

our Family

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS / PRAISES:

Martha Poll Nephew, Paul - brain cancer

RECENT REQUESTS:

Janet Skilling - double pneumonia and heart disease concerns

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Health - lone Hall, Jackie Smith, Sandy Good, Brennen Croskery, Dwight & Marlene Nash, Sharon Ring, Noah Cooke, Bob Burnside, Marion Post, By Baylis; Unspoken Marriages, Homebound, Kids Hope

MILITARY:

Ryan Poll, Jim Freeman, Nick Freeman, Cash Webb, Matt Hertz, Luke Betts, Jon Ring, Tim Batchelor, Jon Ring Jr, Andrew Mitchell, Cavan Martin, Jonathon Good, Gary Good, and Aaron Burnside

We would love to pray for you! All you need to do is fill out the "Please Pray for Me" section of the Communication Card in this bulletin, or go to GainesChurch.org/Prayer.

pictures Needed

VETERANS AND FAMILY: On May 15 we will be having a patriotic themed dinner. We would like to have pictures of our veterans and active duty service members. Please help us honor these patriots. We would like 5x7's but other sizes are ok too. Please place the pictures in the foyer mailbox labeled "R. Cisler." Pictures will be returned.

our Spaces

AUDITORIUM: The big hexagon shaped room in the main facility. This is where worship gatherings are held.

FELLOWSHIP HALL: This room can be found up 3 stairs to the north of the main entrance/foyer. This is where adult Sunday classes are held, and where refreshments are available on Sunday. Children begin here for our Wednesday Kids Club. A variety of other gatherings meet here.

LOWER LEVEL: The Lower Level can be accessed from both the east and west sides of the Fellowship Hall. Children's ministry activities take place in this kid-friendly area.

STUDENT CENTER: Our Student Center building is across the parking (east). Student ministries (6th-12th grade) take place out here.

THE COVE: This is a relaxed setting in the back of the auditorium. The Cove is open during our 11:00 gathering and for other various meetings.

getConnected

NEW OPPORTUNITY - WOMEN'S RETREAT - Don't miss out on our first women's retreat on May 13th & 14th. We will be going to a nearby cottage on a lake. Plan to meet at the church and carpool at 6:30 P.M. Cost is \$5.00. Sign up via your communication card to reserve your May 13th spot. Please bring a snack to share. There will be an engaging, humorous bible study by Chonda Pierce, a women's craft, brunch, and a time of fellowship. Questions? Contact Chris Weingate : 616-318-7088.

ATTN HOME - BASED BUSINESS OWNERS On Saturday June 25, 2011 we will have a Home - Based Business Benefit Fare for the Adult Mission Trip to Panama. We are looking for home business owners that are willing to participate in this benefit and donate a portion of their profits from the day to the mission trip. The event is open to Gaines Church attendees and non-attendees. Questions or Sign Up? Contact Gerry Smith at 616-889-0806.

MEGA SPORTS CAMP June 13th - 17th at the DuncanLake Middle School. Check your communication card for a list of ways you can help serve. Questions? Contact Krista Noyes: 616-698-8252 x17 or GainesChurch.org/Contact.

GAINES MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP will be holding their annual 2nd Best Sale May 5th & May 6th in the Student Center. You can drop off your donations this coming Tuesday April 26th - Friday April 29th 10:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. Call ahead for other hours. Your donations are what make this sale a success every year. Remember your junk may be treasure to someone else. We will let you know when you can start dropping off your donations.

PARADE OF HOMES Gaines Missionary Fellowship is looking for volunteers to staff a parade of home location on May 27th - June 11th. The house is located off 108th street near Patterson. Sign ups coming soon.

WOMEN'S EXERCISE CLASS Starting May 9th at 7:00PM in the Student Center. A variety of workout videos such as Zumba, Jillian Michaels, P90X, and Insanity will be used. Classes are twice/week, Monday and Thursday nights. No sign up required.

Serving Opportunity CAL- PLEX Grand Opening on May 7th. Volunteers are needed in many areas such as selling raffle tickets, traffic control, face painting, games, and many more. Request more information via your Communication Card.



Can you imagine what it would have meant to you growing up to have an adult friend who totally, absolutely, believed in you? Someone who encouraged you and kept telling you that you counted, that you could do it? If you can imagine what that would have felt like, then you can understand how important the impact of Kid's Hope truly is in the life of a child.

Mr. Rich has been pouring that kind of encouragement into his little kid for the past three years. Griffin trusts his mentor and feels he can talk to him about anything. He knows Mr. Rich will be there to help him through the frustration he sometimes feels with academics. He will be there to share laughs and to just be a faithful friend.

They have a prayer partner who prays for them continually. His name is Rich, too. Can you imagine what it means to have someone always praying just for you?! We may never know the unseen battles that have been won. But we know there is great power in prayer and that is why we are always asking to be remembered in YOURS!



WHAT IS FUTURE TENSE? Future Tense is our building program designed to expand our crowded foyer, increase our nursery area, add office space, remodel our restrooms, and "refresh" the entire exterior of our building.

FUTURE TENSE PLEDGE CARD You can help raise money for the building project by pledging a dollar amount to the building fund. Pledges can be made by completing the "Future Tense" card located at the InfoCenter and placing it into the offering plate.

community groups

Community Groups are small gatherings that come together to build relationships, grow in Christ, and serve the community. Our Community Group Spring Cycle runs from May 1st - June 11th. Up to 20 people can sign up for a group. We will inform you via the bulletin when a group is closed to sign ups. To sign up for a group, please enter the code on your Communication Card and drop it in the offering plate. For more information, please see the Community Booth in the foyer.

