

Men's Campfire | January 29th

Males of all ages welcome to join us around a campfire to enjoy food and scripture as we journey through the smallest books of the Bible on the last Saturday of every month. The first one will be Saturday, January 29th at 6:30pm at the church. If weather is too cold, we will move indoors. If weather is bad, watch <https://gashland.org/mens-ministry/> for cancellation.

Discipleship Emphasis: Spiritual Disciplines | 2022

Every year as a church we have a discipleship emphasis where we seek to grow as followers of Jesus. For 2022 our aim is to grow in spiritual disciplines. Spiritual disciplines are not things we do legalistically to earn God's favor or to check off a daily box. Instead, spiritual disciplines are the fruit of our walk with Christ. They are habits of grace that through the power of the Holy Spirit help us to grow in our walk with Christ, to depend and trust on Jesus, to enjoy Jesus more deeply, and to become more like Christ, and to dwell in his presence more regularly.

For this reason, we are encouraging you to start this journey with us through daily reading God's Word. We have a recommended bible reading plan that can be found in the lobby and also online at gashland.org/emphasis2022. And then throughout the course of the year we will be emphasizing a variety of other spiritual disciplines, offering opportunities to practice them, and seminars to learn about them.

Prayer Group | Wednesday Nights, 6 pm

Does your heart need prayer? Are you carrying heavy burdens for others? Come and join us on Wednesday Nights from 6-6:45pm as we gather in the lobby outside the chapel to pray.

Financial Peace Resources

Are you interested in learning about long term financial planning? Gashland is offering free legacy planning at your own pace. Sign up here ramseysolutions.com/ramseyplus/hosts/gashlandpresby?pcV546261=&utm_campaign=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=sendpress and navigate to "The Legacy Journey" video series content. Feel free to grab a group of friends and work through the content together!

Endowment Fund Minute | January 2022

How can an Endowment Fund help Gashland fulfill its mission and vision going forward into the future? To do this a church must have adequate resources, both now and into the future. The Annual Budget Campaign and Periodic Capital Campaigns target what is going on in church now.

Two excellent ways to target future resource needs are (1) **Memorial Gifts** and (2) the **Endowment Fund Program**. Both programs are a way for members of the congregation to give to the church in the memory of loved family members and close friends that will be remembered long into the future.

To learn more about how to give to either the Endowment Fund here at Gashland or to Memorial Gifts, contact your financial adviser. You can also contact Finance Team members Phil Josephson (816-582-4450) or Rick Johnson (816-225-1662).



Need Prayer?

Four Ways to Submit Prayer Requests



Communication Card
See back of card



Phone
816.436.3583



Email
myprayer@gashland.org



Online
gashland.org/prayer

Pray for others! Email iwillpray@gashland.org to receive prayer requests or call 816.436.3583 & press 4 for our prayer line!

*For those wishing to access the minutes and reports of the Session and individual Ministry Teams, they are housed at <https://gashland.org/team-reports/>. The password is **gashlandpassword**.*



Gashland News & Events!

Congregational Meeting | January 30th

Gashland Family, on Sunday January 30th we will have our Annual Meeting of Members (Congregational Meeting). This meeting will promptly follow second service in the Ministry Center (approximately 12:15pm). The purpose of the meeting will be to receive the 2022 budget. You can receive a copy of the 2022 budget ahead of time either in the office during the week or on the back tables on Sunday.

2022 Directory | Update Your Information

We are seeking to update our church directory for 2022 and we need your help! Would you please submit or update your information for our 2022 Directory in one of the following ways: 1) Go to gashland.org/directory and update your information and upload a photo of yourself or family; or 2) Go to the table in the lobby and fill out an information form. Then you can submit an updated photo of yourself or your family by emailing it to michael@gashland.org.

***Note: If you do not have an updated photo to submit, but would like one, we will be taking pictures (with an iPhone) on Sunday January 30th in the ministry center lobby during the Sunday school hour.

We strongly encourage everyone to submit a photo or have their photo taken if they do not already have one on file. This is to help our Gashland family connect names with faces! Thanks so much for your help!

Around the Table Coffee Edition

Women's Ministry will be putting a hold on Around the Table for the months of January and February. BUT- since some of us are longing for connection and to get out, there will be two Around the Table Coffee times hosted at the church on Saturday mornings. For those desiring a fellowship break from these long hard months, join us January 22nd and February 19th at 9:30a. No sign ups needed. Breakfast treats will be provided, just bring your favorite cup of coffee in your favorite mug!

