

# WELCOME

February 19, 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

## WEEKLY SERVICE & MEETINGS

COMPLETE LISTING AT [GATEWAYMERCED.ORG](http://GATEWAYMERCED.ORG)

### SUNDAY

- Sunday Service // In Person & Live on YouTube (10AM)  
\*Past messages are available // [www.gatewaymerced.org](http://www.gatewaymerced.org)
- \*\*Family Room and Nursing Room Available by the Restrooms.\*\*
- Join us for corporate prayer // 9AM // Conference Room & Zoom  
[www.gatewaymerced.org/events](http://www.gatewaymerced.org/events)
- 1st - 5th Grade // 10AM // Rooms D1 - D4
- 6 Weeks to Kinder // 10AM // Preschool Wing
- Catalyst High School // 7PM // Gym

### TUESDAY

- Crossroads Middle School // 7PM // Gym

### THURSDAY

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

### GET CONNECTED

#### SMALL GROUPS SIGN UPS:

Sign up for a small group online today! Go to [gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups](http://gatewaymerced.org/smallgroups) or scan the QR Code to find a group today! Groups for men, women, couples, finances, young adults, etc.



### GATEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## GATEWAY NEWS |

### OFFICE CLOSED // PRESIDENTS' DAY

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow in observance of President's Day.

### DISCOVER SERVING // SAT, MAR 4 //9AM-NOON // C6

Discover Serving is a 3-hr workshop to discover your Spiritual gifts and how God has uniquely SHAPed you to serve in ministry. You will gather information on your Spiritual Gifts, Heart or passion, Abilities, Personality and Experiences and then explore areas where you can use your unique "SHAPE" to build up the church and share in God's mission. Come discover where God wants you to serve in your church or community!



### COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

As you consider your participation in communion next week know that this table has been prepared for all who love Jesus and trust Him alone for the forgiveness of their sin. Everyone who is truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believes in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desires to live in obedience to Him, is invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

### CIY SUMMER CAMP INFO MEETING // NEXT SUNDAY

For those interested in having their student(s) join us for this year's event, we highly recommend attending our meeting after service next Sunday (2/26) 11:30AM in our guest center as we share important info such as dates, pricing/registration, fundraisers/how to participate and more. We don't have a lot of spots reserved for our groups so you'll want to get your students registered when things open up at this meeting!

### ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER // BABY BOTTLE BLAST

Bottles are due next Sun. Feb. 26. Remember you can always Text the word GIGGLES to 45777 or go to [alphahpc.com](http://alphahpc.com) click on donate and select Baby Bottles to give easily and securely online.

### LOVE INC. // A SWEET FUNDRAISER - MIX BAKERY // FEBRUARY 22

Do you like sweets? Visit Mix Bakery on Wed, Feb 22 and say "I am with Love Inc.," a portion of the day's proceeds will benefit Love INC families!

### 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](mailto:info@gatewaymerced.org).

### Contact Me About:

- Baptism
- Becoming a Follower of Jesus
- Church Membership
- Kid's Ministries
- RightNow Media
- Serving at Gateway
- Small Groups
- Worship Ministry
- Youth Ministries
- College/ Young Adults
- Discover Serving (3/4)

Area of Interest:

### Comments, Prayer Requests:

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

**What's Next? - Gateway Groups, Merced**  
*"Bond Together/Grow Together" // For the week of 2-19-23*

**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:**

Who in your life taught you a specific talent for a specific purpose? How have you utilized it and have you seen it impact others?

**SUNDAY'S MAIN SCRIPTURE TEXT:**

**1 Corinthians 12 "Gifts" - *\*Have you gone online to take your Spiritual Gifts survey yet? If not, scan the QR Code. 80 Questions take about 10 min. to complete.***



