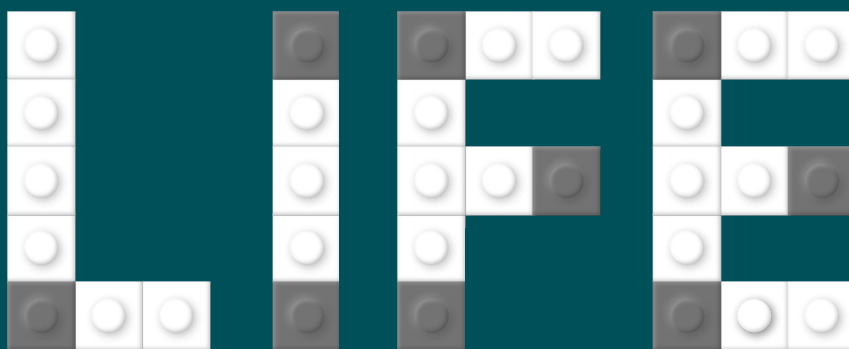


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Connections

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The VISION



Life Connections is a ministry tool of Life Gate International- connecting, growing and building the body of Christ up in love as every joint supplies.

Ephesians 4:15b, 16

"And Christ . . . from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love."

God brings people together to have a greater impact for his Kingdom purposes than any of us could ever have on our own. Our heart is to help every person find their place of belonging within the body and be equipped to serve and minister alongside others with joy and fulfillment in Christ.

We pray that through the pages of this booklet, you feel a stirring to connect, to receive and to pour out, enabling every joint to supply and every part of His Body to be built up in love and strengthened to fulfill and declare His plans and purposes.

Come to worship | Come to pray | Come to Life

How to CONNECT



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1

Look through this booklet.

You will find several sections, with connection opportunities for every age between the months of February and April.



2

Find where you want to connect.

Read the descriptions, check out the dates, and ask the Holy Spirit where he would have you connect for this season!



3

Fill out your connection form.

There is a Connection Form at the end of this booklet, as well as an ONLINE VERSION linked on the very last page. There are also extra copies at the welcome counter in the foyer.

Ongoing SERVICES & EVENTS

These are ongoing, scheduled opportunities for anyone to connect with other believers. You do not need to sign up or RSVP- just come!

Life Gate
EACH WEEK



SUNDAY

Prayer Service
9-9:45 AM



SUNDAY

Regular, weekly service
All ages
Classes available for ages 2-12
Starts at 10:15 AM



WEDNESDAY

Prayer & Intercession Meeting
Weekly
Ages 18+
9:30 AM - NOON



FRIDAY

Gateway Youth
Weekly
Ages 12-18
7-9:00 PM

Ongoing

SERVICES & EVENTS

SUNDAYS AT LIFE GATE

We are an apostolic center with a prime directive of worship and intercession. Our gatherings are spirit-led, and somewhat different every week, but we are purposeful and deeply committed to hosting times and events that will result in lives being changed. Whether you are with us in person or connecting through our Livestream on YouTube, we are grateful for your support, faithfulness, and love.

9-9:45 | Prayer Service

9:45-10:15 | Coffee & Community

10:15-12:00 | Worship & The Word



Prayer Service

Every Sunday morning we have a prayer service from 9:00-9:45. We use this time to operate as the Ecclesia- a spiritual governing body. Each prayer service is led by someone different, and accompanied by a Psalmist, who lays an atmosphere of worship to support the prayer and intercession being released during this time. This is open to anyone to join. Every service is slightly different, covering a variety of topics, as led by the Holy Spirit.

Coffee & Community

Between our prayer service and regular Sunday worship time, we have an open time of community & fellowship. The Kairos Cafe is open during this time as well. You can grab a cup of coffee and spend time with other believers before worship begins at 10:15.

Worship & The Word

Beginning at 10:15 is our regular Sunday service, with worship & a message. Worship leaders and those who are delivering the word may vary from week to week, but what will remain the same is our purpose- spirit-led worship, prophetic release, scriptural teaching, generational ministry, and hosting the presence of the Lord.

Children's Class info on next page

NEXT GENERATION *Ministries*

Classes, ministry and opportunities that allow all children and youth to know God's love personally, build friendships with others who are Christ-followers and experience Him at their stage of development and spiritual understanding.



Nursing Mothers Room

We have a designated Nursing Mothers Room for any mothers who would like a quiet space to feed their baby. It is not required or asked that you only nurse your baby in this space, however for those who prefer that privacy, it is available during our services. There are comfortable chairs, and service is streamed into that room so you can stay connected to what's going on in the sanctuary. Please access this space through the Children's Check-In room, to the left.