Apples of Gold | Women's Ministry

Proverbs 25:11 tells us that "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver". During these short winter days let us take time to shine light and joy into each other's lives with small acts of caring. We will be gathering a list of women who have a desire to receive and/or give "a fitly spoken word" of encouragement (many of us will want to do both!). For the month of February participants will be offering "apples of gold" to one person once or twice a week. Examples include notes, texts, emails, and phone calls. Please email women@gashland.org or call Lisa Miller (816-813-1236) by Sunday, January 23 in order to sign up. You will be contacted for additional information. Matches will be assigned by January 30. This was a huge blessing and success last year and what being in the body of Christ is all about, won't you join us?

Know Your Undershepherd | 2022

One of ways in which God provides His shepherding care to His people is through elders. Elders are described as shepherds in scripture. Or more accurately, they are known as the undershepherds of Jesus who is the Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4). For this reason every member and regular attendee at Gashland is assigned an elder/undershepherd and an undershepherding group. Your elder/undershepherd is there to provide spiritual care for you. One of the primary ways they do this is through prayer. For that reason, your elders, have committed weekly to pray for each of you and monthly to send out an email asking for ways in which they can more specifically pray for you. If you want to know who your undershepherd is you can check out the list at gashland.org or you can go to the office and check the list on the front desk. If you are a member, but have not been assigned an undershepherd please email michael@gashland.org. Thanks!

Winter Sunday School Classes

9:45-10:45 am every Sunday
Dec. 5th - Feb. 27th

First Peter

Teacher: Kelly Dunn
Room: 221

Pray Always

Teacher: Mark Lancaster
Room: Sanctuary

The Women's Class: A Study of Exodus

Teacher: Laura Cooper
Room: 217-218

The Men's Class: Lesser Known Men in the Bible

The Men's Class is a fellowship of men devoted to praying for one another and journeying together as we strive to live out biblically based authentic manhood.

Teacher: Tim Eckerley

Room: Reception Room

Meeting ID for Zoom: 958 2497 5853

Password: 1122

The Gospel of Matthew

Teacher: Mike Brink, Barry Cooper, Peter Marshall, Matt Martinie

Room: Fellowship Hall

Service Opportunities & Donations

Hillcrest Hope Opportunities | 2022

Hillcrest Hope has an especially urgent need for volunteers at the Thrift Store. If you would like to volunteer, go to their website at hillcresthope.org/volunteer-opportunities. For more information, contact Julie Dorset at jdorset@hillcresthope.org.

Gashland Staff Update

Gashland Family, we wanted to give you an update on our staff. Jennifer Thowe, our administration manager for the office, had a need to go back to work full-time and has decided to take a position working at her brother's company. We are excited for Jennifer and for this provision for her family, however, we will certainly miss Jennifer and the bright spot she was at Gashland EPC. Jennifer wants you all to know that she will miss being here and seeing you all!

If you know of someone outside of our church family who may be interested in our administration manager position you can direct them to <https://gashland.org/job-openings/>. Thanks!

Conversations Beginning Late February

Over the past couple of years we've had to adapt and change the way we do things on Wednesday Nights, but we are excited to announce that our regular Conversations will be likely returning in late February! We will announce an official date once we get a little closer. Conversations occur on Wednesday Nights from 6:00-7:45pm. We serve a delicious home cooked meal for all (Children, Students, and Adults) in the Ministry Center at 6:00pm. We then eat and have fellowship with one another from 6:00-6:30pm. At 6:30pm students and children are dismissed for their Wednesday Night activities. Then Adults have a time of teaching, table discussions, and conversations that deal with faith and culture from 6:45-7:45pm. We look forward to kicking off this ministry with you in late February!

Volunteers Needed for Conversations

Wednesday night Conversations will be returning in late February and we are in need of volunteers. Serving is only once a month for about an hour or so. It's a time to meet others, to help fill a desperate need, and most of all to glorify God through your service. Help is needed to set up tables and chairs 5-6pm and clean up in the kitchen after a delicious dinner, 7-8ish. To sign up please contact Diane, at wendyplumb@yahoo.com.