



gateway church

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS JULY '25-JUNE '26



O MOST HIGH KING OF THE AGES
GREAT I AM GOD OF WONDERS





MOVING CLOSER TO JESUS ONE STEP AT A TIME





Dear Church Family,

It's been a joy to walk through the book of Acts together this year. As we see in Acts 2:42, "They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." In the same way, we have grown in our faith through the teaching of God's Word, fellowship, and prayer. In every part of Gateway, our focus remains on moving closer to Jesus, one step at a time.

Mentioned below are some unique ways that we have helped others also move closer to Jesus:

We added Spanish translation to our third Sunday morning service. Through our Hope Delivered initiative, we blessed single-parent homes, foster children, homebound individuals, and widows and widowers at Christmas.

We launched a young adults group (ages 18–25), which has already made a meaningful impact.

We sent three mission teams to Zacapa, Guatemala, to partner in ministry there.

These initiatives have been undergirded by a growing emphasis on prayer and God's Word. Our prayer team has expanded, and our prayer nights have become a powerful rhythm in our community life. God is drawing us deeper into dependence on Him, reminding us that lasting fruit comes through prayer.

Thank you for your generosity, your service, and your faith. God is at work among us, and we are expectant for all He will continue to do in the year ahead.

With gratitude,
Pastor Lance



GUATEMALA (YOUTH & VBS TRIPS)



VBS

“Our mission trip to Guatemala last fall was one of the most life changing experiences of my life. We helped run a Vacation Bible School at a local church, where I was able to serve and connect with kids who were in very challenging circumstances. It was such a blessing to spread the love of Jesus through lessons, activities, and simply spending time with them. This experience opened my eyes to the importance of serving others with compassion and humility. It strengthened my faith in Jesus and changed the way I want to live and serve others moving forward.”



YOUTH

“I feel like we all went into this trip thinking that it was just work to do, but realized that you could just be human. It wasn’t work at all; being there with a person got a smile on their face. You could hang out with the little kids and it was a lot of fun.”

“I saw God moving in Guatemala when I saw kids for the first time greet people with disabilities. They were so eager and quick to just jump in and take the children out to the playground and get them out of cribs, without being prompted. I mean, they were wiping saliva off of mouths and to me that was just so touching. Seeing our youth, who are kids themselves, stepping up in a big way that they’ve never done before.”

HOPE DELIVERED



50

Foster Care
Gifts Received



75

Trees Delivered to
Single Parent Families



51

Christmas Baskets Delivered

140

People Visited
(Shut Ins and Those in Care Facilities)



40

Attended
Widower/Widow Brunch

FINANCIALS

\$3.9 million

Projected Annual Giving Through June 2026

\$542,000

Given to Network Missions

\$240,000

Allocated to Campus
Improvement

\$39,000

Dispersed Through the Benevolent
Fund to Help Families in Need

1,038

Families invested
in the Ministry of
Gateway

GATHER

4,038

Easter Weekend Attendance

3,150

Egg Hunt

1,983

Christmas Eve 2025

28,236

Projected Streams of Church Online

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543

Weekly Average Streams



BAPTISMS

126

Baptisms



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Since accepting Jesus Christ as my Savior, my life has changed in many ways. The most significant change being; as I walk through day-to-day life, I am very much aware of the commitment I made to Jesus Christ and the proclamation I made before the church on the day of my baptism. Since that time, I make every effort to walk with Jesus as I move throughout the day, and try not to get caught up in life's challenges. I walk with a convicted heart and make every effort to make my Father in heaven, proud. I start and end each day in prayer, I pray throughout the day, and read the Bible every morning (reading the Bible in a year plan). After I was baptized, I took a photo holding up a sign in the lobby that read, "made new". I am just that, a new man! I have a changed heart and burning love and desire for the Lord. I am eternally grateful for His love, mercy, and grace.





SERMON SERIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



GAME CHANGERS

We explored “game changer” passages of Scripture that helped us see how God uses His Word to redirect priorities, deepen faith, and spark lasting spiritual impact. Each message highlighted not only the meaning of the passage, but also its power to personally challenge and reshape how we live and lead.



VIRAL

Exploring how the gospel spread rapidly in the early church through the book of Acts, and comparing it to how it can spread today. Focusing on movements, relationships, and Spirit-led boldness, it emphasizes that the message of Jesus was never meant to stay contained. Instead, it multiplies through ordinary people living with intentional faith, showing that the same dynamics that fueled the early church are still available now.



THE KING HAS COME

Centered on the Christmas season, this series highlighted the arrival of Jesus not just as a baby, but as the long-awaited King. It connects Old Testament expectation with New Testament fulfillment, helping people see the significance of Christ’s coming in a deeper, more holistic way. The focus is on worship, surrender, and aligning our lives under the authority and hope of the true King.



