

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

Prayer Concerns

~**Erin Cogburn's** mom, Brenda Bricker, had her second knee replacement surgery on Monday. The surgery went very well, and she was able to go home Tuesday. Please pray for her recovery.

~**Eric Robinson** has had some problems with the nerves in his arm. He appreciates our prayers.

~Our sympathy to the family of Terry Goebel. She passed away on July 29, and the funeral was Friday. She was a member of Westgate for several years and was **Marja Swart's** cousin.

~Please keep **Chester Lynd's** son Curtis in your prayers as he undergoes treatments for cancer.

~Continue to keep the family of **Lue Gray** in your prayers. Lue passed away recently. Our condolences to her son John and daughter-in-law Jane.

~**Megeste and Jose Pierre** are grieving the loss of their unborn twins and appreciate our prayers. Megeste's newsletter from Haiti is on the bulletin board by the auditorium if you would like more information.

~Please pray for Julie Blasingame (**Barbara Carneiro's** aunt and frequent Westgate visitor). She was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

~Please be in prayer for **Caleb Powell's** friend, Wes Schowengerdt. Wes had a cryoablation procedure recently to slow tumor growth and help with pain.

~Remember to pray for **Kelly O'Kelley**. She had a wreck that injured her leg and kneecap.

~Please pray for a good start to the school year for our Westgate students and educators.

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 & Jose Pierre—Christian Family Center, Port-au-Prince, Haiti



Lueders Fun Day This Saturday

The Lueders Fun Day has been rescheduled for **this Saturday, August 12, from noon to 4:00 p.m.** (*note the time change also) Come enjoy some fun in the sun with swimming, zip-lining or rope-swinging into the lake, or just blob-watching. Bring sunscreen, water, lawn chairs, towels, fishing poles (if you like), and any other outdoor or swimming toys. The camp will have lunch ready around noon, so give yourself enough time to get out there by then. The venue is Big Country Baptist Assembly in Lueders, about 35-40 minutes away. This fellowship event is free, and everyone is welcome.



Welcome New Sister in Christ

We rejoice with the Longley family as Chad and Abby's daughter Ava was baptized last Sunday. We are so proud of her decision. Be sure to pray for Ava and encourage her in her Christian walk.

Educator Appreciation Next Sunday

August is in full swing, and we want to honor the Westgate educators in our midst. We will recognize these dedicated servants **next Sunday, August 13**. Remember to pray for all our educators as they embark on the challenge of a new school year.



Summer Series Speaker

Our Summer Series continues **Wednesday night at 6:45 p.m.** with speaker Carson Reed. Dr. Reed is an ACU Bible professor and director of the Siburt Institute for Church Ministry. He received his DMin from ACU in 1995. Take the opportunity Wednesday night to hear this excellent speaker.

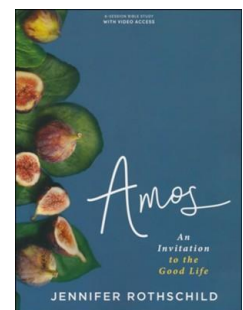


Sermon Title: A Trusting Relationship

Scripture: Hebrews 11: 1-3

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.



Ladies Bible Class Resumes This Month

Ladies Bible Class meets **Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m.** during the school year. All ladies are welcome. Ladies Bible Class will resume on **Tuesday, August 29**, with the study of Amos. This is a great time to jump in if you've been wondering about attending. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Young Men Lead Worship/1st Grade Bibles

Our elementary-aged young men have been working hard this summer on Wednesday nights preparing to lead the worship service on **Sunday, August 20**. Please mark this date down and make a special effort to be here in two weeks to support these leaders. Also on that day, Westgate incoming 1st graders will receive a new Bible. If you have a 1st grader and haven't heard from Jackie yet, please visit with her today.



Family Fun Night shenanigans!





Happy Birthday:

- Aug. 7: Ronald Hill
- Aug. 8: Mark Brown, Louise Hargesheimer
- Aug. 11: Tori Rose
- Aug. 12: Caleb Powell



Happy Anniversary:

- Aug. 6: Jon & Erin Cogburn
- Aug. 12: Eric & Sherry Gumm



Our Calendar:

- Aug. 6: youth group and parent devo @ MacDonalds' house
- Aug. 6 – 11: youth group Bridging Week
- Aug. 7: Merkel ISD First Day of School
- Aug. 9: Summer Series – Carson Reed 6:45 p.m.
- Aug. 12: Lueders Fun Day noon – 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 16: Summer Series – Robert Baugh 6:45 p.m. AISD, Wylie, Jim Ned, Eula First Day of School
- Aug. 17: Clyde CISD First Day of School
- Aug. 20: Boys Lead Worship/1st grade Bibles
- Aug. 23: 6th grade Send-off
- Aug. 27: Bible Class Promotion
- Sept. 3: Breakfast Fellowship
- Sept. 4: Labor Day
- Sept 6: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Sept. 20: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Sept. 24: Emma Longley bridal shower

Uber Car Confessions: Why are they so friendly?

— by Brady Horner

My first Uber ride in Sydney was with a guy who was just ridiculously friendly. He wanted to tell us all about the city, and even took us a longer route to give a better view of Sydney Harbor. By this time, I had interacted with several Aussies and began to wonder, how do you make a culture so friendly? I sat by the coolest guy ever on the plane who wanted to give me all kinds of advice, wanted to know all about my trip, and wanted to know about me. I just kept thinking why are these people so nice? There seems to be no angle, nothing in it for them; they aren't trying to get a tip or manipulate me.

Obviously, not every Aussie is friendly (we had a few run-ins with the opposite), but there is a general culture of friendliness and hospitality. I'm not sure if the chicken or the egg came first, but the friendly culture is associated with the common title of endearment "mate". They use it like Americans use "man", but it has a friendlier connotation. It's as if we are all automatically "mates" or partners or friends. That is a different attitude than in the more individualistic U.S. where we are not default friends. We don't know each other, you might be a political opponent, or an obstacle to me getting out of the grocery store in time! Our society is much more competitive than cooperative. I love that attitude of "we are all mates". I think it's not only good for a nation, but it's something the church should mimic as well. I suppose at one point, Christians modeled it first, but we have generally lost that attitude.

Another reason I think Aussies are friendly is their sense of curiosity. The friendliest people were curious about my accent, what we were doing on our trip, and what our lives were like in the U.S. They didn't have a judgmental fear of foreigners coming in and messing things up. They welcomed us as having new insights, and interesting ideas to offer (although they did seem to have an unfair prejudice that Americans are dumb). It is curiosity that makes us ask about people and want to know them. When we desire to know people, we show that we care about who they are, and this creates a sense of warmth and hospitality. May the Church not be fearful of those who are different but have a sense of curiosity that welcomes them with hospitality.

YOUTH GROUP AND PARENTS FAMILY DEVO

TONIGHT
7:00 – 8:30
MACDONALDS' HOUSE

Children's Ministry News

- The next 4 weeks we will cover the Holy Spirit. In John 14: 15-31 — 16: 5-15, Jesus talks about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit teaches, advocates, convicts, guides us into truth, and gives each Christian a spiritual gift. All spiritual gifts come from the Holy Spirit. Children will learn that the Holy Spirit can live in us.
- Summary Verse: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord." (1 Cor. 12: 4-5)
Additional memory work: John 3:16 and Exodus 20:7.
- Parents of 1st graders who will receive a Bible on **August 20** have been contacted. If you know of a child entering 1st grade that may have been missed, please contact Jackie.
- Sixth grade send-off will be **August 23** during Wed. PM class time. We will honor our 6th graders before they begin their weekly walk across the parking lot. Prayers for each of them as they enter this new chapter of their lives in the youth group.
- Children will promote on **August 27** to reflect new grade levels in school. Not all children will change rooms, but new groupings will occur with children moving out and others welcoming new arrivals.
- Teachers are needed for the fall quarter, September – November. Prayerfully consider impacting the lives of our children and make some good memories teaching God's Word.



Lauren's Sunday AM class studied the 10th commandment, do not covet. Students added blessings to stars as a reminder that a focus on gratitude keeps hearts healthy. Many thanks to Lauren for teaching this creative group this summer.

Youth Ministry News

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

Join us at the MacDonalds' house **tonight from 7 – 8:30** for our Family Devo to kick off the new school year! Dinner will be provided at the event.

This week is our annual Bridging Week to welcome in our new 6th graders and say goodbye to our graduates! We will have a movie night, Breakfast Bible study, Lake Day, and more! Check your email or ask Clay for more information.

Please pray for all our students as they begin a new school year!



This is what Westgate Youth students do for fun at 6 a.m. after being up all night. We had a blast at the Lock-in last Friday!

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:
July 30:
Contribution: \$1,418.38
eGive: \$2,696.00
Total: \$4,114.38
Budget: \$6,917.00
Be A Blessing: \$41.00

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: Becki and Kipley Sutton
Building Lock-up:
Aug.: Eric Gumm
Sept.: Adam Lott
Blessing Box Counting: Beckett Williams, Issacc Carneiro