

The Gateway Chronicle

April Events

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Early Dismissal	4/9
Easter Break	4/10-13
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Convention	4/20-24

~ April Meals ~

Thursday ~ 4/16
Cheeseburger Meal
\$2.50

Thursday ~ 4/23
Breakfast 4 Lunch
\$2.25

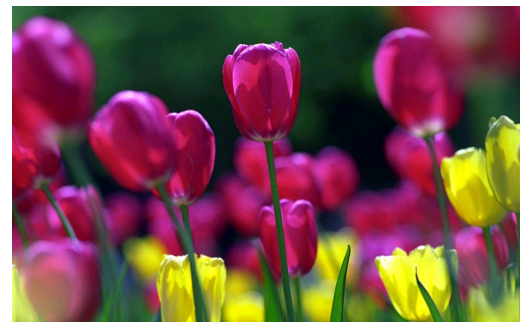
Thursday ~ 4/30
Spaghetti & Meatballs
&2.50

Welcome Spring with Talent

By Jared Whalen

On Friday, March 27, Gateway hosted its annual Spring Concert. After many years of having to rent out Hope Church for concerts, Gateway was proud to have their Christmas concert in their own gymnasium for the first time. The Spring Concert was no different. Chairs were carried in. The stage was set up, The microphones were tested. The school was ready to welcome an audience for its students.

The night was filled with performances. Convention students used the concert as an opportunity to practice performing in front of an audience before competition begins. The classes who aren't old enough to attend Convention shared their talents in a class singing performance. Even the youngest students had a



chance to sing their hearts out.

When the show was over, the students were showered with complements. With nearly every student involved, those new to Gateway were amazed at the talent of our students.

This being one of the best Spring Concerts the school has seen, all those who witnessed it were touched in someway. The inspiration brought that night was indescribable. Continue to encourage all who performed.

The Lion and the Lamb

By Mrs. Mary Moyer

March has always been a special month to me for many reasons. This is the month God chose for me to enter this some-

times dangerous, yet wonderful world. My father and many other friends were also born in March. Spring always shows its face in this third month; and Easter, the day of my

Lord's resurrection, sometimes arrives in my special month.

This year, on March 1st and 2nd, I said to my husband,

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The Lion and the Lamb *(Cont'd)*

“Well, I guess March is coming in like a lion. We’ll see if it goes out like a lamb.” Remember we had snow and wind on Sunday, March 1st, and even school was cancelled because of the snow that was still around on Monday. For some reason, I always enjoy thinking about this idiom as March rolls around each year. There has also been many years when I recall March coming in like a lamb, mild and warm; then going out like a lion, blustery and cold on the 31st.

“In like a lion, out like a lamb,” or “In like a lamb, out like a lion.” What an interesting saying! What else does this saying remind you of? How about Jesus- the Lion and the Lamb. Why does God’s Word give Him such opposite names? John the

Baptist declared about Jesus: “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world.” How is Jesus like a lamb? We know He was born in a very humble way to a poor couple in a stable, on that quiet night in Bethlehem. During his time on earth, he was gentle and unassuming, showing us a servant’s heart. Finally, His great love for us caused His death on the cross, the perfect Lamb of God, sacrificed for all our sins!

Even though this is all somewhat of a mystery, by the eyes of faith we find it fairly easy to see Jesus as the Lamb of God. However, in the book of Revelation, he is called “the Lion of the tribe of Judah.” Can we picture Jesus as a lion-



“The Way, Truth, and Life” by Spencer Williams

beautiful, powerful, and fierce? Yes, think of the marvelous power of His resurrection three days after He died! Remember how “His strength is made perfect in our weakness,” and consider His fierce words exposing hypocrisy and other sins that reside in human hearts. Lastly, imagine the beauty of His triumphant return in power and glory, for us, His children. He is the Lion and the Lamb in one perfect, mysterious combination. Let us praise Him all our days and throughout eternity.

Beyond our Borders— Same God, Different World

By Jared Whalen

On March 4th, Pov Burfete, the mother of Socheatha, visited Gateway to share her extraordinary and powerful testimony. She grew up in the late 70’s in Cambodia during times of war and communist movement. At a young age, all the civilians were taken away from their homes and villages. As her town was left barren, Pov and her family were broken up into work camps. Men, woman, and children were all at separate locations. Once she had tried running away

from the camp to find her mother, and as a punishment, she was tied to a tree and left alone in the jungle for three days. It wasn’t till four years later that they all could leave the camp. They had nothing to return to except desolate towns in a broken nation.

At 14, she returned to her home with her family. She began to learn English from American soldiers. Christianity was something that she heard of, but was looked down upon by her Buddhist heritage. Through the teaching of missionaries, she de-

clared that Christianity was the true faith. Several years later she had met James Burfete, who was a Christian missionary teaching English in Cambodia. They eventually were married and moved to the States.

She captivated the students with her inspiring testimony, along with Cambodian music and possessions. Reading to us from a Cambodian Bible showed us that no matter how different the culture or incredible the testimony, we are all members of the same Body, and worship the same God.

In the Eyes of Men: The Testimony of John Reed

By Jared Whalen

Wednesday, March 11, John Reed gave his evangelistic Testimony. His early childhood was always filled with disappointment in himself. Between the constant beating of bullies and the discouragement in his own home, he felt as if he let everyone around him down.