FREQUENCY

This series addressed the challenge of hearing and recognizing God’s voice in a world full of noise and distraction. It helps us tune our hearts and minds to God through spiritual practices, Scripture, and attentiveness to the Holy Spirit. The emphasis is on developing a consistent awareness of God’s presence so that His guidance becomes clearer in everyday life.



THE RIPPLE EFFECT

A study in the book of Acts, this series highlighted how the gospel spreads outward through faithful obedience, much like ripples in water. It traces how small acts of courage, proclamation, and community lead to widespread impact over time. It encourages believers to see their role in God’s mission, understanding that even seemingly small steps of faith can have far-reaching influence.



EASTER

This series focused on the death and resurrection of Jesus, emphasizing the central message of the Christian faith, victory over sin and death. It invites people to reflect on the significance of the cross, the power of the resurrection, and the new life offered through Christ. The goal is both celebration and response, calling people to renewed faith, hope, and transformation.

BELONG

45

New Members



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Towards the end of class, it all started to fall into place. Like my brother told me almost 3 years ago, He never left me. He was always there waiting on me to come back home. This is where I am meant to be.



“Over the numerous sessions I have participated in, no two have been the same. Everyone who sits at a table has a story to tell. How did they form these ideas of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit? I believe our job is to give them a safe place to do just that, without judgement, and at the same time patiently steer them to the truth of God’s love.”

“I have seen God at work many times in these sessions. I have seen a tear fall now and then, or a nodding sigh of agreement to something that someone said, and questions abound about who God is, and what apprenticeship to Jesus means. And just like what I’ve witnessed in myself with the mentoring program, these Belong sessions have brought me closer in my relationship with Jesus. They have taught me that we are all different, but with the same goal. To draw closer to God and to each other.”

CAFE

850 lbs Complimentary Coffee Consumed
3,000 Free Donuts Given
4,000 Burritos Made by Burrito Team



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Behind the counter, serving coffee & greeting people God began to soften parts of my heart I didn't even realize were closed. Helping clean, making coffee, serving food, greeting people has turned into something much deeper. It's a place where I've grown in my faith, patience and love for others. Serving has reminded me that I matter, that my presence matters and God can use the smallest act of kindness to bring healing. Not just to me but to those we connect with. There is something powerful about serving people in such a simple way. A warm cup of coffee, a smile, a quick conversation, it may seem small but I've seen how much it can mean to someone.

SUPPORT GROUPS

7 Groups





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The class (FPU) really helped us out by putting everything in steps. Instead of seeing our financial situation as something big that is hard to overcome, the class showed us the steps we need to take to get to where we want to be financially. It was nice hearing from others that are going through the same things we are and we are not alone in this financial journey, God is there for us even in our finances.

CREATIVE ARTS

447 Hours

Spent Rehearsing and
Leading Worship in the Last Year

239

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

1,777

Christmas Concert Attendance

618

Collab Worship
Night Attendance

582

Worship Night Attendance
(January 1 & 30)

702

Volunteers Currently Serving



PEOPLE GROWING IN GROUPS



600+
People in
Connect Groups

119
Average Women's Bible
Study Attendance



LIFE-CHANGE HAPPENS BEST IN COMMUNITY



THE HUDDLE

75
Men Memorizing
Scripture with increased
participation in church life

190
Average attending
at Huddle



90
Average Attendance
at Venture

VENTURE

128
Bible Classes
Offered

600
Meals Served at
Kickoff Events

\$5,000
Donated to the ministry
of My Father's House
Visalia.

*"Venture is a
great place to be
as we aspire to
finish all things
well!"*



97
Moms Registered

MOMCO

40
Attended the Mom's
Night Out Events

66
Attended Committed
Couples Meetings





**WOMEN'S
EVENTS**

500+
At the Spring Event

300+
At the Fall Event



GLOBAL

Gateway is actively supporting missions in:

7 States 10 Countries

\$542,000

Total Given to Missions

Number of Global Partners and missionaries
serving around the world

27 Local/National
Partners

11 International
Partners

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My first mission trip was in 2019 with Living Water World Missions (LWWM) along with my husband, Ken. Shortly thereafter we went on a trip to Israel. For me personally, it was a time in my life when I really felt I needed to start digging deeper into my faith and give more of myself to others. I felt a calling to really see faith in action, beyond the boundaries of my everyday life and routine. This led to Ken and I becoming board members of LWWM. Going to Guatemala and Cuba really opened our eyes in respect to real poverty. Faith in God carries those people through unimaginable daily difficulties and struggles. The ones who do not know God find the ways of the world to try to make life better. Becoming a member of Gateway Missions board was an easy decision because it was an opportunity for us to see how Gateway Church uses the generous contributions our congregation donates. As I look back, I see how being involved in both committees has brought both my husband and I closer to God by pushing us out of our comfort zone, to put others before ourselves and to have the opportunity to pray and be the light. Sharing Jesus Christ and his precious gift of salvation brings so much joy. We can't change some circumstances, but we certainly can share the hope of eternity with Jesus Christ. I encourage everyone, if at all possible, to experience a mission trip and see the transformation in your heart and your love for Jesus grow.