Nursery: Ages 0-18 months

Our nursery space and changing table area are available for parents to use during the service. The service is streaming in that classroom so that you may stay engaged and listen to worship or the message while changing a diaper or allowing a busy little one to play. We do not currently have a staffed, check-in nursery where you can leave your baby.

Early Childhood: Ages 18 months - Kindergarten

Meets weekly on Sunday morning. Includes an age-based lesson, interactive crafts, and activities. Located on the lower level. Enter through Children's Check-In.

Kingdom Kids: 1st grade through 6th grade

Meets weekly on Sunday mornings. They participate in the sanctuary for worship and then are dismissed for age-based Bible teaching and training, equipping them spiritually for their own personal walk with God and to be ready to serve and integrate into areas of service as part of the Life Gate body.

Gateway Youth: 12-18 years.

Meets weekly on Friday nights. See info on Gateway Youth page

Kairos CAFE

Coffee With A Cause

Open on Sunday mornings, from 9:00-10:15 AM

Who doesn't love Jesus, coffee and community?!

The purpose of Kairos Cafe is to

1. Welcome people as they come to Life Gate
2. Serve and connect with others
3. Reach out to the community



Welcome

When guests arrive at Life Gate it is our desire that after they are greeted at the door, they can get a free cup of coffee. Anyone at Life Gate can have coffee as well, we simply ask for a suggested donation of \$1 per cup, however many people give more than that as they sow into community outreach.

Serve and connect

On Sundays, the Kairos Cafe is a great place to chat with your church friends, play a game of Tic Tac Toe with your kids, or chat with one of our volunteer baristas. Throughout the week, the Kairos Cafe space is also utilized in many ways by our Life Gate Mama's group, Homeschool Co-Op, and as a work space for our staff.

Community

All proceeds above the cost of running the cafe go to non-profit ministries & outreach causes, to link arms with them and be able to sow into what they are doing in the earth. In 2023, all of our profits will go towards Hope Of The Ozarks.

Hope Of The Ozarks

Hope Of The Ozarks is a Christian summer scholarship camp uniquely designed to meet the needs of children of prisoners. It began as a small, rustic camp in 2004, and has steadily grown since. Each summer they have over 100 volunteers who cook meals, wash dishes, help with crafts, play games, and are just there for the kids. Hope Of The Ozarks is directed by Josh & Julia Cullom, who attend Life Gate as a part of our online congregation each week.

Ongoing SERVICES & EVENTS

WEDNESDAY PRAYER & INTERCESSION

The calling of this group is to undergird Life Gate, our City, Region and Nation. We also partner with other national and international prayer ministries for various assignments.

Each gathering includes communion, sharing, listening to, and praying with the Holy Spirit to release the heart, purposes and plans of Heaven in accordance with the Word.

9:30 AM - NOON

Every Wednesday*

*No gathering on November 22



GATEWAY YOUTH

John 10:8-11

I am the Gateway. To enter through me is to experience life, freedom, and satisfaction. A thief has only one thing in mind- he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect- life in its fullness until you overflow! I am the Good Shepherd who lays down my life as a sacrifice for the sheep.

Gateway Youth Ministries exists to lead the next generation to The Gateway- Jesus. The enemy has been out to steal, slaughter, and destroy this generation for too long. He has been after their hearts, their lives, and their identities, but God has called us to point the next generation to the One who created them, from whom their identity comes from; the One who lays down His life for them; the One who is calling them to their purpose and destiny.

Ages 12-18

7:00-9:00 PM, Every Friday



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CLASSES

& Events

The following classes and events are for the fall trimester only. Some may repeat throughout the year, but not all. If you are feeling led to be a part, don't hesitate! These are classes and events that the Holy Spirit has led us to for this season.

CLASSES

& Events

CPR/First Aid Training

We will be re-certifying our staff members and children's ministry leaders in emergency CPR and first aid this fall, but there are remaining spots available in our class. If you would like to be certified to perform CPR or help in an emergency, or you have already been trained but would like to re-certify, this is a great opportunity.

Katie Page, from "Ready, Train, Go" will be teaching our class. At the conclusion, all participants will be certified through the American Red Cross.



Our class is a BLENDED class style, to honor everyone's time and busy schedules. All participants will need to do approximately 2.5 hours of pre-course work on their own, online, beforehand. This allows us to keep the Saturday, in-person portion of the class only 2.5 hours as well.

Link to register directly with "Ready, Train, Go" will be sent out ASAP to anyone who is interested, on a first come first serve basis.

