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October Sermon Series — In the Trenches
Are You Fighting the Good Fight?

Have you ever felt like you were in the trenches fighting for your life? We are in a constant battle for our souls and the Bible says our struggle is “against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (Ephesians 6:12b). These words were penned to the faithful, fighting in the trenches of the Ephesian Church. One of the faithful in Ephesus was a young leader named Timothy. This month we will study Paul’s second letter to Timothy and find encouragement to keep “fighting the good fight” of our faith.

10.06  Enlist for the Battle / 1 Timothy 3 / B.J. Browning, Gateway Elder
10.13  Behind Enemy Lines / 2 Timothy 1 / Karl Schad, Senior Minister
10.20  Wounded Warriors / 2 Timothy 2 / Dr. Ladd Haverly, Executive Pastor
10.27  God Undefeatable / 2 Timothy 3 & 4 / Karl Schad, Senior Minister

All-Church Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Sunday, October 6 — 6:00-8:00 PM

Everyone is invited to our All-Church 2013 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Sunday evening, October 6, from 6:00-8:00 pm. There will be a free catered and delicious dinner and some fun entertainment; an opportunity for the staff and elders to say “Thanks” to you and God for your service. So come alone or bring your family. Nursery and childcare will be provided for kids through 5th grade. Not only that, we will feed and entertain the little ones as well, so mark your calendar and be here for an evening of good food and lots of fun!

Christmas Musical: “Nick of Time”
Presented Thursday & Friday, December 12 & 13

If you would like to be part of the Christmas musical, contact Marcia Haverly via email (marcia@gccstl.org) or phone (314-821-2156) and join the fun.

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“Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer (elder), he desires a noble task.”

1 Timothy 3:1

God says the service of an Elder is a noble task. Noble is defined as, “beautiful, an outward sign of the inward good, righteous, virtuous, decent, generous, worthy, upright, moral, ethical, and even magnanimous.” That’s high praise from the Almighty!

When was the last time you partnered with the Lord in a noble task? Well, this month you have an opportunity as we begin the Elder nomination process. Each October we invite our congregation to nominate individuals they believe are ready for the noble role of Eldership. After a month of prayer and communication, we close the nominations and present the names of the qualified candidates on November 3. During the month of November, you are welcome to consult current Elders with any comments about the candidates. The vote and results will be given on November 24 during our Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner. As you consider Elder candidates, I invite you to take these essential steps:

Commit to pray for the current Elders. These men are God’s design for church leadership and they need your support through fervent prayer and encouragement (B.J. Browning, Mike Biggs, Jim Kremer, Bruce Walden, Mike Holly, Russ Borders, and Karl Schad).

Study God’s standard for Eldership. The qualifications for Elders are found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Timothy 5:17-22; Titus 1:5-9; and 1 Peter 5:1-4. God gave His standard to protect His church from the default of electing the most influential, wealthy, or well-liked individuals in the church. He is seeking godly men who will listen to the Holy Spirit.

Prayerfully consider His call. You (or women, your husband) may be the person God is calling to step into this noble task. If you are approached to lead, seek the Lord before you give an answer. Talk it over and consider your family’s season of life (kids’ activities and job responsibilities). If you are not approached and still feel called, then seek out an Elder to see what discipleship steps you can take in the coming year.

Lead Like Jesus, Pastor Karl

START YOUR JOURNEY

Sign up in the CROSSECTION for the course that is appropriate for you:

LIVE FOR CHRIST—101 COURSE
Sunday, October 27—8:30-9:30 am

GROW IN CHRIST—201 COURSE
Sunday, November 3—8:30-9:30 am

SERVE LIKE CHRIST—301 COURSE
Sunday, October 20—8:30-9:30 am
**A LIFE OF WORSHIP**

Romans 12:1

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers (and sisters), by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

What/Who do you live for? Does the world, your world, see a life yielded to God? Paul was urging the followers of Jesus in Rome to worship God. How? Well, the former way of sacrifice was to take the life of an animal for payment of sin. Paul recognized that Jesus paid for our sins with His own life, so we were bought with a price. So now, we lay down our own lives, dying to our old ways, and living in the beauty of God’s mercy and grace. When we live in this way, we express faith in God and it pleases Him.

