

# Gateway CHURCH



## Summer '10

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### A REFLECTION ON ATTITUDES

In the process of looking at our attitudes over the last few weeks, my attention has really been caught by a couple of verses from Colossians. First of all, it was 3:16, which John asked us to address in our LifeGroups when he preached on 'a gracious attitude'. Though the focus of this was on admonishing and correcting, I was very grateful in our group when Al pointed out that the main emphasis was on letting 'the Word of Christ dwell in you richly'. Everything else would stem from that. And then Mike spoke from 2:6 this last Sunday, mentioning continuing to live in Christ Jesus as Lord- again, stressing the Word (with Jesus as the physical form of it) as what we need to concentrate on if we wish to 'overflow with thankfulness'. This has really spoken to me about my need to stay rooted and built up in him, which is only possible if I am in daily contact with my Lord and Saviour. As was pointed out early on, we cannot expect to have a great attitude if we do not attempt to do so in the power of the Holy Spirit- we certainly cannot anticipate managing to achieve this on our own, in our own strength.

As a result, much of this message has been about weakness- once more, something that has

really spoken to me. John's message on pride was a particularly powerful one, and one that I took to heart. We are weak and fragile jars of clay, and every speaker has felt more powerfully than ever their own shortcomings in the light of what they were planning to preach on. As Dan said at the start of 'a responsible attitude', he wanted to run away from it. I suspect we all felt like that at some point, and, consequently, probably got more out of the preparation of our talk than the body got out of listening to it. So prayer and the Holy Spirit are a daily requirement, as is the Word, if we are to have any success in changing our attitudes.

The final element struck me on my way into work this morning: the transformational power of these messages. As an aggressive driver tried to worm her way past me, and I tried to block her off for no better reason than that she was irritating, I remembered what we had been studying for the last few weeks. Not that that felt particularly positive as she drove past me rooting in her handbag for make-up; but it was at least some minor demonstration of a gracious attitude on my part. This was a small thing; but it is the small things that, when acted on repeatedly in the power of God, become life-changing habits. We just need to keep a constant watch on ourselves... but that's another sermon series altogether!

Nathan Bulley



There's a principle in life that whatever we honour flourishes. So it's good to affirm and celebrate the good qualities that we see in people's lives; qualities like a servant heart, being an encourager, making progress, being faithful. And of course, the important quality of not taking ourselves too seriously! The Awards Night on Saturday 10th July is a great opportunity to get together to celebrate God's life at work among us as a church family. Don't miss it!

**MISSION SUPPORT** Kat Adie is in Romania this Summer, doing a bit of practical work and working with the gypsy community. Louise Manning is going to Ghana for 2 weeks working in a project that is linked with New Life Baptist Church in Northallerton working in a children's home helping to train teachers there. In addition to praying for them there are two ways they would appreciate our support.

- Jackie would appreciate any donation of items she can sell for a car boot sale she is having to raise funds for them
- Louise is collecting white ankle socks and white vests for children aged 7-13 years until 20 July.



The country of Zimbabwe is suffering from food shortage across several communities. Christian Aid is running a project to give communities access to reliable food sources. The Gateway Bookshop is helping raise funds for this project by selling a book written and produced by a local author, John Eckersley called 'Alphabetting in East Yorkshire'. It is a book of walks in Yorkshire, one for each letter of the alphabet. All profits raised go to this project will be matched tenfold by the EU.

The Gateway Cafe is looking for people who have a little extra time on their hands this summer to volunteer in the cafe. Benefits include Brian's tasty food, serving the community and a lot of good laughter in the kitchen. Please contact Brian or Wendy on 781983 if interested.



**CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY**  
**FRIDAY 1 APRIL - SUNDAY 3 APRIL 2011,**  
 The Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley, West Yorkshire. Prices for the weekend are as follows:

- ADULTS - £95
- STUDENTS - £60
- 12-16 - £55
- 4-11 - £35
- 0-3 - FREE



You can book on to the Weekend Away by returning a booking form, available at the information desk, with a deposit of £10 per person. You can then pay the rest in either a lump sum, or a monthly standing order. Cheques are payable to "Gateway Church". Chris Frost is now confirmed as our speaker.

**NORTH 2010**  
 Thursday 26 - Monday 30 August  
 Join us for the annual newfrontiers conference at Coul Beck Farm, Hutton Rudby. Worship, teaching, prayer, ministry, fellowship, football and even a ceilidh, North 2010 has something for everyone. It's £100 per adult and free for Under 19's. Al Gee will be arriving on site Thursday and serve as the Gateway site co-ordinator again. For more information visit [www.newfrontiers.com-north.org.uk](http://www.newfrontiers.com-north.org.uk)

**Strictly Dance Club** - Saturday 3 July is the last Strictly Dance Club until September, If you would like to practice your moves this Summer there is a CD available at the information point on Sundays for 50p.

**GIVING TO GATEWAY**  
 The work of Gateway Church is supported entirely by the generous giving of its members, Committed, regular giving enable us to plan ahead and budget more efficiently. If you would like to give regularly to the Church, you can do so by completing one of our standing order forms, together with a Gift Aid declaration if you are a UK Taxpayer. Both forms are available at the information table or in the office.



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