

Thoughts from Chris

Investments are an important part of our economy. Imagine for a moment if there was company that made time machines that would guarantee a stable future of our economy, protect our freedoms and provide opportunity and hope for our families. What would happen if no one invested in this company's vision? What if it were left to be forgotten, cast aside because the nation was too busy investing in today? The answer—the guarantee is gone and the vision of the future gets lost. We should have invested in the future.

In a world where guarantees are nothing more than a sales tactic, we need to invest in something that is going to be a sure thing! The future! Our kids! They are the “company” we need to invest in for our nation's future.

You may ask yourself, how could I make a difference in the life of youth? There are several ways but the most tangible is to invest in an organization that is doing what you wish you could do for students if you had the time. This year please make an investment that will last. When you receive your economic stimulus check, think about stimulating the community for generations and give to The Gate. When you get back your tax returns, consider donating some or all of it to the future of this community and the students that will lead it. Give now to stimulate greatness in the community for generations to come.

Chris

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Tutor kids after school
- Hang out with the kids at FUSE
- Be a part of Living a Legacy on 4/11

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In this 4th edition of “Inside The Gate” you’ll find some good news about all of the programs at The Gate as well as a couple of important dates to get on your calendar. Our goal continues to be “*winning, equipping, mentoring and empowering youth.*” Let us know what you think at:

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Building Contractor Chosen

In the (hopefully) near future you will be seeing the logo below on a sign at the construction sight for The Gate. The Leadership Team interviewed three contractors recommended by our architects and, after several long discussions, chose the Joe Sheets Construction company to work with us. They will



work together with our architects, Carlson Veit, to complete the design of the building. By getting them involved at this point they will be able to help create a design that is easier and less expensive to complete. They will also be able to help us in breaking the construction into logical phases. We look forward to working with them.

Teens Gather for Games!

Thursdays after school at The Gate continue to flourish with 35 to 45 students gathering at our present location to play outdoor football and basketball or ping pong, foosball or air hockey inside. Card, board and video games continue to be favorites of the teens and it is great to see students from a variety of high school social and friendship groups participating in all the activities together.

2008 Golf Tournament

Clear your calendar for the 3rd annual "Swing for The Gate" Golf Scramble. The tournament will be held Saturday, August 16 at Oak Knoll Golf Course. Great prizes, great fun, great fellowship and for a great cause. See you there.

Gate Programming at a Glance

Tuesday Church Lunch
Tutoring at CHS
Wednesday Tutoring at CHS
Thursday Tutoring at CHS
FUUSE after school programming

Looking forward to this summer:

A second Summer Service Learning Team of teens providing a variety of assistance to our community.

After School Tutoring

Our after school homework help program at Central High School continues to successfully reach students. The students were pleased with their grades at the semester and are returning for more help this semester...some are even bringing friends. They are feeling more confident with their learning and are eagerly anticipating graduating from high school in the future. Presently we work in collaboration with one CHS staff member and four Western Oregon University students. It is a great partnership that is making a difference in high school students' lives.



**Church
Lunch
Feeds
Hungry
Mouths
and
Souls!**

Come Live a Legacy with Us

We are looking forward to gathering together with you, our friends of The Gate, on April 11th at the Green Villa Barn for our spring event. Please mark the date on your calendar. Plans are being made for a relaxing evening with delicious food, wonderful entertainment, updates and an opportunity to share your human, business or financial resources with The Gate.

April 11th

The Second Gate Gala

Kenti Dance Hall at Green Villa Farms.

Food & Fitness Class

The Foods and Fitness Classes were held three times in the past few months. Once again it was part of a senior class project, with the target audience being athletes. An average of 18 students attended and they were appreciative of the opportunity to learn how to plan and prepare meals. Central Baptist hosted the classes and for the last half hour there was praise team practice in the background as the students ate their meals and visited.