I challenge you during the month of October to **physically practice worshipping**, or bowing down to God. Get on your knees, get on your face before Him, and yield your whole self (heart, soul, mind, body) to Him. Come to church, sing songs, do Bible studies, but also practice the simple act of giving control of your life to God daily.

I look forward to continuing to worship with you each Sunday morning and hope to see and hear stories of what God does with a people who humbly glorify Him.

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**YOUNG AT HEART**

While there are no extreme Young at Heart plans for October (no bungee jumping, parasailing, or white water rafting), men and women 55+ who are Gateway members are invited to enjoy an **extremely different** destination: on Wednesday, October 16, we are traveling through farm land outside of Union on a wagon.

For a fall colors excursion, Gateway seniors are going to tour **Long Meadow Rescue Ranch**, a 165-acre farm used by the Humane Society of Missouri to rehabilitate abused and neglected horses and farm animals. We will have a van at the church to leave at 9:00 am and take in the fall scenery along I-44 and Highway 50 to the farm, where we will begin a walking and wagon tour at 10:30 am. We will meet Barn Buddies and other ranch animals, visit the gift shop, and then have lunch (your only cost) on the way back to the church. If there is interest, we will take time to drive through Lone Elk Park, too.

Advance sign-up is required by Sunday, October 6 (the early deadline is due to Long Meadow's timetable); the sign-up sheet is available now at the red kiosk in the **CROSSECTION**. Check your calendar and hopefully you can join Young at Heart for this last outdoor activity before winter arrives.

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**HYMN SING ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Join us in Room #210 on Sunday, October 20, from 6:00-7:30 pm, for an **All Request Hymn Sing Social**. Sing favorite hymns and then fellowship with homemade ice cream and desserts you provide. Children are welcome to sing along. Contact Cathy Hartsfield at cjmhartsfield@gmail.com to help with the ice cream.

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**WOMEN’S MINISTRY EVENTS**

The **Daytime Women’s Bible Study** now meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month, from 9:30-11:30 am at Gateway. It you are interested in joining them in their study of David, come and join them. Childcare is available.

A **Night of Service** will occur on Tuesday, October 8, from 7:00-9:00 pm at Gateway. We will be making meals, hearing a presentation from Sunshine Ministries and then working on several projects to benefit Sunshine Ministries. Sign up in the **CROSSECTION**. Plan to come and please bring some canned and/or dry food for Sunshine Ministries.

Women, do we have an event for YOU! **Dine and Discuss** is coming, on Tuesday, November 5, from 6:30-8:30 pm. The men of our church will serve us a 5-course meal, plus we will receive teachings on prayer from Women of Faith leaders. More details will be coming soon but please put this on your calendar now!

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**NEW! MONTHLY LUNCH FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS**

College Students: Are you missing the comforts of home, including home-cooked meals?! Please plan to stay after services the first Sunday of each month for lunch and fellowship. The first lunch will be Sunday, October 6.

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**WEDDING BELLS**

Laura Salman and Christopher Boemler were united in marriage on August 31, 2013. The couple live in Jackson, MO. Best wishes, Chris and Laura!
BAPTISMS

Pete Fog
Annette Fog

What on earth am I here for? That’s a question we’ve all asked ourselves at one time. The answer is to worship God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. He created you and longs to have a relationship with you. God made a way for us to find forgiveness, peace, and meaning through His Son, Jesus Christ. We will never find or fulfill our purpose in this life until we let Jesus rescue us from our sin and become the leader of our life. So how do we do that?

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever BELIEVES in him will not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

“REPENT then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord…” (Acts 3:19)

“If you CONFESS with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

“Repent and BE BAPTIZED, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.” (Acts 2:38)

MONTHLY GROWTH AND GIVING

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Healing Heart Counseling Center is available to assist individuals, couples, groups and families to face and overcome life’s greatest challenges and changes.

Contact the center at 314.821.1120 and begin to heal by tending to your heart (calls are strictly confidential; sliding fee scale used).
OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
This mission, started by Franklin Graham, serves underprivileged children in desperate situations throughout the world by sending gift-filled shoeboxes to them at Christmas time. Christian literature is distributed with the shoeboxes to share the love of Jesus. Each Gateway family or person is encouraged to fill a shoebox with gifts for a male OR female child in ONE of the following age ranges: 2-4 years, 5-9 years, or 10-14 years old. Gifts may include small, age-appropriate toys and/or toiletries that fit into a shoebox. Family photos and personal messages are also encouraged. A $7 donation should also be included to cover shipping; an envelope will be available for this, or you can donate online. Plastic bins with lids will be available beginning October 13, but feel free to purchase your own or use a shoebox you have at home. The shoeboxes must be returned unwrapped to church no later than November 17 so they can be packed up and delivered.