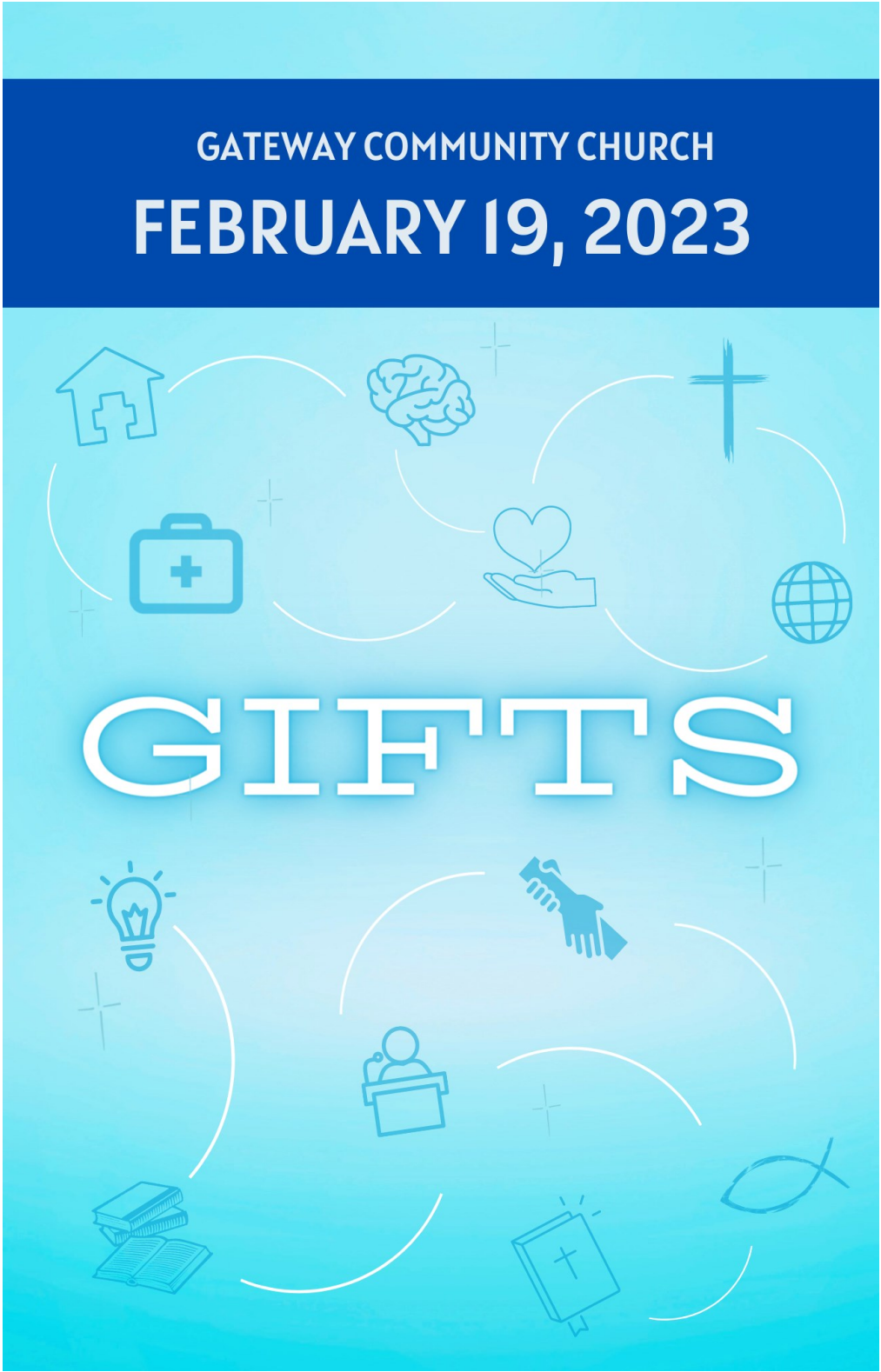
**DIGGING DEEPER:**

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

1. Read aloud Ephesians 4:1. This mentions being called and having a calling. How could believers interpret "the calling" Paul is speaking about? What are we all "called to"?
2. A calling goes hand in hand with gifting. What is your experience in knowing/sensing that you have been called to serve? When and how did it happen and what was the effect it had on others and on yourself?
3. Read aloud Ephesians 4:2-6. Talk about the way God wants us to minister our gifts and calling. What gets in the way of this Spirit blessed ministering? In your serving/ministering, what have you learned that was different than what you thought?
4. In vs. 11-13, what is the purpose of Jesus providing these specific gifts and how have you allowed those with these giftings to lead and teach you?
5. Read aloud vs.11-16. Here are at least 9 results of unity when ministry and gifting are in the Spirit. Name and discuss as many as you can find in these 6 verses. Have you ever experienced when they are not done the right way?

**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**

**February 19, 2023**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Change in Contact Info

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- I'm new to Gateway:  1<sup>st</sup> Visit  I've been here a few times
- I attend here often  I'm a member

If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time guest, how did you hear about Gateway? \_\_\_\_\_