

## **CONNECT WITH US**

The mission of Gateway Church is to help people explore God and become a unified community of growing, multiplying Christ followers.

One of our values is to Live Connected. Living connected is at the intersection of belonging, growing, healing and serving, and all of Gateway's groups reflect each of these values in distinct ways.

Maybe you've come to Gateway one time or you've been visiting for a while. You may still be checking out Gateway or you may be ready to take a next step and have questions.

Starting Gate is your first step. This booklet has information about Gateway Groups so you can explore connecting in community.





Starting Gate is the first step to get connected at Gateway. You will have an opportunity to meet others, meet some of the Gateway staff and hear more about how to take a step into community. You'll also learn more about Gateway Church, the story of how it started, the values, and have an opportunity to ask questions. Starting Gate is all about getting started with us at Gateway because we truly believe life worth living happens when people are connected with others, doing life together in community.

Scan here to sign up for the next Starting Gate at your campus:







Finding a place to belong is key to living connected at Gateway. Belonging may be found in all areas of connection at Gateway, but Belong Groups are designed for you to build community with others who are exploring God. By getting to know people who are also seeking to know God, you can learn to experience life to the fullest, be more of who God created you to be, and learn to love God and others more intentionally. Belong Groups meet together around a shared affinity or age group, and they meet on a regular basis or host special events at a Gateway campus.

> Scan here to learn more about Belong Groups:









"Every aspect of my life has been impacted by belonging at Gateway Church. I have grown in my spiritual life and have gained an amazing community of friends. Through volunteering, we have been able to give back in a personal way to others at the church. By belonging at Gateway, I have been able to approach everyone I meet with the love, acceptance, and understanding that I experienced at Gateway."



At Gateway, we believe that everyone has an important story, even if life's journey has taken you to less than ideal places. Heal Groups offer opportunities to those seeking hope, healing, and restoration. If you are struggling with addiction, loss, abuse, divorce, or relational brokenness – there is a group for you in Gateway's Heal program. In Heal Groups, we value anonymity and space to be in process. Some of these groups may be ongoing, such as the Restore 12-step program. There are also short-term groups that are focused on setting healthy boundaries, building healthy marriages, coping with loss, and other groups designed to address particular areas of struggle.

Scan here to learn more about Heal Groups:









"Connecting with others in Restore has deepened my faith and opened my eyes to the unconditional love God has for all of us."



Grow Groups help you deepen your knowledge of and relationship with God. Whether you're new to faith or a deepening Christ-follower, there is a Grow Group for you. Some of these groups are designed around asking the big questions in life or increasing your understanding of the Bible. Grow Groups are fundamental to Gateway's belief that authentic community is essential to developing personally and spiritually. Community Groups are short-term groups that create space to belong in community, encounter Jesus, and live on purpose. Some groups may last for a longer period of time with the intention of maturing in your faith, deepening with Jesus, and developing alongside others.

Scan here to learn more about Grow Groups:









"My experience in Grow Groups at Gateway has enriched my life, my relationships with others, and my relationship with God. I've been challenged to lead with compassion in new ways alongside this community that feels like family."



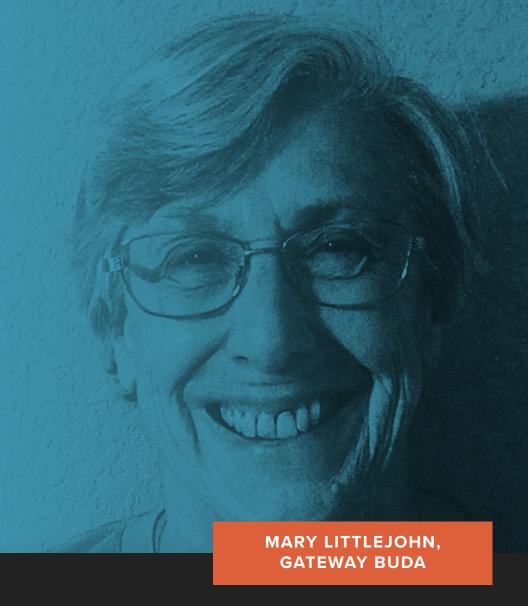
Serving others with others is one of the best ways to meet people, make friends, and live connected. There are many groups that serve together - either at a Gateway campus or around the city. Gateway's on-campus Serve Groups include Gateway Kids, Students, Arts & Production, and Guest Experience. Gateway's City-Serve Groups work in the community in various ways including serving refugees, assisting with Gateway's food pantry, meeting with the unhoused population, tending Gateway's community garden, or partnering with local organizations to meet specific needs.

Scan here to learn more about Serve Groups:









"Serving in Restore has had a huge impact in developing a closer relationship with God for myself, as well as being a witness to all of the beautiful changes God is making in the lives of those I'm serving. Being a part of the Guest Experience team gets my Sundays off to a great start because I can share smiles and hugs."



Gateway Kids meets at the same time as the adult Inspire service so every member of your family has intentional time to learn and grow in their faith. Regardless of age, Gateway's goal is that every person who enters the doors feels loved and seen. Children experience fun activities, interactive worship, and small group time to build friendships and ask questions regarding faith. Each child is challenged to grow spiritually in five key areas: Exploring the Bible, Knowing Jesus, Building Character, Belonging, and Changing Your World. At Gateway, Child Dedication and Child Baptism are milestones we celebrate alongside families

> Scan here to learn more about Kids:









"Serving with Gateway Kids is so important in keeping me connected with my church family. Gateway Kids is a place where I feel valued and loved — it's this place where God can use me to bring kids and their families closer to him. I feel such a sense of purpose and belonging, and over the years have grown relationships with so many people I may never have met otherwise."



Gateway Students is a vibrant community of middle school and high school students in grades 6–12. We consider it an honor to walk alongside Gen-Z by providing them a place of their own to have fun, worship as a community, and share their experiences with peers and volunteer leaders during Student small groups. Students who attend any Gateway campus are welcome and encouraged to attend a Gateway Student location most convenient to them.

Scan here to learn more about Students:







## NOAH MARSHALL, GATEWAY SOUTH AUSTIN

"By attending the students program in high school I made lifelong friends, grew in my faith, & made countless memories. After graduating high school I wanted to be part of that for someone else. I've been able to serve in Gateway Students and have watched students make friends, grow in faith, and have experiences to remember forever."

## BROOKS LYBRAND, GATEWAY CENTRAL AUSTIN

"I enjoy serving in students and have been highly impacted by seeing the love the other volunteers have for our students. Even on the weeks when I feel the most tired, the most disinterested in wrangling attention spans and trying to get middle schoolers to open their Bibles, I am always greatly encouraged by my co-leader's smiles, prayers, and love for each and every student."



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