CodeCG01

Place for kids
 Has pets

Thursdays 6:30 P.M.
Facilitators:
Randy & Chris Weingate

Fully Alive by James Robinson and Beth Moore. This study focuses on how to step into a life of freedom and fullness in Christ.

CodeCG02

Place for kids
 Has pets

Sundays 6:00 P.M.
Facilitators:
Julia McKenna
Kelly and Angie Burnside

Being a Disciple Counting the Cost by Kay Arthur. Arthur helps us understand the difference between a true follower of Christ and others who merely call themselves "Christian."

CodeCG03

Place for kids
 Has pets

Thursdays 6:00 P.M.
Facilitators:
Jerry & Marielos Good

Grace Based Parenting by Tim Kimmel. Tim Kimmel presents how to create a grace-based home where one parents as God parents us.

CodeCG04

Place for kids
 Has pets

Tuesdays 7:00 P.M.
Facilitators:
Dan Koller
Keith Elliott
Twentysomethings

Various articles from relevantmagazine.com designed to stimulate discussion on contemporary issues.

our Week April 24 - May 1

TODAY - Services 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

- 10:00 A.M. Sunday Classes
Adults / FH / CANCELED
Baptism Class / Main Office / CANCELED
Kids / LL - Classrooms / CANCELED
Students / LL - Dan's Office / CANCELED
- 11:00 A.M. Rockin' Sunday Kids Service / Prschl - 4th grade / FYR
- 5:00 P.M. Evening Study / AUD / CANCELED
- 6:00 P.M. Imago Dei High School Student Group / CANCELED

MONDAY

- 7:00 P.M. Prayer Gathering / CVE

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study / FH
- 6:30 P.M. The Rock Kids Group / FH
- 6:30 P.M. Roots Middle School Student Group / SC

SATURDAY

- 9:00 A.M. Community Group Facilitator Event / SC

NEXT SUNDAY

- 8:30 A.M. **Traditional Morning Service** / AUD
- 10:00 A.M. Sunday Classes
Adults / FH / SC
Kids / LL - Classrooms
Students / LL - Dan's Office
- 11:00 A.M. Rockin' Sunday Kids Service / Prschl - 4th grade / FYR
- 11:00 A.M. **Contemporary Morning Service** / AUD
- 5:00 P.M. Evening Study / 5:00 P.M. / AUD
- 6:00 P.M. Imago Dei High School Student Group / SC

FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

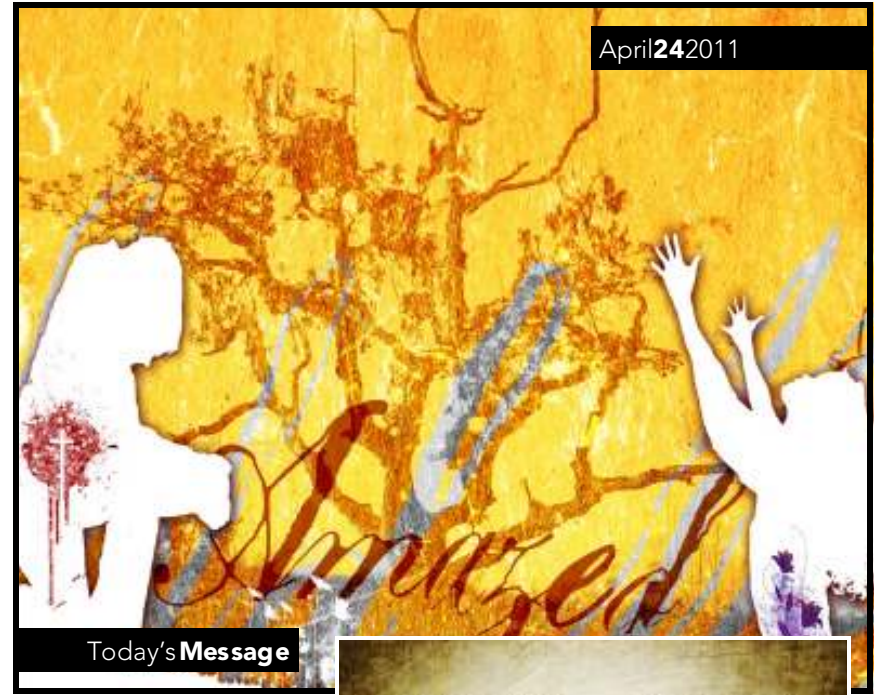
- May 4 Mothers Day Dinner / Wednesday 6:00 P.M.
- May 5-6 2nd Best Sale / Start collecting your donations
- May 15 Patriotic Dinner / Sunday 12:15 P.M.
- May 21 50's Diner (Student Missions Trip Fundraiser) / Sunday 12:15 P.M.
- June 13-17 Mega Sports Camp / Monday - Friday 5:50 - 8:30 P.M.
- June 22 Father's Day Dinner / Wednesday 6:00 P.M.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Bible Study / Starting in June

Greetings

THANKS FOR BEING WITH US. Today you're our guest. So, sit back relax, and enjoy a cup of coffee. Our services begin at 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Each service is programmed with music, media, and a bible-based teaching. During the 11:00 A.M. service, infant nursery is available in our foyer. Kids preschool—4th grade are welcome to attend our Rockin' Sunday Kids Service, designed specially for them—follow the signs in the foyer. Introduce yourself to us by completing a Communication Card located in the bulletin. Dig deeper into who we are, by picking up an "Information Packet" at the InfoCenter and by checking us out at www.GainesChurch.org.



April 24 2011

Today's Message

Starting Next Sunday

How do I maintain focus when life gets tough?

