

# South Gate Church of Christ

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**Joe Macer - Speaker**

## Informer



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### Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

*<sup>17</sup>Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. <sup>18</sup>Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,*

**I Timothy 6:17,18**

Every year, I learn something special about South Gate that I didn't fully understand before. This year I have seen and experienced the love and support our graduating students receive. It was so special to see so many members come and wish our seniors well, and give them gifts to help them as they move into the next stage of life. I am sure all our seniors were amazed at the number of people who came to be a part of this special time with them.

As John Allen opened his cards, I reminded him that blessings come to you when you are walking through life with godly people and doing your best to do the Lord's will. I am thankful for John Allen's friends that are in his life because of South Gate. I am thankful for the adults who have taught and encouraged John Allen at South Gate. Most of all, I am thankful for the blessings of God in his life. God is so good to his children.

As I close, I want to thank all of you who brought in shoes for our project with Partners4Africa. It was a great success, and I am sure the great number of shoes that were turned in will help with the Lord's work there. Proverbs 22:9 tells us, "He who has a generous eye will be blessed," and after seeing the work of the Christians at South Gate I see why we are so blessed. See you Sunday!

John

### Remain True To My Name

**Revelation 2:13** *I know where you live - where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city - where Satan lives.*

Christians are called upon to be faithful to death. Would you remain true to the name of Jesus Christ when faced with the threat of death? Pergamum was the city which was the center of emperor worship. Everyone was required to pledge his allegiance to Caesar and to worship him. If a Christian refused to do this then the penalty was death. Antipas was a man placed in this predicament. He was a faithful witness for Jesus Christ. He refused to deny his Lord and worship a mere man. For this reason, men placed him in the image of a bronze bull and lit a fire under it. As the image got hotter and hotter it began to appear as if the bull was breathing and then the screams and moans of Antipas would make it seem as if the bull was doing the moaning. What a horrible method of death devised by Satan to make Christians think about their commitment.

While we are blessed with hardly any situations that cause death in the United States, there are still today places that may require your life if you confess Christ. Is your faith strong enough to remain firm to the end? Thankfully we understand the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Antipas lost his physical life but gained eternal life. This required courage, commitment and determination as well as a deep faith. May we always pray that we will always be a faithful witness for our Lord.

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**OUR MEMBERS**

- Alice Bolton
- Roberta Bolton
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- JoAnn Coleman
- Vera Daniels
- Corrine Goetz
- Tal Gray
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Nell Hood
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Linda Luna
- Helen Lusk
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead
- Patsy Tyree
- Peggy Wilson
- Dorothy Johnson

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

- Georgia Cook** - mother of Jennifer McNeese
- Helen Deen** - mother of Sharon Davis
- Wanda Nix** - sister of Debbie Massey
- Joyce Crowe** - mother of Debbie Massey
- Linda Collier** - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry
- Stormy Lyle** - mother of Mike Lyle
- Dennis Thrasher** - father of Lisa Kelley
- Carolyn Macer** - mother of Joe Macer
- John Cottrell** - brother of Robert Cottrell

**WORSHIP LEADERS MAY 6, 2018**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Richard Farris  
 Song Leader: .....Nathan Hixson  
 Prayer:.....Mike Lyle  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Tommy Hight  
     James Bolton                      Chris Mobley  
     Lenny Davis                       Tommy Skelley  
     Tommy Hood                       David Thomas  
     Jeremy Britt                       John Allen Thomas  
 Read: Colossians 2:12-17.....Bobby Daniels  
 Sermon: Off with the Old.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

**SUNDAY 5:00pm**

**SOUTH GATE YOUTH RALLY**

**5:00pm**

Ushers: Chris Lewis, Barrow Brown, Terry Burgess  
 Greeters: Johnnie Johnson, Randy & Melissa Jones  
 A/V Operator: Lee Winchester, Austin Winchester

Security Team: A.M. Jason Kelley, Ryan Grice - P.M. - Jason Kelley, Jim Anderson

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**NURSERY CARE FOR MAY**

A.M.....Angie Massey

**WEDNESDAY MAY 9 - 6:30 P.M.**

Song Leader: .....Jacob Pollard  
 Prayer:.....Gary Boyd  
 Announcements/Speaker:.....Blair Keeling