



# The City Gate

To Reclaim, Rebuild and Restore, Lost and Broken Lives

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## September 2018

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SEPTEMBER WILL BE THE LAST PRINTED NEWSLETTER FOR  
THE CITY GATE

There will still be several ways to connect with The City Gate to find out about events, needs, & ways to assist.

With people using social media more to communicate and after deliberation of The City Gate Board of Directors, we have decided to discontinue the printed newsletter. When The City Gate basement flooded and we lost clothes from our Clothing Bank, The City Gate Facebook site was used to express the need for women's clothing. Within 24 hours, several donations came in to assist in re-stocking the Clothing Bank. We would have had to wait weeks before the next newsletter came out with requests for donations. We appreciate the value of the use of social media.

As the Board of Directors, we are charged with being stewards of the resources at The City Gate. After careful deliberation of the budget, we felt this was a financially responsible decision. To securely make a one time or recurring monthly donation online please visit [www.thecitygatespokane.org](http://www.thecitygatespokane.org).

Facebook: The City Gate

Please like and share the Facebook site.



Look for OUR profile picture.

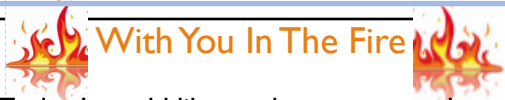
We are not the only City Gate on Facebook.

If you would like a printed newsletter, we will be glad to mail one. Please email: [TheCityGate@qwestoffice.net](mailto:TheCityGate@qwestoffice.net) or call: 455-9670

If you prefer donating by using a check or cash and would like a pre-printed envelope, please contact us and we will mail them to you.

If you have questions about The City Gate and this decision, please contact The City Gate and ask to have a Board member contact you.

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With You In The Fire

Today I would like to share a recent devotional with you that has had a big impact on me personally and now for all of us at The City Gate. This can be found in Wisdom For Today by Chuck Smith for June 11th:

“Look!” he answered, “I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.” Daniel 3:25

“When Daniel’s friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, refused to bow to the image Nebuchadnezzar had set up, the king became furious, and ordered the three to be thrown into the burning furnace. But God always has the last word. Within the furnace, the men were untouched by the flames. When the king opened the furnace, he was startled to see not just three men inside, but four. And that fourth was “like the Son of God.”

Within this story we see a demonstration of the abiding presence of Jesus Christ, who preserves His people through the darkest hours and the fiercest trials. We would like it if God would just keep us from the fire altogether. That would be our preference. But many times He chooses not to do that.

**INSTEAD OF DELIVERING US FROM THE FIRE, GOD MAY CHOOSE TO DELIVER US IN THE FIRE.**

Fire refines. God desires purity in His people, so He

often lets us spend some time in the furnace so that the impurities within us may be burned away. You may be going through a fiery trial today, but know this – you are not in that fire alone. The Lord is there with you, and when the trial has served its purpose, He will deliver you.

Father, we thank You that we are never alone – even in the deepest pain or the darkest hour. How grateful we are for Your presence in the midst of difficulties. How blessed we are that You choose to go through our trials with us. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.”

During this particular time for The City Gate the refining fires are raging red hot. Many of those who serve here are under intense attacks both personally and as a part of the ministry.

There is also a critical financial shortfall every month to support the basic ministries of The City Gate. We fully acknowledge the presence of Jesus Christ standing with us during this time in the furnace. It is not clear if the monthly giving will increase to cover this shortfall or if we are being called to make some very hard decisions. Please help us cover this time in prayer as we seek His answers.

Thank you for your faithful support in reaching the lost souls in the inner city of Spokane.

Respectfully submitted by Rich Paulsen,  
Member of The City Gate Board of Trustees

*“Look!” he answered, “I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”*

Daniel 3:25



**Please pray for**

- \* James L
- \* Gulbranson family
- \* Buffie
- \* Nevaeh
- \* Angie
- \* Gabriel
- \* Pastor John
- \* Dan
- \* Kids and teachers headed back to school

### June Foodbank Statistics

**Households served~ 221**

**Individuals served~ 251**

**TOTAL POUNDS SERVED...**

**5825**

**2852**

\* food bank stats DO NOT reflect the meals served from the kitchen



ALWAYS needing

**55gal**

**HEAVY DUTY**

garbage bags

We use about 40 EVERY WEEK!

Do you have any to share?

As we make a shift from print to **email & social media I NEED YOUR HELP!** I will be posting LOTS more on our Facebook page. We have always been partners in this ministry and I know that each of you has so much to share. This is what our followers want to see.

**What are we doing? Who are we serving?**

My request is easy. Let me know what is happening while YOU are serving at The City Gate. So much of our service happens while our daytime staff is gone. Our team mates, YOU, are here in the evenings keeping our doors open.

**PLEASE** send me emails with content for Facebook posting.

**[thecitygate@outlook.com](mailto:thecitygate@outlook.com)**

- ◆ Pictures
- ◆ Praise reports
- ◆ Prayer requests
- ◆ Fun/Funny stories

◆ **If it would be good on Facebook, send it my way!**

\* all content sent to me may be used on Facebook. By sending them in, you are agreeing to have them shared on social media.

**THANK YOU!**



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*A Gathering Place...*

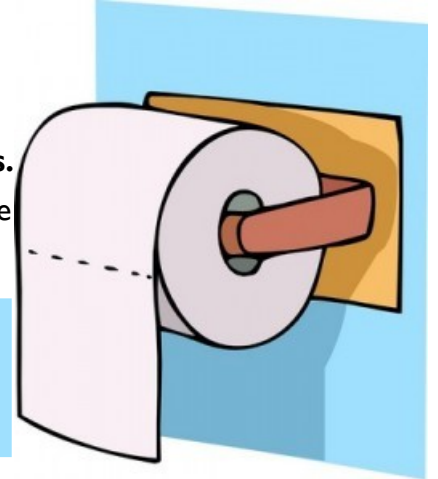
“Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest” — Matthew 11:28

## TOILET PAPER!

**Everyone needs it. That includes our guests and Alberta House tenants.**

Extra roll or extra pack? Consider bringing some by The City Gate for someone who might be in need.

Drop off at THE CITY GATE 170 S Madison St.



We think about food drives. Clothing drives. Even money drives. But who has ever considered a  
**TOILET PAPER DRIVE?**



Without the support of volunteers who give their time and energy to this ministry, The City Gate would not be the haven it is to so many people. Whether you come once a week or once a year, you have contributed to keeping this place up and running. Your donations, regardless of time, money, food, prayers or clothing, have done so much to help the people who walk through our doors everyday. As pastors and as Christians, we want to thank you for heeding the voice of the Lord and ask you to keep us in your prayers as we continue this journey.

Love, Pastor John & Shirley