

## Prayer Concerns

~Steve Smith is still at Hendrick Center for Rehabilitation. He has started physical therapy and is doing much better. He hopes to get out on Wednesday. He is really appreciative of all the cards, texts, calls, and prayers.

~Remember to pray for **Chester Lynd's** son Curtis. He has been diagnosed with cancer and they are trying to determine if they can use chemotherapy to treat it.

~Please pray for **Eric Robinson** concerning the nerves in his arm.

~**Kipley Sutton** is doing well after having hip surgery. Please pray for a full recovery for her.

~Jim Prather, **Shelley Doremus's** dad, has been diagnosed with congestive heart disease and appreciates our prayers.

~Katie Garcia, the sister of **Erin Cogburn's** close friend, passed away after fighting cancer 6 years. She was only 33, and leaves behind 4 children as well as her sisters and parents. Please pray for the Lemons and Garcia families.

~Keep praying for Gracie Tharp, mom of **Patty Galaway** and **Tammy Rose**. She has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

~Ervin Spain, **Clarissa Pyeatt's** mom's husband, has decided to go on hospice care. They appreciate our prayers for peace and comfort for him.

~Please remember **Hannah Loveland** in your prayers.

~Remember **Kathryn Boerio's** mom and dad in your prayers, Myron and Nancy Stewart.

## Those unable to join us:

~Laverne Horn  
~Ethel Gumm

## Ongoing prayer concerns:

~Peggy Allen  
~Deana Frazier  
~Bill Jackson  
~Nell Hopper  
~Dwight Painter  
~Chester Lynd  
~Melody Loveland  
~Steve Henderson  
~Donna Scott  
~Steve Smith  
~Patsy Williamson  
~Jim and Joyce Waddell  
~Mickey Walker  
~Ron and Geraldine Hill

## Missionaries:

~Doug & Marge Reeves—Sunset International Bible Institute, Lubbock, TX  
~Megeste Pierre—Christian Family Center, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

# Westgate Church of Christ Welcome Members and Guests

## Graduation Celebration



Wyatt DeFoore



Percaya Langston



Reese MacDonald

We are celebrating our Class of '23 high school seniors today! Join us after services for a potluck dinner and be sure to congratulate these happy students. Remember to pray they stay firmly grounded in their Christian faith as they take on the world.

## Summer Series Speaker This Wednesday Night

Our Summer Series kicks off early this year with Dan McGregor, ACU professor of Art and Design. Join us at **6:45 p.m. this Wednesday night (5/24)** for this engaging and informative speaker. Dan is back by very popular demand; according to Brady, anytime he talks about getting guest speakers for the summer, people say, "You've got to get the art guy!" Please plan to attend and show our famous Westgate hospitality.



**Sermon Title:** Mercy with Accountability

**Scripture:** John 8: 1-11

*... but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.*

*At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.*

*But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.*

*At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"*

*"No one, sir," she said.*

*"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."*

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*  
Colossians 3:23-24



VBS News

Please sign your children up on the clipboard in the hallway if they plan to attend VBS.

If you are loaning items, bring them and put them in the short hall by **Sunday, May 28**.

Plan to stay after class on **Wed., May 31** to help with several VBS projects if you're able.

A VBS Workday is scheduled for **Sunday, June 4, at 4 p.m.** All hands are appreciated!

## Wednesday Night Summer Series

**May 24:** Dan McGregor (ACU Professor of Art and Design)

**May 31:** Brady Horner (Lead Minister at Westgate Church of Christ) 😊

**June 7:** No adult Bible class due to VBS

**June 14:** Family Fun Night

**June 21:** Kurt Boyland (Marriage and Family Therapist)

**June 28:** Lance Parrish (Youth Minister at Hillcrest Church of Christ)

**July 5:** Family Fun Night

**July 12:** Scott Allen (Minister at Johnson Street Church of Christ)

**July 19:** Rodney Ashlock (ACU Bible Professor)

**July 26:** Gabe Fisher (Director of Spiritual Care at Lifeline Chaplaincy Dallas)

**Aug. 2:** Family Fun Night

**Aug. 9:** Carson Reed (ACU Bible Professor and Director of the Siburt Institute for Church Ministry)

**Aug. 16:** Robert Baugh (Spiritual Life Minister at Cherokee Home for Children)



### Happy Birthday:

**May 23:** Hattie McSherry, Shelley Doremus  
**May 26:** Janina Espinoza, Amanda McSherry  
**May 27:** Alejandro Becerra



