



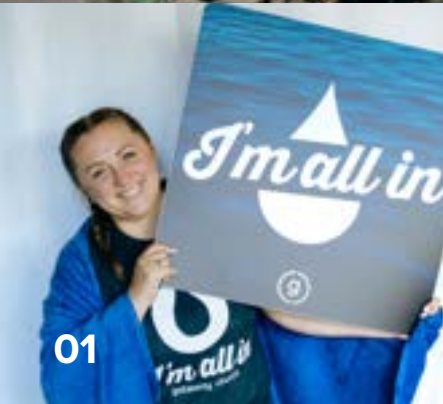
gateway church

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS JULY'24-JUNE'25





MOVING CLOSER TO JESUS ONE STEP AT A TIME





Dear Church Family,

As we look back on this past year, our hearts are full of gratitude. God has truly been faithful, and we are deeply thankful for each and every one of you who have been part of this journey. Through your prayers, your presence, and your generosity, we have seen our church community grow in both spirit and number.

This year has been especially meaningful as we took steps forward, finishing our “Win the Future” project, remodeling the youth center, and creating an entrance for our weekday preschool. Thanks to your generous donations, we are laying the foundation not only for a physical space but for future generations to worship, learn, and serve together.

Your contributions, both large and small, have made a lasting impact. Every gift is a testament to our shared commitment to be a light in our community, to care for one another, and to build something enduring in Christ’s name.

We thank God for the year we’ve had and look forward with hope and excitement to what He has in store. May the coming year be filled with continued growth, unity, and purpose as we follow where Jesus leads.

God bless you!

Psalm 127:1 NASB

*Unless the Lord builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it;
Unless the Lord guards the city,
The watchman keeps awake in vain.*

In Christ,

Pastor Lance Ainsworth



WIN THE FUTURE

gateway

\$1 Million

Invested Toward Winning The Future

FINANCIALS

\$3,957,016.90

Total Donations Given to the Ministry of
Gateway in July '24 - June '25

\$547,076.95

Paid towards capital projects
*Youth Remodel, Preschool Entrance,
Auditorium Upgrades, and North Parking Lot*

1,066

Families invested
in the Ministry of
Gateway

1,482

Average Adult Sunday Attendance

3,062

Easter Weekend

3,200

Egg Hunt

2,055

Christmas Eve 2024

28,206

Streams of Church Online

BAPTISMS

95

Baptisms



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I have always known Jesus but 15 years ago, after the birth of my daughter, God placed it in my heart that I could not raise her without Him and I needed to draw closer. It was on a Thursday night at Gateway Church. I was invited by Dennis Gimlin who asked that anyone who played basketball in our church gym also attend a service. Pastor Ed was sharing a message regarding being lost and God's intentions for our hearts when you trust in Him and submit. I felt an overwhelming relief and peace that night knowing that I wasn't alone and I raised my hand and continued to attend and grow in my faith. Jesus is the compass that I lean on in every aspect of life, parenting, personally and professionally. He gives me peace and the knowledge that His purpose and will for our life is so much greater than anything I could ever dream of.”

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I accepted Jesus into my life last year, when I finally came to the realization that He is the only way, the only life, I want to live. Through every obstacle and victory His presence is consistent. He makes hard times lighter and happy times a celebration. He fills me with a peace and joy that deserves boasting in all things I experience. I can not help but praise Him.”

A large audience of people is seated in rows of chairs, facing a stage. The stage features a large screen displaying the text "I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below the text, the word "LEADER" is displayed in a large, stylized, pixelated font, illuminated with a warm, yellow light. The audience is diverse in age and appearance, and the setting appears to be a modern conference or seminar hall with a drop ceiling and recessed lighting.

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW

SERMON SERIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



DEAR CHURCH: A STUDY IN REVELATION

A powerful look at Jesus' letters to the early churches, calling us to faithfulness, endurance, and hope in uncertain times.



ADVENT: PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS

A season of anticipation and reflection as we make room in our hearts for the coming King.



KINGDOM MATH

Discover how God's economy turns worldly logic upside down—where less becomes more and sacrifice leads to abundance.



PSALMS: PRAYERS FOR THE PEAKS AND VALLEYS

Journey through the Psalms to find honest prayers and enduring hope in every high and low of life.



THE WAY

Discover the path of Jesus—a way of life marked by truth, grace, and purpose.



MADE TO WORSHIP

Reclaim the purpose you were created for by learning how worship shapes our lives, hearts, and identity.



THREE INVITATIONS: FOLLOW, ABIDE, GO

Explore Jesus' call to discipleship through three life-changing invitations to follow Him, remain in Him, and be sent by Him.



FROM _____, TO _____

A transformational series exploring the journey God takes us on—moving us from where we are to where He's calling us to be.



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Recently God gave me the opportunity to retire at age 56, and to relocate to beautiful Visalia, CA; when the housing market became exorbitantly expensive in my previous county. Trusting in the Lord, after visiting various churches I finally felt at home at Gateway Church- the sane doctrine; the Word of God was spoken, the worship songs moved me, and the welcoming smiles told me, welcome home! Recently becoming a member at Gateway Church has been an honor and a humbling experience. I know my Lord gave me this place to grow and to help others grow in Him. Gateway Church continuously reminds all visitors and members of how much we're loved by God, and that support is readily available no matter what the circumstances are.”

51

New Members

783

First Time Visits

697

Volunteers
Serving

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I started attending Gateway because I like the teaching and other activities that are offered. The people are friendly and welcoming. I also like that I was welcomed to be a church greeter.”