OCTOBER MISSION OPPORTUNITIES
**All Month** — Bread Basket: Help us keep the needy warm this winter! Gateway’s annual Coat Drive begins October 1. Please bring gently-used coats to the church and deposit them in the collection bin at the missions table in the hallway. The coats will be distributed to sites throughout the St. Louis area.

**All Month** — Shiloh Christian Children’s Ranch in Shelbina, MO houses children 0-15 years of age from all over the country who have been abused and/or neglected. Gateway’s annual Gloves, Hats, and Socks Drive begins October 1, just in time for the upcoming cold weather. Please bring warm gloves, hats, and socks of all sizes and deposit them in the basket at the missions table in the hallway. Questions? Contact Neal Boothe at nboothe3@gmail.com or 636-294-5853. Thank you for your generosity.

**October 19** — Work Day at High Hill Christian Camp: Typical projects involve remodeling bedrooms/bathrooms throughout the dorms and fixing/creating new outdoor areas/shelters. In addition, there are many opportunities to do minor repairs, cleaning, and sprucing up in other areas. Many hands are needed to get the camp ready for winter. What a great way to spend time serving the Lord and working with your friends and family. All ages welcome; those under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. If interested, contact Carrie Imhoff at carrie@planetspork.com or 636-529-0638.

**October 27-November 17** — Operation Christmas Child is here! (Details above) Each Gateway family or person is encouraged to fill a shoe-box with gifts. Questions? Contact Jennifer Follmer at follmer@earthlink.net.

BREAD BASKET COLLECTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER
- October 06: Canned goods (i.e. soup, meat, vegetables, fruit)
- October 13: Toiletries (for men, women, and children)
- October 20: Dry Goods (i.e. spaghetti, rice, flour, etc.)
- October 27: Paper Goods (i.e. paper towels, toilet paper, Ziploc bags)

**Please drop off donations in the baskets at the missions table.**

NOVEMBER MISSION OPPORTUNITIES
Gateway is once again hosting an Angel Tree this year. There will be a Christmas tree in the Crossover with angel tags provided by the Salvation Army. Each tag will contain the first name, gender, age, and sizes of a child. If you would like to give a Christmas gift to a local child who would otherwise not receive one, take a tag—or two.
Join us for some family fun at our annual Family Fall Fun Fest! Kids (and adults!) can dress up in their favorite non-scary costumes, enjoy carnival games, a bounce house, a bonfire with s’mores, our playground equipment, and finish off with a bag of goodies from the teens of our COLLIDE ministry! Come, enjoy some old-fashioned fun with your kids, relax around the bonfire, and pitch in to help at one of our game booths. Because this is a family event, not a drop-off activity, a parent or other caregiver is expected to stay with his/her child(ren) the entire time. No nursery or kids’ classes will be held this evening.

Lots of helpers are needed for set-up and tear-down, decorating, games, and food. Sign-up sheets and candy donation bins will be located in the children’s check-in areas and sign-up kiosks in the CROSSECTION.

HELP FOR PARENTS

Parents, have you ever been surprised at how much your child understands about the world around them? A random question or comment can shake up much of what you believe about that little human running around your home!

Well, get used to it!

The surprises never stop coming, but you can learn how to respond well. When your child has questions, answer them. If you are not sure, be honest about it and dig for the answers together.

This is true for spiritual questions, as well. In Gateway’s PURSUIT Kids’ Ministry we are not hesitant to talk about the importance of following Jesus, even when it is hard to do. There may be questions or situations that come up that you are not sure how to answer.

Please know that we are here to help you. Especially when those questions revolve around becoming a Christian, we want to walk alongside and provide help. We have a child-friendly booklet available for parents to work through with their kids that goes through the process of becoming a Christ-follower. Need help? Just ask!

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

12:30 – 4:00 PM

Parents, do you need an afternoon to yourself to relax or do some power shopping for Christmas? If so, your kids 4 years old – 5th grade are invited to an afternoon filled with food, fun, service projects, and the opportunity to make gifts for family members on Sunday, December 8!

