

## welcome

At Gateway it is our mission to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Our doctrine is simple; we just want to follow Jesus like Christians did in the New Testament. We have a variety of spiritual, relational, and inspirational activities throughout the St. Louis metro area. For more information visit us at [gatewaycitychurch.com](http://gatewaycitychurch.com) or scan the QR code for our church app.

## upcoming events

**Congregational Soup Night (Friday, November 2nd, 6:30pm):** Join us for our annual soup night! We invite all to bring a pot of their favorite soup or chili to share, along with a serving utensil.

**We need Souper Heroes!** We need just a few people who are willing to provide some bread or a dessert in addition to bringing a soup. If you would like to “answer the call”, go here to sign up:

[soupnight.gatewaycitychurch.info](http://soupnight.gatewaycitychurch.info)

For all upcoming events visit our website:

[www.gatewaycitychurch.com](http://www.gatewaycitychurch.com)

## I'm new: what to expect

We're glad you're here! Worship begins at 10am. If the sanctuary is full, additional seating with live video streaming has been set up in our Fellowship Hall.

Church service typically lasts 75-90 minutes. At Gateway we take communion every Sunday; you are also welcome to take communion if you'd like to do so. Like other churches we also take up a weekly offering, however most of our members prefer to give their contribution online through our app, or via “Text 2 Give”.

Gateway Kids offers free childcare upstairs each Sunday during the church service. We feature age-appropriate, action-based Bible lessons for children ages 3 months through 5th grade.

If you enjoy the service and would like to go deeper, we would love for you to join one of our weekly small group Bible studies. Talk to one of our ushers or staff members after service for more information.

## resources

All phone numbers also accept text messages.

9300 Stansberry Avenue (63134)  
314.653.1615

### Elders:

Lu Garcia: 314.952.7308  
Tink Sullivan: 573.528.7568

### Text 2 Give

Text “Give \$1” to 314.384.9099

### Marrieds

Jeff & Julie Hovey 314.698.3036

### College

Jeff Hughes 314.660.5418

### Singles

Alex Hanna: 314.302.5065  
Felicia Rogers: 314.376.6460

### Youth & Family/High School Ministry

Jeremy Fain 217.454.4651  
Jeff & Shelly Ryan 469.417.9054

### Middle School

Karanja & Denise Kiburi 314.249.6682

### Gateway Kids

John Rosario 314.732.8687

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## Every family deserves a wonderful Thanksgiving. You can help.

Together with the Knights of Columbus and several other charitable organizations, Gateway City Church is participating in the 2018 No Hunger Holiday food drive. This drive provides the ingredients for a complete Thanksgiving dinner to over 3,200 families in Lincoln, Warren, Pike, St. Charles, and St. Louis Counties. We are asking for your help in providing frozen turkeys for these families. You can do this in one of two ways:

1. **Donate in Person:** Frozen turkeys can be dropped off at Gateway City Church (**9330 Stansberry Ave, Woodson Terrace, MO 63134**). We will accept frozen turkey donations on Saturday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, between 9am and 2pm, and Sunday Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, between 9am and 1pm.
2. **Donate Online:** If you prefer to donate money for a turkey, you can do so via our virtual turkey drive at [turkeydrive.gatewaycitychurch.info](http://turkeydrive.gatewaycitychurch.info). Any donation amount is appreciated; a donation of \$10 will provide one family with a Thanksgiving turkey.

Questions? Contact Yolanda Suber: 314-479-2316 or by email at [yolanda@gatewaycitychurch.com](mailto:yolanda@gatewaycitychurch.com).

Thank you!



## Five Rewards for Generosity

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ([Romans 12:13](#))

What are the rewards if we trust God's promises, give lavishly, and open our homes to each other and the needy?

1. **The suffering of the saints will be relieved or at least diminished.** That is what this verse means when it says, "Contribute to the needs of the saints." We lift a burden. We relieve stress. We give hope. And that's a reward!
2. **The glory of God is displayed.** "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Lavish giving and open homes display the glory and the goodness and the worth of God in your life. The reason God gives us money and homes is so that by the way we use them people can see they are not our God. But God is our God. And our treasure.
3. **More thanksgiving to God is unleashed.** "The ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God" (2 Corinthians 9:12). God has given us money and homes not just so that we are thankful, but by our generosity and hospitality to make many people thankful to God.

4. **Our love for God and his love in us is confirmed.** "If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" (1 John 3:17). In other words, when we give generously and open our homes, the love of God is confirmed in our lives. We are real. We are not phony Christians.
5. **Finally, we lay up treasure in heaven.** "Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail. . . . For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:33-34).

Lavish giving and open homes are close to the center of life in Christ. The reasons we don't open our checkbooks and homes as often as we should are rooted in the bondage of fear and greed. The remedy is the pleasure of Christ's presence and the certainty of Christ's promise: "My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

Our reward is the display of God's glory, the good of others, and the joy of treasuring Christ together forever. Therefore I exhort you, "Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality."

*Devotional excerpted from "Lavish Giving, Loving Guests, Living Christ"*