SUPPORT GROUPS

7 Groups



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I believe that my God moving story started when I realized my sights were not set on Him. I found myself wanting a mentor, and through The Huddle, I was connected with Jim Pitkin. He gave me the chance to talk and connect. By meeting once a week it brought me closer to God and refocused my vision on Him. I have through this connection, grown in this church and consider it as my family. I am getting more and more connected through small groups and Committed Couples as well as being involved in shuttles and finding my purpose.”





700 lbs Complimentary Coffee Consumed

3,270

Free Donuts Given

3,116

Burritos Made

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When I was trying to find a place to volunteer in church, I prayed for God to lead me. I began to help Lacy with decorating, and still do, but soon took an interest in the cafe serving with Heather. It has been one blessed decision. I've made many new friends and formed even more connections with families, new visitors, and other volunteers. I love helping out where ever I am needed, but I especially love the cafe.”

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I have served in the cafe for 8 years. What started out as volunteering in hesitation and uncertainty in a new field, the cafe has become a 2nd family and I love serving through coffee and hospitality. This is such a sweet spot and a highlight of my week when it's my turn to serve.”

62,400 Hours

Spent Rehearsing and
Leading Worship in the Last Year

243

Creative Arts Team Leaders
*Choir & Orchestra, Worship Band,
Tech, Online Hosts, ASL, Media*

1,248

Christmas Concert

715

Collab Worship
Night Attendance

PEOPLE GROWING IN GROUPS

1,396
Connect Groups

111
MomCo

55
Table Talks



464
Women's Bible Study

240
Venture

127
Committed
Couples

354
The Huddle



LIFE-CHANGE HAPPENS BEST IN COMMUNITY

GROW

“

We have been on the Venture leadership team for 4 years. When we first started, we didn't know anybody in such a large church. This gave us the opportunity to get to know people in the same stage of life. Come and see how God is moving in the ministry of Gateway. God helps us to connect stronger spiritually and physically. He also helps to connect us intellectually, emotionally, and socially so that in this stage of life we can continue to serve him and others.”



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The Working Mom's connect group has been a huge blessing in my life. It has given me a deeper understanding of the Bible. I love studying further into passages with the other ladies, hearing their perspectives and it's really helped me grow in my relationship with God. It has also taught me to be vulnerable and share what's going on in my life. By sharing my story I have found that other ladies have been through similar experiences as well and are quick to come along side me and pray for things going on in my life and to celebrate the blessings and answered prayers.”

GLOBAL

Gateway is actively supporting missions in:

9 States 4 Countries

\$370,000.00

Total Given to Missions

Number of Global Partners and missionaries
serving around the world

13 National Partners **10** International Partners

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Our family mission trip to Guatemala blessed us as well as so many others. Our family was forever impacted by seeing God's work in a place where people are struggling to have basic needs met. My children learned that you do not need to speak a common language to find common ground and build relationships rooted in Christ. From sharing smiles and games of futbol to installing a much needed water filtration system, God's work and presence was evident and felt in a powerful and meaningful way. We enjoyed being a small pebble that may create meaningful ripples that continue to grow God's Kingdom.”



2

Living Water
Systems
Installed

27

People Went
on Short-Term
Mission Trips

4

Short-Term
Mission Trips



LOCAL

3,250 lbs

Food Donated to
Visalia Emergency Aid

375 Shoeboxes

Filled with Operation
Christmas Child

350

Students Received Back
to School Supplies

500 Backpacks

To 5 Local Schools

15

Local Partners

Continued strengthening partnerships
with Crown Valley Youth Ranch,
Conyer Elementary School and
Care Pregnancy Center



PRESCHOOL

100 Preschoolers
Enrolled

16 Teachers

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We are so grateful to have found Gateway Preschool. The entire staff is supportive, nurturing and kind. The care we have received is genuine and rooted in Christ. The communication is always clear and transparent, giving me peace of mind knowing my child is loved, valued and cared for. Our son has truly blossomed in his time at Gateway spiritually, socially and educationally. We are blessed to be a part of this wonderful community and cannot recommend it enough!”



350 Kids Attended VBS

178

Volunteers
Helped with VBS

8

Kids Made a First Time
Decision to Follow Jesus

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Scuba Vacation Bible School took kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they experienced the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids were immersed in the Word, they discovered God at work throughout the week at home, in the car and while they were in town with their families. Many kids made friends that will be life-long friends for them and they have experienced life outside of church on campus together and with their families. The week of diving into God's Word also allowed an atmosphere for kids to ask questions about their faith and in turn, kids made decisions for Christ and took the next step and continued with baptism.”

KIDS

322 Kids

Attended Sunday Morning
For The First Time

215

New Families Have Attended
On Sunday Mornings

30

Kids Were Dedicated
By Their Parents

21

Third Through Sixth
Graders Were Baptized



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A 9 year old who was baptized says that Jesus impacts his life by helping him to know that things are not always perfect but he knows Jesus will always love him and he is never alone.”

YOUTH

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God has worked in my life by showing me that I need to let go of what I can't control. By leaning on the youth and our leaders I have been able to trust God. Recently my father was sick and gave his own life to Jesus and it showed me that I can also rely on Him.”



19 Small Group Leaders

87 Attended Summer Camp

26 Students Baptized

83 Students at Discipleship Now

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I had nobody by my side but after coming to youth I feel like I belong and have people I can share my life with.”





A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, the silhouettes of the audience are visible, with some people raising their hands. On the stage, a band of four people is performing. A large screen at the back of the stage displays a graphic with a glowing heart and the lyrics "MY HEART NEEDS A SURGEON" and "MY SOUL NEEDS A FRIEND".

MY HEART NEEDS A SURGEON
MY SOUL NEEDS A FRIEND