When he was in high school, he joined the basketball team, and found a way to change his reputation. He rose to success as an all-star player, leading the team to victory many times. To those around him, he had everything he could want. It was only he who knew what was missing and what he needed most.

After graduation, he left his hometown and headed to college. During this period of his life he seemed to spiral downwards. In just four years, he had become an alcoholic with a drug problem.

Eventually he was able to maintain a steady job, and worked the night shift. He was with a fellow employee when in conversation he casually swore. The other employee confronted him saying if he was going to work with him he had to watch what he said because he was a Christian. In all of John's life he had never had someone tell him they were a Christian, much less witnessed to him.

Through a course of

events, John stated that God broke the hardness of his heart. Tears forced him to pull over off the highway, where he then committed his life to the Lord.

Later he learned that there were several Christians in his class that never shared or showed their faith. He pleaded to us that if we have committed our lives to Christ, to share it. Whether its in your words or in your actions, share the love of God. You never know, the one you share with might be secretly begging for someone to tell them about Jesus. Don't hide your love under a bushel. Let it shine for all to see.

Going Once. Going Twice. Sold! Sold out to the Lord

By Jared Whalen

On March 18th, auctioneer George Miller came to Gateway to share his testimony for our chapel. Although it was, as he stated, his first time publicly sharing how he came to Christ, he gave a message that kept all ears open.

His life was one filled with several heartbreaks and tragedies. Troubles in the home always followed him as a child. When he was a toddler, his younger brother died. His mother had left the family several years later, but then returned the following year. As a teenager, his father had a mental breakdown, in which he tried to kill his wife and children. The father was then sent to an asylum.

Through all these things, George said he tried not to think of himself as different. He acted like everything was ok and normal. Even though he didn't sink into depression, he still felt like he was missing something.

At a very young age, he recalled being infatuated with spirituality. His interest in life and death was sparked from the death of his brother, even though he was too young to understand it.

You could say he always believed in God, but serving Him wasn't a commitment he was ready to make. As a teen he remembers standing in prayer during an altar call with his eyes glued to the tile floor. He prayed,

telling God, "Not yet."

He put on the charade of being a Christian for most of his adolescence. God worked in his life when a friend asked him to go to youth group with him. George had made it a habit of attending church, and wanting to please his friend he went. The message that night was presented by Teen Challenge. God broke down the walls of George's heart that evening, and Salvation was found.

His overall message was don't wait to make that commitment. Even though he was given another chance several years later after staring at that tile floor, not everyone will. Make the decision today, and live it.

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Fun, Games, and Fast Talkers

By Polly Garwood

On May 8th and 9th Gateway will be hosting its Annual Spring Sale and it is promising to be even better than the last. This year the Sale will be two days instead of one, and many fun events have been added.

Family night will be Friday starting at 4pm and lasting till 8pm. Among the activities for Friday there will be a pedal tractor pull, flea market and a pig roast. On Saturday the main event will be an auction. Donated items and hand made quilts will be auctioned. Also on Saturday there will be the chicken BBQ.

Both Friday and Saturday you will be able to buy baked goods, strawberry pies, plants, and soft ice cream. All proceeds from the sale will go into the general fund of the school. Everyone is invited so come and enjoy the food and activities at the Annual Spring Sale.

The Clock is Ticking!

With Convention only three weeks away, the practicing, preparation, and persistence is becoming more intense. The already mind bogged students now have to focus on critiquing their performances and presentations so that they show their true potential. Below is a list of the performance events, but there are many unlisted nonperformance events.

Convention Performance Events

Boys 100 Meter Dash– John Bressler

Shot Put– Dale

Discus– Andy and John Bliesath

Physical Fitness– Jared

Boys Table Tennis– Andy, John Bliesath, and Nyfeast

Boys Tennis– Andy and John Bliesath

Girls Table Tennis– Ashley

Girls Volley Ball– Karissa, Erin, Ashley, Emily, Lisa, Candace, and Rachel

Girls Traditional Instinctive (Archery)– Emily and Olivia

Boys Unlimited Free Style (Archery)– Andy

Girls 100 Meter Dash– Olivia

Girls 400 Meter Run– Karissa

Girls 800 Meter Run– Erin

Girls 1600 Meter Relay– Jacki, Candace, Rachel, and Karissa

Female Solos– Karissa, Erin, Ashely

Female Duets– Candace and Rachel, and Jacki and Erin

Mixed Duet– John Bliesath and Ashley

Mixed Trio– Ryan, Karissa, and Erin

Small Ensemble– Sabrina, Andy, Jared, John Bressler, John Bliesath, Dale, Ryan, Ny, Karissa, Erin, Ashley, Lisa, Candace, Rachel, and Jacki

Instrumental Trio– Jared, Candace, and Nyfeast

Oratory– Jared

Dramatic Monologue– Karissa

Expressive Readings– Jared, Ashley, and Candace

Poetry Recitation– Rachel

One Act Plays– Ryan, Nyfeast, and John Bressler, and Erin, Jared, Andy, Candace, and John Bliesath

Illustrated Story Telling– Candace

Dramatic Dialogue– John Bliesath and Andy, and Erin and Jacki

Preaching– Andy, Jared, and John

Checkers– Nyfeast, Ashley, and Lisa

Chess– Nyfeast, Emily, and Lisa

Spelling– Emily and Olivia

Bible Bowl Teams– Jared, Karissa, and Emily, and Olivia, Sabrina, and Tiffany