

WELCOME

September 10, 2023

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

GET CONNECTED

GATEWAYMERCED.ORG


SUNDAY SERVICE - 10AM

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

- Corporate Prayer | 9AM | Conference Rm
- Family Room & Nursing Room available by the restrooms
- 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 QR code to fill out our connection card  Scan for Next Steps

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 connection card

GATEWAY WIFI

Scan to Connect : GCC-CHURCH  Scan for WiFi

SOCIAL MEDIA

@gatewaymerced


353 E DONNA DR MERCED, CA | (209)723-4283

EVENTS


HUGE THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

We want to thank Anna & Bob Alkema, and everyone who was able to help with our Barn-Raising event this past Saturday, whether in construction, meal prep, cleaning, donations, or any other preparation beforehand. We are full of gratitude and honored to have our congregation be the Church and help where they can. If you would still like to help, please make a financial contribution to <http://gatewaymerced.org/give> and select 'Special Days - Barn-Raising'. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS | SEPTEMBER 24

Interested in becoming a member? Want to learn more about who we are and what we stand for? Starting Sun, Sept 24, for 5 Weeks, we'll be providing Discover Membership classes in Rm A4/5 after service. We'd love to get to know you better and for us to discover together if Gateway is the home God has in store for you and your family! Register on our website, fill out the communication card or call the office at 209-723-4283. 


"ENGAGING CULTURE" SMALL GROUP SIGN UPS HAVE BEGUN!

Please go online at gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups to find a group perfect for you and your family! We have men's, women's, and couples groups happening many days and times of the week. 

"A NIGHT OF HOPE" WORSHIP NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 30TH, 6PM

Join us on September 30th at 6PM for a night of hope, filled with music and encouragement. This is a free event that will take place at the Kamangar Theater in downtown Merced. Anyone and everyone invited!

HE>I - COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULTS FALL RETREAT

Registration is now open to sign up for the college and young adults retreat discovering the greatness of God. We will stay above Oakhurst at Camp Sugar Pine Fri. Sep. 15 - Sun. Sept. 17. Cost is \$100. Sign up early to get in on this incredible weekend. 

DRIVERS NEEDED!

We have mentioned the need for additional drivers for our church van (normal license qualifies). We still need more drivers so we can schedule drivers once a month to help people get to church. However, we also need people willing to Drive to local doctor appointments. We have had a couple request from **people who needed a ride to an appointment**. If you are willing to be on a list of those willing to drive if available, please let us know by calling the Church Office at (209) 723-4283.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA | FREE RESOURCE

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

Contact Me About:

- Baptism
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Church Membership
- Infant/Kindergarten
- RightNow Media
- Serving at Gateway
- Elementary/Preteen
- Worship Ministry
- Youth Ministries
- College/ Young Adults
- Discover Serving
- Small Groups

Area of Interest: _____

Comments, Prayer Requests:

- Confidential (Staff Only) Best way to Contact me: Text Call Email

UNCOMMON - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 9-10-23

FOR YOU AS THE TEACHER/HOST

Remember to 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.

QUICK REVIEW

Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

OPENER QUESTION OR ACTIVITY:

What are your favorite types of trees and why? What variables make a tree flourish?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

Psalm 92:12-15

DIGGING DEEPER:

(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)

Read Psalm 92:12-15 together

1. What imagery is used to describe the prosperity of the righteous?
2. Why are the righteous compared to a tree(vs. 12-14)? How does being compared to a tree make you feel?
3. What kind of future can the righteous expect, according to vs. 12-13?
4. Who was the first person you were drawn to who bore the kind of fruit this passage is speaking of? How did it impact you seeing that fruit?
5. What steps can we take to "stay fresh and green" in our faith and what is the "fruit" we should be producing?
6. What "pruning" do you still need in your life?
7. What works or deeds of God in your life do you want to record or write down as a testimony for others after you have arrived in heaven? Take time now to jot down 3-5 ways you have seen God work in great ways in your life.

APPLY IT TODAY:

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?

Communication/Prayer Request Card

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

Name: _____ Change in Contact Info

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Best Contact Phone: _____

I'm new to Gateway: 1st Visit I attend here often I'm a member

I've been here a few times

If you are a 1st or 2nd time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? _____

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GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2023



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Pursuing God's design for your life