# South Gate Church of Christ

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#### Conversations

## Like apples of gold in settings of silver Is a word spoken in right circumstances. - Proverbs 25:11

What a wonderful day we had on Sunday! It was so nice to experience a full house, and to have so many friends and family come together to worship with us. The singing was wonderful, and the fellowship was heavenly. It was also a good day because of opportunities we had to talk to others about our Lord. This week there have been conversations about those interested in placing membership with us. Individuals have been discussing their interest/need to be baptized into Christ. There have been conversations about visits that have been made and need to be made. There have been all kinds of conversations. My question to you is "Have you had a conversation?" Have you talked to someone about spiritual matters? Have you asked them about their relationship with God? Have you encouraged someone to come to the Lord Jesus with their problems. Have you told a visitor that they are needed here at South Gate? Have you let someone know that you have missed them lately? Have you asked someone what is keeping them from obeying the gospel?

Proverbs 25:11 tells us that words spoken at just the right time are a beautiful and priceless thing. Are you looking for the right words and the right circumstances? If you are, God will lead you into some great conversations. If you are looking to share His will with others, He will open doors for His work(I Corinthians 16:9), and give you the wisdom to find the right thing to say(James 1:5). Let's GO have some conversations that will matter in eternity. May God bless you this week to that end. See you Sunday!

## **Troubled Hearts**

John 12:27-28 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!"

Everything in life is not perfect. We all find ourselves in situations that we did not ask for nor do we want. Often when faced with these occasions our natural desire is to ask God to remove it. When facing the cross, Jesus asked the Father to take "this cup" away from me. He always immediately follow with the statement, "not my will, but yours be done." In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus was deeply troubled. John presents a different perspective than Matthew did. At some point, Jesus said he would not ask to be saved from this hour. What he wanted was for the Father to be glorified.

I would like for us to consider our difficult times like this as well. It is not wrong to ask for the trial to be removed but have you thought about simply asking that God be glorified by what I am going through? Think about asking God to gain strength, to learn lessons to help in the future, to develop patience and endurance or to lean more heavily upon the Lord. Far more can be learned from our troubles than when everything is wonderful. No matter the final outcome, we can praise the Lord when we come to realize that he is with us and he loves us. Let's open our eyes to see how he is involved in even our troubles. By doing this, we will follow the example of Jesus.

John

## **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** OUR MEMBERS

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## WORSHIP LEADERS APRIL 8, 2018

## **SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome	Greg Lusk
Song Leader:	Jerry Wilson
Prayer:	Barry Cross
Lord's Supper: Presiding	
Trent Thomason	Patrick Sullivan
Tracey Wilkins	Eli Cadle
Byran Farris	James Cadle
Austin Winchester	Danny Lasater
Read: 2 Corinthians 5:17	David Thomas
Sermon: A New Life	John Thomas
Announcements/Closing Prayer	Greg Lusk

## SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader	Lenny Davis
Prayer	Jacob Pollard
Read: 1 Samuel 1:9-15	
Sermon: Hannah	John Thomas
Presiding	Tommy Hight
Announcements/Closing Prayer	Mike Lyle

Ushers: Shawn Smothers, Larry Nicholson, Robert Cottrell Greeters: Byran & Rachel Farris, Ed & Jackie Hargrove A/V Operators: Lee Winchester, Austin Winchester Security Team: Chris Mobley & Tom McBee - PM. Chris Mobley & Shaun Townsend

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## WEDNESDAY APRIL 11, 6:30 P.M.

	Song Leader:	Jacob Pollard
	Prayer:	Max Ballard
11	Announcement/Speaker:	Daniel Thomas

A.M.....Alice Williams & Hillary Caldwell