The cost is $6 per child or $5 each for multiple kids in one family which covers lunch, a gift project, and a service project. Pre-registration is required by Sunday, December 1, in order to properly prepare. Registration forms will be available on the parent take-home papers beginning November 3.
It is October and we are starting a new series called Death to Life. We are really excited about this series because we are taking an in-depth look at Romans 5-8. We will be hitting big words, like reconciliation and sanctification. We will have some awesome adult testimony time and take a look at the power of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives.

A lot of these topics for the month are going to be pretty deep so we wanted to enliven the evening with some chocolate fun!

Throughout the month of October, we are going to have our annual CHOCtober GAMES. Each evening we will have some big games involving chocolate. It may end up messy, so do not be surprised if you come home with a sugar rush that would make Wreck It Ralph jealous.

At the end of October, the Collide Student Ministry will be helping out with the Family Fall Fun Fest. Each student will be encouraged to deck out their personal or family car’s trunk to have a “Trunk Or Treat” stop for the children of Gateway and their friends the evening of Wednesday, October 30, as they leave the Family Fall Fun Fest. Let’s have a blast, serving the family and community surrounding the church.

Let’s have a great time!! Let’s let the love of Jesus shine!!! And don’t forget, this is the place that students and God’s love COLLIDE.

~ Josh

As mentioned in last month’s newsletter, Collide is taking Gateway students who have signed up to a MS and HS conference in Kansas City called Oasis. The conference runs Friday-Sunday, November 15-17. It was put together by Manhattan Christian College in partnership with Student International Conference on Missions. The Jordan Howerton Band will be leading worship and Mark Moore is the speaker. All your friends will be there!

The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, October 2; a $50 non-refundable deposit is also due at that time. The total cost for the entire weekend is $110 (includes travel, hotel, conference fee, and most food)! Scholarships are available for those in need, but you need to contact Josh immediately.

You can read more details about the conference here: http://www.theicom.org/sicom/home.

Thank you to all the students who took part in our Dinner Theatre production, Zombie Trespass. You all put in a lot of hard work with the drama, singing, and serving duties and the audience always loves it! It is great to have this entertaining, fun way to present Jesus to an audience with folks who may not ever go to church. SHINE is a great ministry and we love having all of you serve in this way. We also owe a big thank you to the parents and our SHINE sponsors/Helpers for all of their support, encouragement, and help with our SHINE productions. And thank you to Kelly Flores for writing such a fun script and working with the drama team to tell this story.

Next up – Christmas!! Watch your email and Sunday bulletins for news about our upcoming Christmas program.

~ Mrs. Fletcher
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| Serve Like Christ  
301 Course 8:30 am  
Hymn Sing Social 6:00 pm  
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| Live for Christ  
101 Course 8:30 am  
Men’s Basketball 6:30 pm | Staff Meeting 11:00 am | WNL 5:30-8:00 pm  
(Limited Adult Classes) | Family Fall Fun Fest 6:00-8:00 pm |     |     |

**OCTOBER NURSERY WORKERS**

**Wednesday, Oct. 2**  
D. & L. Hayes

**Oct. 6**  
8:30 J. Gildehaus  
9:45 E. Brame, E. Feinstein, J. Starling, A. Stemme  
11:00 K. Barnard, J. Lyons, L. Ryan

**Wednesday, Oct. 9**  
J. Harris, A. Maupin

**Oct. 13**  
8:30 J. Gildehaus  
9:45 J. & K. Bell, S. Dorris, S. Olsson  
11:00 J. Bender, E. Pratt, J. Vallieres

**Wednesday, Oct. 16**  
S. Jaegers, M. Jaegers

**Oct. 20**  
8:30 J. Gildehaus  
9:45 S. Craighead, S. & J. Primm, P. Wilkis  
11:00 J. Cuenca, V. Roeslein, J. Salman

**Wednesday, Oct. 23**  
J. Bender, B. Washington

**Oct. 27**  
8:30 J. Gildehaus  
9:45 F. Kremer, S. Putnam, V. Schnose, T. Shon  
11:00 B. Clark, F. Goad, P. Hilderbrand

**Wednesday, Oct. 30**  
No nursery (Family Fall Fun Fest)