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 or scan the QR code for our church app.

upcoming events

Marrieds and Singles Summer Picnic (Saturday July 28th, 4:30 - 9pm): It's a marrieds and singles date night! Come and celebrate the crazy, hazy, lazy days of summer at the Riverside Shelter of Cliff Cave Park. No kids; this is a DATE NIGHT! Bring a picnic dinner and beverages; a single grill is available for those who would like to cook. We'll also have horseshoes, volleyball, and washers. Contact Julie Hovey with questions: 314-458-7240.

For all upcoming events visit our website: 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

Jason & Justine Alexander
(Minister/Women's Ministry Leader)
314.287.0025

Tyler & Kelsey Moser
(Minister/Women's Ministry Leader Intern)
314.920.8737

Text 2 Give
Text “Give $1” to 314.384.9099

Elders:
Lu Garcia: 314.952.7308
Tink Sullivan: 573.528.7568

Marrieds
Jeff & Julie Hovey 314.698.3036

Singles
Alex Hanna: 314.302.5065
Felicia Rogers: 314.376.6460

College
Jeff Hughes 314.660.5418

Youth & Family/High School Ministry
Bobby & Hannah Ritter 908.989.0757

Middle School
Karanja & Denise Kiburi 314.249.6682

Gateway Kids
Kristin Homan 636.293.8445

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**God’s Will For Your Wait (Part 1)**

In ministry there are often moments when you are propelled by a biblical vision but called by God to wait. So what does it look like to wait in a way that makes you a participant in what God is doing rather than someone who struggles against the wait? Let me suggest several things.

**Remind Yourself You Are Not Alone**

As you wait, tell yourself again and again that you have not been singled out. Remind yourself that you are part of a vast company of people who are being called to wait. Reflect on the biblical story. Abraham waited many years for his promised son. Israel waited 420 years for deliverance from Egypt, then another 40 years before they could enter the land God had promised them. God’s people waited generation after generation for the Messiah, and the church now waits for his return. The whole world groans as it waits for the final renewal of all things that God has promised. In ministry, it is vital to understand that waiting is not an interruption of God’s plan. It is his plan. And you can know this as well: the Lord who has called you to wait is with you in your wait. He hasn’t gone off to do something else, like the doctor you’re waiting to see. No, God is near, and he provides for you all that you need to be able to wait.

**Realize That Waiting Is Active**

Usually our view of waiting is the doctor’s office. We see it as a meaningless waste of time, like a man stuck in the reception area until he has nothing left to do but scan recipes in a two-year-old copy of Ladies’ Home Journal.

Our waiting on God must not be understood this way. The sort of waiting to which we are called is not inactivity. It is very positive, purposeful, and spiritual. To be called to wait is to be called to the activity of remembering: remembering who I am and who God is. To be called to wait is to be called to the activity of remembering: remembering who I am and who God is. To be called to wait is to be called to the activity of worship: worshiping God for his presence, wisdom, power, love, and grace. To be called to wait is to be called to the activity of serving: looking for ways to lovingly assist and encourage others who are also being called to wait. To be called to wait is to be called to the activity of praying: confessing the struggles of my heart and seeking the grace of the God who has called me to wait. We must rethink waiting and remind ourselves that waiting is itself a call to action.

**Celebrate How Little Control You Have**

Because the constant striving in ministry to be a little god over some corner of creation is draining and futile, waiting should actually be a relief. It’s a reminder that I don’t have as much power and control as I thought I had. When I am required to wait I realize again that I do not have to load my church onto my shoulders. I may have God-given responsibilities in a number of areas, but that is vastly different from pretending I have sovereignty in any area.

The church is being carried on the capable shoulders of the Savior Shepherd, King of kings. All I am responsible for is the job description of character and behavior that this King has called me to in his Word. The remainder I am free to entrust to him, and for that I am very, very thankful! He really does have the whole world in his hands.

**Celebrate God’s Commitment to His Work of Grace**

As you are waiting, reflect on how deeply broken the world that you live in actually is. Reflect on how pervasive your own struggle with sin really is. Then celebrate the fact that God is committed to the countless ways, large and small, in which his grace is at work to accomplish his purposes in you and in those to whom you minister.

When it comes to the ongoing work of grace, he is a dissatisfied Redeemer. He will not forsake the work of his hands until all has been fully restored. He will exercise his power in whatever way is necessary so that we can finally be fully redeemed from this broken world and delivered from the sin that has held us fast. Celebrate the fact that God will not forsake that process of grace in your life and ministry in order to deliver to you the momentary comfort, pleasure, and ease that you would rather have in your time of exhaustion, discouragement, and weakness. He simply loves you too much to exchange temporary gratification for eternal glory!

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