


Will You Abide in Him? — Mark Royall, Lead Pastor

There is a part of me which hesitates to declare a vision for the fear of it becoming regulated to a sign on a wall where it becomes lost and forgotten. Vision is like a balloon with a small leak, you need to keep filling it up or it will eventually become empty.

As soon you walk into our sanctuary you are greeted by a huge banner which reminds us how we are to abide in Christ. We must be faithful but more than that, we need to be fruitful. As we are faithful in our praying and listening to God, as we seek to engage in Life Groups here at The Gate Church, as we celebrate in worshipping a God who is worth celebrating, we will grow in our character and our church will grow spiritually and numerically as well.

Jesus said, *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* — John 15:5. Notice, Jesus did not say we could some things, but no things apart from Him. So... lets abide in Him so that He may abide in us. Let's be faithful in those things which lead us to being fruitful. Let's be teachable so that we might respond in such a way where God grows my character as we read in line with Galatian 5:22.

I was reading this morning from Ezekiel chapter eleven where God said this to His people, *"And I will give them singleness of heart and put a new spirit within them. I will take away their stony, stubborn heart and give them a tender, responsive heart, so they will obey my decrees and regulations. Then they will truly be my people, and I will be their God."* — Ezekiel 11:19-20

God wants to rearrange, transform and renew us from the inside out. Are you ready? Are you wiling? Will you abide in Him? 

OUR 2020 BIG 4	TO BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER	ADD 3 NEW LIFE GROUPS	EQUIPPING YOUTH WITH A LEADER	A PEOPLE OF CELEBRATORY WORSHIP
	<small>MATTHEW 21:13</small>	<small>ACTS 2:46</small>	<small>PSALM 144:12</small>	<small>PSALM 100:1-2</small>

2019 GALLERY




Praying Together

— Glenda Royall, PrayerMinistry

Wow! What an exciting time we have been having in our Prayer Start Group! Let me share just two highlights.

In November we laid hands on our Pastor, our worship team, our Sunday School leaders and teachers and prayed for God to bless them and asked the Lord to make them effective in their ministries. This was an amazing time of powerful prayer. You could sense the Holy Spirit's presence and power as we joined together to pray with one purpose – to see His Kingdom come.

On Christmas Sunday, our Prayer Start team went for a prayer walk inside the church and prayed over places where ministry happens. From the pulpit to the offering plates, from the Sunday School classrooms to the foyer, from the senior's residences to the businesses in the building, from the church offices to the chairs in the sanctuary, we asked God to come.


The best part is that we are seeing God answer our prayers! We believe in the transforming power of Jesus Christ to change hearts and to breathe new life into each one of us. 

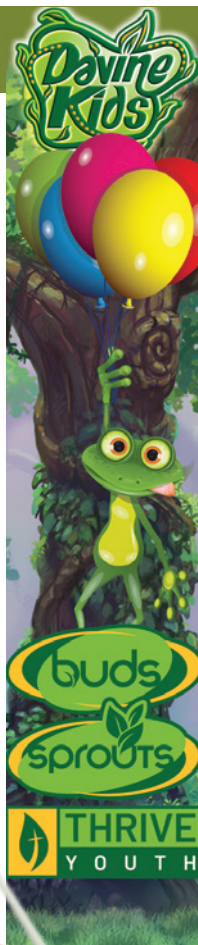
Da'Vine Kids Ministry

— Gerian & Elizabeth Sloetjes, Children's Ministry

At the end of the year, Da'Vine Kids took 5 Sundays to learn about the coming of the Saviour, the Messiah, and it was a very special time. We ended with a "Movie Theatre" experience and watched a great rendition of the Christmas story from Super Book. Our children are learning big truths from the Bible. It is a great blessing & responsibility as a Sunday School Teacher to be able to help form a child's understanding of who God is and what He is like.


While Da'Vine Kids is happening, there is a very important job of monitoring the hallways. We would like to take the time to make a special mention of this important job. Two weeks ago, we met a mother and her children who had come late to our Church for the first time and had it not been for a hallway monitor, they would have not be able to speak with someone and get more information. Our hallway monitors also provide a safe environment for our children by helping to enforce the many aspects of the Plan-to-Protect policy. Thank you to Doug & Marg Roy, Peter Hetherington, Wendy Cote, Laura Brockwell and many others who faithfully help with this ministry.

Moving forward in 2020, we are currently looking for more individuals who are gifted in teaching Sunday School and would be willing to serve in this ministry. Please join us in praying and believing that God will provide volunteers. 



Knitted Together

— Joanne Young, Women's Ministry

The women of The Gate have continued meeting on a monthly basis. This year, our chosen passage that we are focusing on is Psalm 139 – *"I Am His and He Is Mine"*. On December 2nd we held our Annual Christmas Social. Our theme for this meeting was *"Knitted Together"* based on Psalm 139:13-14, *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."* We talked about how God has created us all in amazing ways, each with a unique purpose. He also knits us into His plan and makes use of each of us, just as he knitted together all of the characters connected to the Christmas story. We are all stitches in His masterpiece. 





He is Worthy!

— Manuela Kessler, Worship Ministry


***Shout for joy to the Lord, all
the earth. Worship the Lord
with gladness; come before
Him with joyful songs.***

— PSALM 100:1-2

What a privilege it is to be a part of the team leading you in Worship every Sunday! When I was first asked to lead the singing, I wondered how I could possibly encourage others to worship along. God reminded me to just, *"Remind them of Who I am!"*

Our Creator. Faithful One. Holy. Righteous. Just. Compassionate. Full of grace, mercy and forgiveness. Slow to anger. Abounding in love. Promise keeper. Light in the darkness. Our constant companion. An ever-present help in times of trouble. Tower of refuge and strength. A firm foundation. The One who Sustains us. Delivers us. Redeemed us. Heals us. Transforms us... is He Worthy of our praise? Oh, He is so worthy!!

When we lay down our own agendas, worries and fears, and instead *"fix our eyes on Jesus"*, only then can we experience true freedom in worship.

Please pray for the worship team, and for our congregation, as we strive to worship God *"in the Spirit and in truth"* (John 4:24), celebrating all that He is, all that He has done for us and all that He will yet do here at, and through, The Gate! 

February Events

3rd / 7pm
"Be Mine" Ladies Night Out
Fellowship Hall

4th & 18th / 2pm
55+ Senior's Board Games

29th / 6:30pm
Men's ShopTalk BBQ
Frontier Smokehouse & BBQ

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