62

People went on
Short-Term
Mission Trips

LOCAL

5,350 lbs

Food Donated to
Visalia Emergency Aid

272 Shoeboxes

Filled with Operation
Christmas Child



23

Local Partners

Continued strengthening
partnership with Crown Valley
Youth Ranch, Fellowship of
Christian Athletes, Students
International



PRESCHOOL

100 Preschoolers
Enrolled

16 Teachers

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Choosing Gateway Preschool for our child has been one of the best decisions we have made. She started when she was just 2 years old, and it didn't take long to see how much she was learning. Over the past few years, we have watched her flourish. She comes home excited to tell us all about her day and what she's learned. The teachers and staff have created such a warm and caring environment where our child feels safe, valued, and happy to learn. You can tell they truly care and take the time to build connections with each student. We feel so lucky to have been part of this supportive community for the past three years.



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We absolutely love this preschool! It gives me so much peace of mind knowing my children are safe, happy, and truly cared for every day. They are learning so much, have made wonderful friends, and wake up excited to go to school. As a mom, there's nothing better than seeing them so happy and thriving. Thank you to the amazing teachers and staff at Gateway Preschool for your love, dedication, and the care you show our children every day!

VBS



379 Kids Attended VBS

223

Volunteers
Helped with VBS

30

Kids Made a First Time
Decision to Follow Jesus



KIDS

186 Kids

Attended Sunday Morning
For The First Time

128

New Families Have Attended
On Sunday Mornings

28

Kids Were Dedicated
By Their Parents

25

Third Through Sixth
Graders Were Baptized

26

New Volunteers Joined
the Sunday Team



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Kids ministry at Gateway has impacted not only my life, but my children's lives. I love volunteering and getting to watch not only my children but other children grow in their love and understanding for Christ. VBS is one of the highlights of our year. I love leading a group and getting to experience the different stations first hand. I walk away with just as much impact on my heart as the children do. I hear and see God so clearly through these amazing kids. Volunteering not only helps the programs run in kids ministry, it will soften your heart and even break it wide open at times to the love of Christ.

YOUTH

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The Junior High students have committed themselves to taking the next step of their faith journey. We spent a lot of time very intentionally praying through and seeking God's desire for our lives. I have seen students lives change in ways I was not expecting to see so quickly. A couple of Junior High students even brought their entire families to church. One student brought four of his friends, who are now weekly attenders. Those boys come from non-Christian homes, and have now heard the gospel.





12

Students
Baptized

29

Small Group
Leaders

81

Students Attended
Summer Camp

13

Camp
Counselors

YOUNG ADULTS



Began January 14, 2026, average of **26 students** per meeting

Young Adults is a chance to connect, build friendships, and discover a community where you can be known. We welcome everyone, whether you're new or have been around a while. This is a great opportunity to find your place, share your story, and be part of something bigger--walking with Jesus and building in the Kingdom of God together.

14 Young Adults Helped Set Up Widower Brunch (*35 Attended*)
31 Baskets Easter Service Project
25 Young Adults Attended Hume Lake Camp in March 2026



PRAYER TEAM



Prayer is the foundation of who we are and what we do as Christ-followers. In January of 2026 we launched an effort to reinvigorate prayer at GateWay Church. Step by step we are making prayer a center piece. One part of the plan is to offer a mid-week service devoted to prayer for our church, ministries, leaders, staff, and community along with the opportunity for people to receive prayer for needs and blessings.

January 1st saw our first New Year's Day Prayer and Worship Service. We held a Good Friday Worship and Prayer Service attended by 350+ with around 100 people coming forward for prayer. More services are in planning. Another "first" was our Prayer and Family Blessing Booth at the Egg Hunt. Our prayer team prayed over a steady stream of people from our community for various needs and family blessings. We offer a prayer room every Sunday and have prayer warriors ready at the close of all our services for individual prayer needs. Since January we have tripled our prayer warriors to over 30 members with many more needed. We are excited for how the Holy Spirit will move in 2026-2027.



**“ALL SCRIPTURE IS INSPIRED BY GOD AND BENEFICIAL FOR TEACHING
RIGHTEOUSNESS; SO THAT THE MAN OR WOMAN OF GOD MAY
2 TIMOTHY**





TEACHING, FOR REBUKE, FOR CORRECTION, FOR TRAINING, IN
MAY BE FULLY CAPABLE, EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.”
1 THIMOTHY 3:16-17



