very consistant and faithful attendees. Many of which bring a friend or two along with them quite frequently.

We cannot express how incredible these young men and women are, it is truely a reflection of their strong character and kindness that has enabled "The Bridge" to grow as it has.

We may only gain a few members every few weeks, but we never seem to lose anyone once they have given us a try, that is in large part due to the attitudes and inclusiveness the youth exhibit to anyone visiting with us.

We anticipate great things moving forward, and with the Lord guiding our group, we expect bigger and better things to come this next year.

We are honoured and humbled by the opportunity to serve the Lord through this church and through this youth ministry in working with these tremendous kids (and future leaders)

Please continue to pray for this ministry and the young people who are touched by it. Your prayers and support are greatly coveted and deeply appreciated.

Aaron & Angela Hanley  
Youth Pastors

## GROWTH GROUPS

We have enjoyed another great semester with our Growth Groups and have sat under some fantastic teaching over the past winter months.

With the approach of Spring we are finishing up our Winter studies and taking a short break over Easter.

At this time I would like to thank Paul & Rhona Harmon and Sue Walsh for opening their homes and hosting a couple of these studies. Also thank you to Doran Hooper, Pam McGarrigle and Sue Walsh for leading several of these groups.

After Easter we will begin our Spring Semester. These are usually shorter studies leading into the busy Summer months.

If you have not been a part of a small group yet, I challenge you to get involved in one of the Spring sessions. I know you will be blessed.

The shorter semester will give you the perfect opportunity to experience a small group, and then offer you the chance to join us again when the new groups start in the Fall.

We look forward to seeing many more of you join our Growth Groups during this coming semester.

Pastor Gord Walsh

## LADIES MISSIONARY GROUP

Spring is in the air my brothers and sisters and the daylight is longer. Warm temperatures are coming.

We as a group are preparing to do the project of making pillow case dresses again to send to the Philippines.

Last year we were able to send 118 dresses which exceeded our goal of 100. This year we have decided to make shorts for the boys as well as dresses for the girls. If you would like to be a part of this project you are welcome to join us.

We will be setting work days and can let you know, if you are interested in sewing, ironing, putting the ribbon in the top of the dresses, putting elastic in the waist of the shorts, or making those working a cup of tea. It is a team work project.

If you are not able to do any of this you could also be part by purchasing tee shirts for the boys and panties for the girls. We would greatly appreciate donations or monetary donations toward these items if you would rather.

This is our present project but we also give as a group to the ministries of Dale & Gwen French, Omar & Becky Dalumpine, Marlene & Juan Carlos, Larry Moore's Ministry "United Youth Outreach, Pro-Life, the Halfway House in Spain and March for Missions.

Thank you for your past support and we look forward to working together for the Lord in the time left until He returns.

Pam McGarrigle  
President

## SPRING TRAINING DAY

With everybody looking forward to the longer days and the warming temperatures, I want to extend an invitation to our first Spring Training Day. We will be teaching on Discipleship, Sharing your life in Christ with others and how important this is.

The Spring Training Day has been scheduled for Saturday April 28th, mark your calendars and make a point of joining us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pastor Gord Walsh

## MUSIC & WORSHIP

*Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for He is our God. We are the people He watches over, the flock under His care. - Psalm 95:6-7*

Our Worship Team continues to grow in its musicianship and as a Worship Leading Team. With the Christmas and easter productions so close together this year, we haven't had as many opportunities to work together through the week as we may normally have. But our improvement still continues with each time we are able to worship together.

The current stage setup is such a blessing, it provides so much flexibility and so many options for setting up stage designs, orchestra layout and plenty of room for multiple worship leaders to sing on stage at the same time.

Hopefully this stage setup can be developed into something permanent going forward. It really is so much more functional and practical and allows us to be much more effective and engaged with those that are sitting out in the congregation.

We are very encouraged with our church's growth to date, and have nothing but excitement when it comes to our future. We

to date, and have nothing but excitement when it comes to our future. We take leading Worship very seriously and strive to be the best we can be in leading folks to the Throne of Grace any time we are afforded the opportunity to do so.

Please continue praying for our ministry, our team and our leadership as we seek God's guidance in leading worship for Gateway moving into the future.

Aaron Hanley & Emily Walsh  
Worship Leaders

## EASTER PRODUCTION

I still can't believe it is time for another Seasonal Production. It seems like I just took off my suit jacket from the last Christmas show that we performed.

Nonetheless, preparation for our Easter production is underway, and I am very excited about the potential of the outreach of this production.

There will be similar facets to this program to those of the previous shows, but there will also be some noticeable and hopefully, very impactful differences.

Our Christmas production included the use of live musicians and not just CD tracks. Those musicians included a string quartet, which was an incredible addition to the program.

We hope to have all of them back again for Easter as well as other additions to our live orchestra.

Make sure you are in attendance on one of the three Easter shows over Easter weekend. I have no doubt that it will be worth the effort to attend.

Aaron Hanley  
Music Director