DATE: Saturday, September 23

TIME: 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

WHO IS IT FOR: Anyone who wants to be CPR certified

COST/SUPPLIES: \$40 per person, paid when you register online

Keep in mind- the sooner you register, the sooner you can start on the required, 2.5 hrs of pre-course work.

CONTACT PERSON: Kourtney Owens

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CLASSES

& Events

Women's Fall Book Study

"The problem with lies is they often don't sound like lies. They seem harmless, and even sound right. So what's a Mama Bear to do when her kids seem to be absorbing the culture's lies uncritically?"



Women, as the mama bears of our community, we have to be able to teach, lead, and encourage our children, grandchildren, and young ones in the body of Christ. If we do not teach them what Christianity is and what the Bible says, then by default we are handing that responsibility over to the world. And it's not just corrupt universities teaching un-Biblical worldviews. The American Research Group has found that 11% of those who have left the Church have done so during college years. Almost 90% of them were lost in middle school and high school. We have work to do. Not just the mamas... but the grandmas, aunts, and spiritual mothers too!

Join the Life Gate Ladies in a book study of Mama Bear Apologetics. Each woman should purchase the book on her own, or you can give money to Kourtney to purchase for you. You will read 2 chapters a week and then we will come together every Sunday to discuss what we read, ask questions, and pray together.

The heart behind this is to NOT have only one age demographic represented. Just as we honor every generation at Life Gate, we want that to carry over into this women's book study and honor what each generation brings to the table that we can learn from!

We will have different women host this in their homes, rotating our host each week. This should allow for many different locations and opportunities to get to know each other on a more personal level. We can meet and carpool at Life Gate each week, as needed. If you are interested in hosting one week, please contact Kourtney.

DATE: Sundays, weekly for 8 weeks: September 24-November 12

TIME: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

WHO IS IT FOR: Women ages 16+

COST/SUPPLIES: Book is \$12 on Amazon. Can buy on your own or give Kourtney money to purchase for you

CONTACT PERSON: Kourtney Owens

k.walker.owens@gmail.com

CLASSES

& Events

The Chosen Bible Study: Season Two

"I was one way, and now I am completely different, and the thing that happened in between was Him." Join us as we watch an episode of season 2 of The Chosen each week, then learn about the scriptural background, historical and cultural background, and how it applies to our lives!



Join us in person every Wednesday. All who attend will have the chance to win fun prizes,

as they participate in Q&A discussions led by leaders at Life Gate. There will be one email sent per week, with Bible Study materials. All prep and Deep Dive info is optional, but will be a powerful addition to this Bible Study.

We will skip Wednesday, November 22 (Thanksgiving week) and watch the final episode on November 29. Then, we will celebrate with Christmas cookies & Hot cocoa on December 6, while we watch both Christmas episodes together!

DATE: Wednesday, October 4 through Wednesday, December 6

*No Bible Study/episode on November 22

TIME: 6:30-8:00 PM

WHO IS IT FOR: All ages *

Parental discretion is advised, to know whether your child can handle some of the intense moments (demons, etc)

COST/SUPPLIES: No cost! You will receive a folder & papers each week.

If you have a Season 1 Folder, bring that back with you to add to.

CONTACT PERSON: Kourtney Owens

k.walker.owens@gmail.com

CLASSES

& Events

Discover Life Gate- SATURDAY CLASS

Have you ever wondered WHY we do the things we do? Or maybe you have asked yourself what exactly the beliefs of Life Gate are? Perhaps you are thinking you'd like to have a deeper understanding of things like... worship, prayer, flags, tithing/giving? And what in the world is an apostle?

Discover Life Gate is a free, informational class for new church families and also for all of us who have called Life Gate home for any length of time, so we can review and celebrate who God has called us to be and why we do what we do here.

The fall Discover Life Gate opportunity is a one-day, in-person class on Saturday, October 14. Those who register will receive a Discover Life Gate binder with all class materials when they arrive. Lunch will be provided, courtesy of Life Gate. Additionally, childcare will be provided in our preschool classroom.

This class is a prerequisite for volunteering in ministries at Life Gate. If you are currently serving in an area and have not yet taken this class, we would love for you to join us this fall.

We hope to help lots of you learn all about Life Gate. We aren't just a church. We are an apostolic center with a prime directive of worship and intercession. We are a house of connection, joy, and laughter. We are a generational fellowship that honors what every individual brings to the Body of Christ.

Come to worship... come to pray... come to DISCOVER LIFE!