### Happy Anniversary:

**May 24:** Kenan & Clarissa Pyeatt, Anthony & Jill Tate  
**May 26:** Larry & Janice Hill



### Our Calendar:

**May 21:** Graduation Celebration during and after services  
**May 24:** Summer Series – Dan McGregor **6:45 p.m.**  
**May 29:** Memorial Day  
**May 30:** Youth Group Lake Day  
**May 31:** Children’s root beer float party, VBS help needed after Brady’s Bible class  
**June 4:** VBS **9 – 9:45 a.m.**  
**June 4:** VBS Workday **4 p.m.**  
**June 5 – 7:** VBS **6 – 7:30 p.m.**  
**June 7:** no adult Bible classes due to VBS, adults help with VBS cleanup **7:30 p.m.**  
**June 14:** Family Fun Night – Snow Cones  
**June 18:** Father’s Day  
**June 19:** Juneteenth  
**June 21:** Summer Series – Kurt Boyland **6:45 p.m.**

### Thank a Teacher – by Brady Horner

This semester I have gotten back into the subbing game! It has mostly been an enjoyable experience, but I’m careful about the jobs I take. High school is usually the easiest, middle school depends, and I’m too scared of elementary. I am reminded that there are a lot of kids that crave and need adult attention and affirmation (unfortunately some of those get said attention through misbehavior). I’m also reminded that not all teachers hate their jobs and are dead inside! Most of these teachers, while burned out by now, really do care about the students and want to have a positive impact on them as individuals, and society as a whole. I am so grateful for the eclectic group of teachers that have supported, encouraged, disciplined, and invested in my kids and so many others this year.

I have sat at the desks of several different teachers this semester and noticed something significant; they all hold on to the little pieces of gratitude the students give them. Most teachers have thank you notes, artwork, inside jokes, pictures, and grad invites from students showing their affirmation and appreciation. It’s been fifteen years and I am still holding on to the memory of a former student from my AP Government class (I only student taught) telling me that they passed the AP exam because of me. Parent gratitude is appreciated, but I think it’s honestly more meaningful when it is students showing thanks. Especially because many kids haven’t been taught to show gratitude to their “oppressive” teachers.

My guess is the best way for a parent to show a teacher gratitude is to send positive leaders to their classrooms. But it would also be good to send a grateful student. As the school year wraps up this week, and it looks like students and teachers are both losing their minds, help your kid show gratitude to their teachers. I can see from teachers’ desks that something as simple as a handwritten note on a notecard goes a long way. This will bless teachers and foster a spirit of gratitude in your kid. 1 Thessalonians tells us to “be thankful in all circumstances.” May we live lives of gratitude, and be able to find gratitude in all situations and for all people.

### Upcoming Fun Events

We have some exciting fellowship events coming up for the summer:

**Wed., June 14** – Family Fun Night – Snow Cones

**Wed., July 5** – Family Fun Night – Cookie Decorating

**Sat., July 22** – Lueders Fun Day – details soon

**Wed., August 2** – Family Fun Night – Ice Cream Social

### Children’s Ministry News

- In the Lord’s prayer, Jesus sets the example of asking for forgiveness and for help resisting temptation. In Psalm 51, David confesses his greatest sins and asks God to give him a clean heart. Saying “sorry” is part of prayer.
- Summary verse: **“Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don’t let us yield to temptation but rescue us from the evil one.”** (Matthew 6: 9-13)



*Appreciation to Laura for guiding the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders in exploring the creativity of God with art materials. Students were thrilled at their cloud creations.*



*Hayley’s group lovingly worked on their Mother’s Day gifts as they continued their discussion on the Lord’s prayer.*

### Youth Ministry News

Join us on **Sundays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. for class.**

Today is Senior Sunday! We are so excited to honor Reese, Wyatt, and Percaya during our worship service today, and at the meal following!

Join us on **Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**, for our first Lake Day of the summer!

Get ready to help with VBS! The youth group will help teach kids about Daniel’s courage in the Bible **June 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Please continue to pray for all our students as they finish the school year!



*Paxton did not look happy that his s’more caught on fire!*

**Services at Westgate:** Sundays—Bible Class **9:00 a.m.**,  
Worship **10:00 a.m.**, Wednesdays—Bible Class **6:45 p.m.**

**Church office:** 325-692-2300  
westgatecofc@gmail.com

**Offering:**  
**May 14:**  
Contribution: \$2,093.10  
eGive: \$3,759.00  
Total: \$5,852.10  
Budget: **\$6,917.00**  
Be A Blessing: \$38.83

**Lead Minister:** Brady Horner (325-260-1903) pbhorner@gmail.com  
**Youth Minister:** Clay Howell (615-879-0983) sch16a@acu.edu  
**Children’s Education Coordinator:** Jackie Lee (325-518-4767)  
lee-jacqueline@sbcglobal.net  
**Elders:** Randy Bibb, Jim MacDonald, **Steve Stovall**, Troy Tom  
**Deacons:** Manny Carneiro, Jon Cogburn, Eric Gumm, Adam Lott,  
**Chris Meeks**, Matt Waldrip

**Nursery Duty:**  
Linda Jones  
**Building Lock-up:**  
**May:** Matt Waldrip  
**June:** Manny Carneiro  
**Blessing Box Counting:**  
Liam Meeks  
Beckett Williams