

Gage Park Baptist Church



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A Message From the Pastor. . .

Dear Church Family,

In December I began thinking about what I should preach on in January. In time there were three possible plans that surfaced. One of the plans surprised me, but it continually held my attention. That was the plan to preach through Revelation 2 - 3, looking at each of the seven churches.

When I decided that was God's direction for us, I did not really know how this series would take shape. Now that we are looking at the third church, I can see more clearly what God is wanting to do in this series.

In these chapters, Jesus looks at each church and then addresses them in four areas. First, He commends them for the good things He sees in them. I think God wants us to note the things He likes and then see if they are present in our church. If so, these are things we need to keep doing and seek to do even better.

Second, in most of the churches, He has a word of correction. He was pointing out areas they were weak in or missing the mark. As we look at these areas God may show us things our church needs to grow in.

Thirdly, He speaks a word of exhortation in which He tells the churches what they need to do to correct the wrongs and to stay on course. So far God has pointed out a couple of sermons to give more help as we seek to make the changes He says we need to make. Last Sunday's message, on ways to deal with recurring sins, was one of them.

His last word to each church is a word of promise. He wants us to succeed and promises that if we listen to His words and give ourselves to obedience, He will bless us.

God has surprised me and is teaching me through this study of the seven churches. I continue to look forward to how God is going to use it in each of our lives and in the life of our church. I trust that God is speaking to you as well.

Pastor Gordon

IMPORTANT

Mailing Address Change
Gage Park Baptist Church
PO Box 4050
Topeka, KS 66604.

February 5

Youth Group Super Bowl Party

February 17 - 19

Middle School Jamboree
Augusta

February 18

Youth Baking Day

February 19

Potluck after church
Youth Bake Sale

March 18

Victorian Tea

April 8

Easter Breakfast

May 6

Friends Choir musical
during worship

May 13

Praise Kids musical
during worship

Praise Kids News

Praise Kids, under the leadership of Melissa Tillery, are practicing for this year's musical. The kids will practice at 1 p.m. each week. Their schedule is as follows:

March 4	Begin practicing in sanctuary.
March 18	Praise Kids sing during worship. Be here at 10 a.m. in the choir room.
April 8	Easter--No Praise Kids practice.
April 15	Praise Kids sing during worship. Be here at 10 a.m. in the choir room.
May 13	Mother's Day and Praise Kids Performance of the musical, Life Song during worship

Any questions may be directed to Melissa at 554-2301.

Please pray for . . .

Dannea Borglund (in remission)
Darlene Ramsey (Manor Care)
Sandy Farris' sister-in-law (cancer)
Pastor Rhodes (back pain getting better)
Don Foote (recovering from hip surgery)
Bill and Kathy Button (illness and caregiving)
Richard Green (Manor Care room 107B)
Dale Hildebrand-Parker (surgeries)
Ray Canfield (illness)
Ray Canfield's sister-in-law (surgery)
Bob Horn (Lexington Park Rehab)
Haleigh Shadduck (Julia West's niece--surgery)
Lois Washburn (recovering from foot surgery)
Alice Sanchez (diabetes)

In addition to the above list, try these ideas in February

Mondays

Pray for church leaders and those working with our youth.

Tuesdays

Pray for those who are ill and for those who provide care and support to others.

Wednesdays

Pray for those who are in mourning.

Thursdays

Pray for our schools and our children.

Fridays

Pray for our city, state and nation.

Saturdays

Pray for a closer personal relationship with God.

Sundays

Pray for strength to resist sin/temptation in your life.

We have a prayer-caring ministry at GPBC. If you are aware of an illness, hospitalization or special need, please contact Pauline Hall, June Smith or Denzal Davison. They will share prayer needs.

Video Ministry Important to Shut-Ins

Over the past 25 years, Virgil Miller has become known as the "video guy" at GPBC. He tapes the service each Sunday morning and also films musicals, etc.

For the past four months years, video of the Sunday morning worship has been shared with Lexington Park and Atria Hearthstone residents. Recently, Virgil received a request to share the worship videos with Westwood Manor. Thank you, Virgil, for providing a valuable service to our church and to those who cannot get to a service!

Thank you . . .

The Footes want to thank you all for your cards and phone calls and especially your prayers before, during and after Don's hip surgery. We felt God's presence. A special thank you to those who loaned walkers, canes and a toilet riser so we would not need to purchase these items. Those weeks they are necessary are few, but essential. What a loving church family we have here at Gage Park Baptist. We are so grateful for your support.

Love,
Don and Lynda

Address Change Please Read!

If you are sending checks, or anything of importance to the church, please send to our new mailing address:

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Youth News

It's time to start the spring semester with our youth group. A lot of exciting activities are coming up and we are pleased to have Tricia Brown, Hank Miller and Kathryn Davison working with our youth. In addition, we have a new Friends Choir director (see story to right).

Congratulations to Daniel Miller for achieving the rank of Corporal in the Topeka West Army JROTC.

The youth had a lock-in on January 6 and had a great time. The theme was "Soul Surfer" and the kids watched that movie and reflected on its message of overcoming. Thank you to the adults who are willing to sacrifice sleep so the kids can have lock-ins!

On January 15, the Friends Choir met their new director for the first time. They will meet from 1 to 2 each Sunday for choir.

Lauren McGovern played the offertory on January 29. She is going to compete with a piano solo at Baker University on February 4.

The Locke-McGovern household will host a Super Bowl party for the youth on February 5. Bring a snack and come on over to 3543 SW Oak Parkway.

Middle-schoolers will attend a Jamboree in Augusta the weekend of February 16 - 18. Please pray for our kids that they will grow closer to God during this experience.

A bake sale is tentatively planned for February 19 after worship.

Bethany Curtis will sing in church on February 19.



Introducing Jennifer Berroth, Friends Choir Director

In January, the Board voted to hire Ms. Jennifer Berroth as Friends Choir Director. She will lead FC activities through May, 2012. Jennifer is a recent graduate of Washburn University and has a degree in music education. She student taught at Topeka High School and Meadows Elementary.

Jennifer was the House Master for RSCMA Camp in Wilkes Barre, PA in July 2011. She helped run music rehearsals for intermediate girls at the choral camp and chaperoned camp events. In addition, she is currently a scholarship section leader with the Grace Cathedral Church Choir and recently became a member of the Topeka Festival Singers.

We are grateful for Jenni's willingness to step in and work with the kids this spring. It will be exciting!

Mark Bredow Takes on Upkeep

In January, the Board hired Mark Bredow to fill the custodial position at the church. Mark and his wife Tracy started attending GPBC in 1993 and became members 1994. They have two children—Nathan is 13 and Carly is 10.



Mark scheduled two Saturday work days in January and will have another one in February (TBD).

If you notice something that needs to be tended to, please let Mark know.