DATE: Saturday, October 14

TIME: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

WHO IS IT FOR: New families at Life Gate

Anyone serving at Life Gate, or who would like to serve

CONTACT PERSON: Kourtney Owens

k.walker.owens@gmail.com

CHILDCARE AND LUNCH PROVIDED



CLASSES

& Events

Men's Event at Top Golf

Join the Life Gate men for an afternoon of golf and friendly competition at Top Golf. Price range will depend on how many men sign up. Please sign up no later than Sunday, October 8 so that we can book lanes.

DATE: Saturday, November 11

TIME: 1:00 PM

WHO IS IT FOR: Men ages 12+

COST: \$15-25, depending on sign ups

CONTACT PERSON: Michael Owens

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Tree Of Life Homeschool Cooperative

The Tree Of Life mission is to partner with and support local homeschool families in supplementing their core curriculum choices through group enrichment and unit study-based learning for ages 4 through 18. We work together as parents to provide an open study hall for half of the day as well as age-based learning.

DATE: Every Tuesday - Thursday

TIME: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

WHO IS IT FOR: Homeschooling families

COST/SUPPLIES: Varies based on ages of children

CONTACT PERSON: Kourtney Owens

treeoflifehomeschoolco.op@gmail.com

No need to register on your Connection Form for Co-Op, please email if interested in joining.

CLASSES

& Events

"Freedom 101" WEEKEND Class

Many people come to Jesus and accept Him as their personal Savior, but do not grasp their new identity in Christ, feel that they can hear the voice of God, understand the many lies and blockages of the enemy from past wounds and traumas or know how to find the deeper healing and spiritual transformation that they are seeking. This class is intended to equip and empower both the newer believer and the more mature believer with spiritual and practical tools for healing and living a life of freedom in Christ. It also lays the foundation for those desiring to minister to others in prayer and on personal ministry teams. This class is led by Linda Barnes, Carrie Green, & Glenda Walker.

DATE: Friday, November 3 - Saturday, November 4

TIME: Friday at 6:30 PM, Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

WHO IS IT FOR: Those desiring spiritual growth, freedom, training for ministry

COST/SUPPLIES: First time attendees: \$40 includes binder, materials and lunch
Alumni: \$15 covers lunch & updated materials for your binder

CONTACT PERSON: Carrie Green
cybbookkeeping@gmail.com



Freedom Prayer Ministry Appointments

WHEN: 1-2 evenings per month, by appointment

WHO IS IT FOR: Anyone desiring ministry or to continue their freedom journey

CONTACT PERSON: Carrie Green
cybbookkeeping@gmail.com

www.lifegatestl.com/freedom-prayer-ministry

No need to register on your Connection Form for Healing Rooms, please see website if interested.

THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to read through this booklet. This is a snapshot of Life Gate at this time. God brings different groupings together within the Body during different seasons.

If you don't see something listed for this trimester, please know that it doesn't mean we don't think it's important or wouldn't be open to it. We wait on the Lord, ask Him what He is doing in each season. We also desire to have a 3-stranded cord in every area, so that our ministry areas are strong and people are undergirded by one another. So sometimes we have to wait until more people are in place

If you have an idea of a group or ministry you would like to see at Life Gate and are willing to be a part of the prayer, planning, serving and/or leading of that group or ministry, there is opportunity to share that at the end of the Discover Life class, or you may email us at lifegatestl@gmail.com. Please know that it may include a waiting/envisioning process, but our desire is to support that which God is birthing.

Here are the pre-requisites for leading a Life Group or ministry . . .

- Born again and walking a Spirit-filled and Spirit-led life
- Feel called to Life Gate and have a desire to grow and serve in the house
- Have attended Discover Life class, Spiritual Transformation/Inner Healing Class and attended Life Gate for six months (or three months with leadership permission).
- Willing to co-labor, honor and serve with others at Life Gate
- Have a heart for God, worship, prayer and people

Connection FORM

Please fill out the form(s) on our website for the events you are interested in for this fall trimester. If you prefer to use paper, you can find this connection form in the welcome center at Life Gate and turn into Heather or Kourtney.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

EVENTS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

- CPR/First Aid Training
- Women's Book Study
- The Chosen, Season Two Bible Study
- Discover Life Gate, Weekend Class
- Men's Event at Top Golf
- Inner Healing, Weekend Seminar

*Homeschool Co-Op and Freedom Prayer Ministry Appointments are separate, ongoing ministries at Life Gate. Please email the contact person for the specific ministry you are looking for, or visit their individual pages on our website to get connected with those.

Head to www.lifegatestl.com and click on LIFE CONNECTIONS, under the RESOURCES tab to find a digital version of this booklet, as well as the link to sign up for these events online. You can also use this QR code below:

