

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Prayer Opportunity

The youth group is leaving **today** to go to Pine Springs Camp in New Mexico and plans to come back **Saturday**. Please pray for Clay and Holly Howell and campers Maeleigh Carneiro, Caleb Chaney, Evan Chaney, Layla Horner, Paxton Horner, Addison Lee, Hannah Meeks, Trevor Meeks, Luke Morrow, and Brady Morton. Special thanks to all of Westgate for supporting these campers at the Brisket Burn/Youth Auction a few weeks ago and for remembering them in prayer by name throughout this week.



Summer Series Resumes Wednesday Night

The Summer Speaker Series continues **this Wednesday, June 21, at 6:45 p.m.** with Kurt Boyland. Kurt is a Marriage and Family Therapist here in Abilene. Plans are to meet in the fellowship hall. The summer leadership class for boys who have completed 1st – 5th grade will also start this Wednesday. Hope you can make it!

Happy Father's Day

We are thankful for all the fathers and father figures in our lives. Please pick up a cold root beer on the way out of church today, and enjoy your special day. No mowing allowed!*

**today only*

VBS Pickup

Remember if you loaned something to VBS, those items are available to be picked up in the fellowship hall. Thanks so much for allowing us to use your things. The kids had a great time learning about Daniel in a fun, "new" environment.



A PRAYER FOR
Father's DAY

Gracious God,
bless fathers and all father figures with such love and faithfulness that children flourish and grow in uprightness and joy. Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult.
Amen.

Prayer Concerns

~**Nicolas Davis**, 2-year-old son of **Brandon and Nicole Davis**, had a seizure on Tuesday and was rushed to Cook Children's Hospital, where they ran some tests. Doctors didn't find anything, so he was released Wednesday after some genetic testing. These test results will take 2 to 3 weeks. Please pray for Nicolas and the Davis family.

~**Barbara Carneiro** is recovering at home after a hysterectomy. She is doing well, but the recovery is slow. Prayers for continued healing are appreciated.

~Remember **Eric Robinson** in your prayers. He is having problems with the nerves in his arm.

~Our missionary in Haiti, **Megeste Pierre**, has asked for prayers. His wife is expecting twins in October. They may have to go to the Dominican Republic for the delivery due to the situation in Haiti.

~**Melody Loveland** was scheduled to have cataract surgery on Friday the 16th. Please pray for her full recovery.

~Our youth group kids are traveling to Camp Pine Springs today and plan to come back home Saturday. Please pray for safe travels for the kids and **Clay & Holly**.

~Continued prayers for **Steve Smith**, recovering at home after a bad fall and shoulder replacement.

~Keep praying for the family of Gracie Sharp, especially her daughters **Patty Galaway** and **Tammy Rose**.

~Please remember to pray for **Chester Lynd's** son, Curtis. He has been diagnosed with cancer.

~**Clarissa Pyeatt's** mom's husband, Ervin Spain, has decided to go on hospice care to have peace and comfort in his final days. They appreciate our prayers.

Those unable to join us:

- ~Laverne Horn
- ~Ethel Gumm

Ongoing prayer concerns:

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

Missionaries:

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

Kudos to Deacons and Doorkeepers

Thanks to Adam Lott and our Deacons for the new front door mat and indoor/outdoor carpet for the vestibule.

The old mat was in pieces and was a hazard for our handicapped members. We now have 4 on walkers, 2 on power chairs, and 6 on canes, plus visitors.

Thanks to Don Bell and those manning the carport entrance holding the door and giving everybody a hearty Westgate Welcome.

The doorkeeper in the House of the Lord was the humblest job in the temple, yet men walked 150 miles on foot for the honor of welcoming the House of Israel to worship in the temple. It is just as important today.

Mickey Walker

Wed. PM Summer Series

- June 21:** Kurt Boyland (Marriage and Family Therapist)
- June 28:** Lance Parrish (Youth Minister at Hillcrest)
- July 5:** Family Fun Night – Cookie Decorating
- July 12:** Scott Allen (Minister at Johnson Street)
- 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)
- Aug. 16:** Robert Baugh (Spiritual Life Minister at Cherokee Home for Children)



Sermon Title: A Contagious Joy

Scripture: Philippians 3: 17-21

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.



Happy Birthday:

- June 19: Michelle Chaney
- June 20: Bill Jackson
- June 21: David Krause
- June 23: Alex Touchstone
- June 24: Isabella Stotts



Happy Anniversary:

- June 20: Manny & Barbara Carneiro



Our Calendar:

- June 18: Father's Day
- June 18 – 24: Youth Group at Pine Springs Camp
- June 21: Summer Series – Kurt Boyland 6:45 p.m.
- June 27: Youth Group Breakfast Bible Study
- June 28: Summer Series – Lance Parrish 6:45 p.m.
- June 29: Youth Group Mystery Thursday
- July 3 – 4: church office closed for Independence Day
- July 4: Independence Day
- July 5: Family Fun Night – Cookie Decorating 6:45 p.m.
- July 10 – 15: Youth Group at Camp Beloved and Beyond
- July 12: Summer Series – Scott Allen 6:45 p.m.
- July 19: Summer Series – Rodney Ashlock 6:45 p.m.
- July 22: Lueders Fun Day

From the Internet to the Real World pt. 3 – by Brady Horner

I love Wikipedia. It is a great source for information and gives me helpful cursory knowledge. Of course, a little bit of knowledge can be a bad thing leading to misconceptions, misguided conclusions, and a false sense of expertise. The internet supplies such a wealth of information, news sources, “influencers”, entertainment, and friend contacts that it’s hard to sort through. It’s hard to know what to trust, what is authoritative, and what to give your time to. Consequently, our internet use has forced us to sort through and ignore information, or made algorithms do it for us.

This access to information has exposed us to all kinds of thinking and opportunities; the world is starting to feel bigger. But this is also uncomfortable, and in some ways, we are reacting against it. The wealth of information sources makes us lean into the ones that tell us what we want to hear. We follow the media that affirm our beliefs and unfollow media that tells us what we don’t want to hear. Consequently, our “worlds” are becoming smaller as our chosen information sources double down and reaffirm what we already believe. This makes it harder for us to empathize with those who believe differently than us. The “truths” we are repeatedly exposed to online are so obvious to us, so anyone who disagrees must just be an idiot!

So, the internet is making some of us more closed-minded! Our views are narrower, and we are less tolerant of those who think differently. We are resorting to a form of tribalism where we only associate with those who hold similar political and religious beliefs. People are literally losing friends and ending relationships over worldview differences. In 1 Corinthians 8:2, Paul says anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn’t really know much. Once you think you have it all figured out, you quit learning. The internet has trained us to weed out information we don’t like. We need to reclaim our ability to listen to those who think differently than we do. Even if they aren’t always correct, this is how we learn and grow, and can be united as a society. May God expand our minds and our worlds, help us to humbly learn, and draw us deeper into him. A big world and a bigger God are good things.



BOYS LEAD WORSHIP
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Children’s Ministry News

- This morning we resumed our study of the Ten Commandments focusing on God’s name in the following scriptures: Exodus 20:7, 3:13-14; Deuteronomy 10:17; Isaiah 9:6-7; Revelation 1:8; and Psalm 22:3.
- In Exodus 20:7, God commands us not to misuse his name. The Bible is full of different names for God that describe his holiness, mightiness, and eternal nature. God’s name captures who he is, so we respect it. However, in today’s culture, our children often hear God’s name used as an exclamation or swear word. Therefore, we must remind them of our Bible Point, **“We respect God’s name when we talk.”** In addition, this also includes how we behave.
- Summary Verse: **“Jesus replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’** (Matthew 22:37)
- We want to encourage all children ages 4/5 and those in Kinder through 5th grade classes to memorize their summary or memory verse and recite it to us for an incentive. We will keep track of memory work for a special celebration at the end of the summer.
- As a reminder for **this Wednesday, June 21**, Eric’s summer leadership class will begin for boys who have completed 1st – 5th grade.



Kids in Cathrine and Connie's class used Legos to build something strong.

Youth Ministry News

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

We are heading to Pine Springs for camp! Please be in prayer that this week is exciting and formative for our students.



We will have a Breakfast Bible Study and a Mystery Thursday next week, **June 27th and 29th.**

Please pray for all our students to have a great and formative summer!

Hannah Meeks was so thrilled to dress up for VBS!



Services at Westgate: Sundays—Bible Class 9:00 a.m., Church office: 325-692-2300
Worship 10:00 a.m., Wednesdays—Bible Class 6:45 p.m. westgatecofc@gmail.com

Offering:
June 11:
Contribution: \$3,975.00
eGive: \$3,650.00
Total: \$7,625.00
Budget: \$6,917.00
Be A Blessing: \$39.39

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Elders: Randy Bibb, Jim MacDonald, Steve Stovall, Troy Tom
Deacons: Manny Carneiro, Jon Cogburn, Eric Gumm, Adam Lott, Chris Meeks, Matt Waldrip

Nursery Duty: Cathrine Clements
Building Lock-up: June: Manny Carneiro July: Jon Cogburn
Blessing Box Counting: Titus Powell Beckett Williams