

WELCOME

November 7, 2021

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

WEEKLY SERVICE & MEETINGS

COMPLETE LISTING AT GATEWAYMERCED.ORG

SUNDAY

- Sunday Service // In Person (9AM & 11AM) & Live on YouTube (9AM)
*Past messages are available // www.gatewaymerced.org
- **Family Room and Nursing Room Available by the Restrooms.**
- Join us for corporate prayer // 8AM // Conference Room & Zoom
www.gatewaymerced.org/events
- 1st - 5th Grade // 9AM & 11AM // Rooms D1 - D4
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 9AM & 11AM // Preschool Wing
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym

TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

THURSDAY

- INSPIRE College & Young Adult // 8PM // Gym

JOIN A SMALL GROUP:

<https://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups>

GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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GATEWAY NEWS |

WE HAVE A NEW WORSHIP PASTOR!

Our leadership met last Sunday after Brennan Strawn led us in worship and unanimously agreed that he would be a great addition to our team. We extended an offer later that day and he accepted. Brennan is back in Arizona closing up loose ends and arranging his move. He will start work on 11/11 and will be leading his first "official" Sunday on 11/14. We will also commission him that day.

WILLIAM JESSUP CHOIR & ORCHESTRA // TONIGHT AT 5PM

You're invited! William Jessup Choir & Orchestra will be performing a concert tonight at 5PM.

2022 BUDGET PROPOSAL AVAILABLE!

Our Council has tentatively approved our budget for 2022, subject to the approval by the congregation on 11/21. Copies of our budget proposal are available at the information table. Please look it over and let us know if you have any questions. We value your partnership in Gateway's mission and hope all members will attend the congregational meeting held between services (10:15-10:45AM) on 11/21, where we will answer questions and formally vote on the budget.

VETERANS DAY // NOVEMBER 11// OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Thursday in observance of Veterans Day.

GATEWAY HOMESCHOOLING GROUP

Please join us on Saturday, November 13 at 10AM at the WOW Science Museum in Lodi. \$6/Child \$8/Adult. Please RSVP on your communication card or email Jenn Parra at JDGhimenti@aol.com.

NACHORDINARY THANKSGIVING // SUN., NOV. 21 // 6:30-8:30PM

All students (Middle School & High School) are invited to join us for a Thanksgiving themed night starting with a build-your-own nachos meal and then a worship night, led by our church's worship team. A short devotional and practical thanksgiving response will also be part of the worship time. If students are excited about thanking God for His many blessings, we'd love for them to be a part of this!

RIGHTNOW MEDIA // FREE RESOURCE

We are proud to offer a free, customizable video library to equip families, resource groups, and develop leaders. Choose from more than 2,000 wholesome, educational, and entertaining videos for children, and over 20,000 biblical videos just for you. To sign up and get started fill out the communication card in this bulletin and mark RightNow Media or email info@gatewaymerced.org.

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- Small Groups
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- Youth Ministries
- College/Young Adults

Comments, Prayer Requests:

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

How have you seen God move in your life this week/recently?

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 11-7-2021

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 was one of the worst decisions you have ever made and would you describe that decision as foolish or just a bad mistake? Why?

SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:

"Uncluttered", A Study on Wisdom from Proverbs 8

DIGGING DEEPER: Read Proverbs 1:1-7 together.

1. Who is the writer of these proverbs according to vs 1 and what is significant to this? 1 Kings 3:3-15 sheds important insight into this significance.
2. What words in Proverbs 1:1-7 help describe or interpret what wisdom is and provides?
3. Think about one person from your life whom you find is one of the wisest. What makes them wise and what words from these vrs remind you of them?
4. Does higher education bring about wisdom? Why or why not? What have been your greatest experiences in "gaining wisdom and instruction for understanding words of insight"? School, family, experiences, etc?
5. Look at vs 7. Why would Solomon say the "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge..."? (Ps. 11:10 also) What ways should believers fear the Lord?
6. What other people in the Bible can you recall, who "Feared God"? How would they be considered wise?
7. Reflecting on all 7 vrs, are there ways you can apply this proverb to your life in the coming week? Would anyone care to share how?

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

November 7, 2021

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

Name: _____ Change in Contact Info

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Best Contact Phone: _____ City: _____

I'm new to Gateway: I attend here often

1st Visit 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? _____