ELCOM March 31, 2024

We're so glad you're here!

At Gateway, we believe in joining God to transform our lives and culture to reflect His heart by:

Loving God Loving Each Other Loving His World

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SUNDAY SERVICE - 8:30AM & 10:15AM

Join us in person at: 353 E Donna Dr. Merced, CA. 95340

- Corporate Prayer | 8AM & 9:45AM | Conference Rm
- Family Room & Nursing Room available by the restrooms

Scan for Next Steps

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- 6 wks Kinder | Preschool Wing Scan for YouTube
- 1st-5th grade | Rms D1-D4
- Or LIVE on our YouTube Channel

NEW TO CHURCH?

Go to our Guest Center for next steps or scan OR code to fill out our connection card

DOWNLOAD OUR CHURCHCENTER APP

- Watch past sermons or kids at home videos
- Set up payments for tithes or offerings
- Check out the available small groups
- Fill out conection card

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS | EASTER HOLIDAY

The church office will be CLOSED tomorrow April 1. Happy Easter! The church office will be open 9AM-Noon this Tue.-Fri. (Apr. 2-5).

BAPTISM CLASS | APRIL 14 | RM A4/5 | BETWEEN SERVICES

Sign up for our next baptism class! Once Jesus becomes the center of your life, you'll want to outwardly declare how God's been changing your life. Come and find out more about what it means to be baptized on Apr 14 after the first service in Rm. A4/5. Baptisms will take place on April 28 during each service.

GATEWAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 16TH ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp is for kids entering Kinder through 6th grade. Nine weeks (reg by week). Full day camp 7:30AM-5:30PM. Spots are filling up and you do not want your kiddos to miss out! If you are interested in sending your kids to Summer Camp, Contact: ksinger@gatewaymerced.org or bschwesinger@gatewaymerced.org

THRIVE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE | MAY 2-3 | BAYSIDE CHURCH

If you're a current church leader or emerging leader, then this conference is for you! Become empowered to lead in your community and church through the many breakouts offered by Bayside Church in Roseville. Scan QR code if interested! *Must be a Gateway attendee or member. Need to purchase ticket (hotel & food not included).

UGANDA TEAM UPDATE

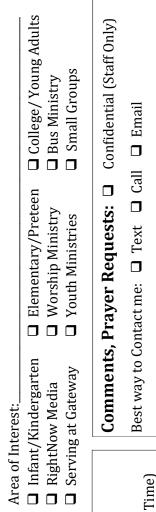
April 11-23, Pastor Kevin will be travelling to Uganda Africa in order to support, Shared Love Uganda and their director Moses Ssebaggala. If you would like to support this trip in any amount financially: Check donations: write "Uganda" on the check; Online donations: scan the QR code or visit gatewaymerced.org; Text donations: send any amount followed by "Uganda" to 84321 (e.g. \$10 Uganda).

FAMILY CAMP @ HARTLAND CHRISTIAN

Gateway invites you to attend family camp at Hartland Christian Camp over Memorial Day weekend. The camp will be from May 24-27th. Come enjoy fellowship with other families, good food, fun camp activities, and great worship and family chapels! We would love for you to join! For more info or sign up via QR code so we can send you more info.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA | FREE RESOURCE

We are proud to offer a free, customizable video library to equip families, resource groups, and leaders. To sign up and get started fill out the communication card in this bulletin or mark RightNow Media or email info@gatewaymerced.org.





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Series: Anchored... - Gateway Groups, Merced <u>"Bond Together/Grow Together"</u> // For the week of 3-31-24

FOR YOU AS THE TEACHER/HOST

Begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

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What adoption stories have you been a part of or been able to witness?

OPENER QUESTION OR ACTIVITY:

As a child, how did you respond to the commands given to you by your parents? Did you always understand the "why"?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 8:1-17

DIGGING DEEPER:

(*Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to NOT ask every question.*) Read over Romans 8:1-17

- 1. Romans 8:14 states, "for those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God". Who are the people in your life who have helped you most in being "led by God's Spirit"?
- 2. How did you become a Christian? What is your faith story?
- 3. What does it mean to be a child of God?

Read John 1:12-13, Galatians 3:26-27, Galatians 4:1-7, 1 John 3:1-2 and explain what the text specifically says about those who are God's children.

- 4. How does our relationship with God, as children of God, impact our future (Galatians 4:1-7, 1 John 3:1-2)? What questions concerning your eternal security have you had? How do these verses provide comfort for you personally?
- 5. What would you say it means to "share in Christ's glory"(vs. 17)? (See also Phil. 3:20-21) What is the connection to the previous verses we've read?
- 6. Who in your life is in need of hearing more of the Easter story and understanding how they too, can become a child of God?

APPLY IT TODAY:

What was most important for you to remember today and why?

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH MARCH 31ST, 2024

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A Study in the Book of Romans

