



KICK OFF SUNDAY

April 10, 2005 was an exciting day for the Gateway family. This was Kick off Sunday for our *God's Miracle... A Seed Today... A Harvest Tomorrow* Capital Stewardship Campaign. Kyle Wewe gave the congregation an excellent introduction to the program. He explained the need for a permanent church building site and the plan for achieving this goal. Kyle encouraged us all to save and sacrifice to further the Lord's work in our growing Gilbert area.

Randy Thomas delivered a stirring sermon and testimonial about giving. We were encouraged to check our own financial commitments both in the form of tithes and offerings.

KID'S KORNER

In Mark 10:14 Jesus encouraged, "Let the little children come to me." During our Capital Stewardship Campaign there are many ways that even our youngest members can contribute.

Children can:

- Pray that the new building will be a wonderful place to teach their friends about Jesus.
- Decorate a coffee can or container and set it in a special part of the home. Each day or week they can donate a portion of their allowance to the campaign.
- Sacrifice by giving up the Happy Meal one day in favor of a sandwich and giving that money to the campaign.

IN FULL SWING

April 17, 2005, our Gateway's Miracle Campaign was in full swing. Dean Belknap specifically prayed for us to encourage one another in this campaign while Kyle Wewe discussed their family's financial sacrifice.

Randy Thomas delivered an outstanding sermon titled "In God We Trust." He asked if these words were merely stamped on our coins or stamped on our hearts. Randy reviewed the Acts 2 story of the 3000 baptized at Pentecost. He concluded with two insightful reminders:

1. *The same God who started the church at Pentecost is planting the church here in Gilbert.*
2. *An **uncommon** use of money can lead many to a **common** Lord.*

PRAYER VISITS

The Prayer Visits are ongoing. To be successful we will need the support and prayers of every member of the Gateway Family. The goal, therefore, is to visit each home. Rod Drake is coordinating this effort. You can contact Rod at (480) 813-5407.

OUR GOALS

Seed.....	\$500,000
Harvest.....	\$750,000
Miracle.....	\$1,000,000



TITHES, OFFERINGS AND ALMS

In the Adult Bible Class this Sunday, Mark reviewed types of Biblical giving and reminded us that God loves us when we cheerfully give. Nowadays the tithes (or 10% contributions) is to be considered a standard or example of where our giving should start.

Giving can be:

- **Church Contribution-** as an example a tenth of what passes under your rod go to the Lord's storeroom- or the church.
- **Offerings-** may go to the church or other ministries as God directs you.
- **Alms-** given to the poor.

In conclusion our giving should be done cheerfully. Here are a few closing thoughts:

- Christian giving is a supernatural act of God in our lives.
- It is God's grace and love that will give us the ability to give and share according to what He's given us.
- Christian giving is to be more:
 - Delight than drudgery
 - Privilege than pressure
 - Anticipation than anxiety.

Next week Mark's lesson is on "Belonging to a Fellowship." Class begins at 9:30 sharp, so get there on time to come in with your donut and coffee!

STEERING COMMITTEE

Kyle Wewe	<i>Program Director</i>
Randy Thomas	<i>Minister</i>
Annette VanSant	<i>Program Coordinator</i>
Doug White	<i>Spiritual Life Director</i>
Thomas Aduddell	<i>Communications Director</i>
Rod Drake	<i>Canvass Director</i>
Karen Yeager	<i>Banquet Director</i>
Jason Bolton	<i>Follow Up Director</i>

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 1	Victory Banquet 6:00 p.m. Trilogy Clubhouse <i>Please plan to attend!</i>
May 8-14	Commitment Visits
May 15	Victory Sunday
May 22	Commitment Giving Begins

KINGDOM ASSIGNMENT

This Sunday we heard from Charlene Butler and Deanna Gray. Charlene sent out letters to tell others about the work here at Gateway. Some who received letters sent money to the campaign. Deanna bought baking goods and made cookies. She delivered these cookies to neighbors, sharing the good news of Jesus and the work at Gateway. Both ladies used their funds to open doors and discuss the gospel with others. We have three more people still on Kingdom Assignments and will hear from them in the upcoming weeks. Pray the kingdom will be furthered by their efforts.