

Gage Park Baptist Church News

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A Time for All Things

By Jeff Conrad, Pastor Search Chairperson

The year of 2011 has been a year of change for our church. As much as we anticipated the ending of the term of a long term pastorate, the time has been different than any of us anticipated. Change is difficult for all of us, but I doubt any of us expected that we would be changing this much.

We have dealt with the expected changes. We have adjusted to an interim pastor who is very different than Pastor Roesler. Over time we have learned to appreciate the differences, and enjoy a different personality and a different teaching style.

We have discovered that we needed to learn how to do a lot of things on our own. Although there have been difficulties in learning how to do some of the tasks required to operate a church, there is a joy in working together and learning how to function on our own.

We have learned the hard way on several church issues. We are still learning about the importance of holding staff and each other accountable in a loving way, and that we need to take responsibility for the church finances actively, and together to ensure that our resources are used in a manner that pleases the Lord.

We have had to prayerfully review our approach to Christian education as well as programs for our youth and children. We were required to make difficult decisions that we felt were necessary in order to best serve the precious gifts that God has entrusted to our care.

We are not done with transition. We will soon need to consider what we need for a new pastor for our church. As we look back on the trials of the year 2011 in the life of Gage Park Baptist Church, it is clear that the trials that we have been facing will help up prepare for God's plan for his church. When we interview candidates for the position of pastor of our church, we will do so with much better knowledge of what we have to offer as a body of Christ, and continue to become better able to discern what we need as leadership for our flock.

Change is hard. Trials are often really hard. Persevering through difficulties and challenges is good for all of us. Exciting and interesting times await us!

**October 30
Chicken Noodle Dinner
after church
Bring your treats for
trick-or-treaters!**

**Holiday Dinner and
Hanging of the Green
November 20 after church!**

**It's Bazaar Time!
Saturday, December 3
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Holiday Variety Show
December 18
Pot Luck at 5 p.m.
Show at 6:30**

Time for Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Join us for a chicken and noodle luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 30 following church services. We will have chicken and noodles, vegetables, hot rolls and cake!

The kids will be trick-or-treating from table to table after lunch, so don't forget your treats!





The youth group had a great time at Lauren's 16th birthday party in July!

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." [j] 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, [k] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (From Romans 8, NIV)

Thank YOU

Thank you to everyone who is filling in and completing work that needs to be done in the absence of staff. For those of you who do not know, Melissa Tillery will be working with Praise Kids. Tricia Brown, Hank Miller and Kathryn Davison will work with the Youth. Julia West and Jeff Conrad are working on office duties.

Luke Parnell, Bethany Curtis, Matthew Miller and Jordan Irish will be continuing with a Youth Praise Team.

There is always plenty to do, so if you have time to help let Bob Brown or Jeff Conrad know!

Attention Youth Group and Parents

GPBC Youth have their own Facebook group. Very frequent updates are posted to keep everyone informed. If you are not a member of the group, let Angela or Becky know. This is a fast way to communicate with everyone involved! We want to know what your kids are doing so we can advertise to the church family so please let us know. The list below is incomplete—more information will be forthcoming!

Youth Activities for October

October 25th—Devin will play football at Hummer at around 6:30

Friday 28th—Gary's Berries

Sunday 30th—Trick-or-Treat, and chicken noodle dinner (youth wear appropriate costumes)

Youth Activities for November

November 5th—Braving Discipleship in Ottawa

Rake leaves and adopt a family for Christmas

November 20th—Holiday Dinner and Hanging of the Greens
Thanksgiving weekend Abby is in the Nutcracker at TPAC

Youth Activities for December

December 18th—Pot Luck dinner and GPBC Christmas Variety Show (and a special visitor!)

Contact Angela Locke with newsletter items and information until further notice. alocke@topeka.k12.ks.us



We had such a beautiful afternoon of fellowship on October 16. Thank you Bredow family for your hospitality!