

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Thank You Educators

Today we will honor our Westgate educators. As you face the challenges of the new school year, with ever-changing roll sheets, new safety procedures, and added duties, please remember Westgate appreciates all you do and will be praying for you without ceasing. Speaking of which...



Prayer Opportunity

Let's ask God to pour out His blessings on our teachers, our students, and their schools in the '23 - '24 school year. There are two sets of names in the hallway: one set has families with children in school, and the other set contains the names of our Westgate educators. Please choose **one** card from either set and place it on your fridge, bathroom mirror, or other prominent spot, and plan to pray for the family or educator daily. "Planted in the house of the LORD, they shall flourish in the courts of our God." (Psalm 92:13) Watch the bulletin for reminders and prayer suggestions.

Prayer Concerns

~Our sincere sympathy to **Ruth Walker** in the loss of her sister, Mary Jane Peterson. She passed away in June in Flagstaff, Arizona. Her memorial service was Saturday in Oceanside, California.

~**Ann Perez** has been in the hospital the last few days with breathing difficulties. Please pray for improvement for Ann.

~Please add **Skyla Krause** to your prayer list. She is expecting a baby in January!

~Kaye Taylor, frequent visitor and **Teresa Buckley's** friend, is in the hospital. Open heart surgery is the only option for her, and it is scheduled for Monday morning. Please pray for a complete recovery for Kaye.

~Continued prayers for **Megeste & Jose Pierre** in Haiti.

~Please be in prayer for **Ken and Sharla Van Cleave**. Sharla has been ill, and Ken is taking care of her. Please pray for complete recovery of leg and hand strength for Sharla, and pray Ken doesn't get sick.

~Please lift up **Eric Robinson** in your prayers as he deals with the nerve issues in his arm.

~Continue to remember Brenda Bricker, **Erin Cogburn's** mother, as she recuperates from knee replacement surgery.

~Curtis Lynd, **Chester's** son, appreciates our prayers as he undergoes cancer treatment.

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

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

Upcoming Fellowship

We will have an opportunity in a few weeks to eat together and get to know each other better. A Back-to-School Breakfast Fellowship is scheduled for **Sunday, Sept. 3, at 9:00 a.m.** We won't have Bible classes that day.



Love Grubs Starting Back Soon

With the school year kicking off, Love Grubs are starting back soon! Our spectacular Love Grub gurus (Carneiros and Powells) are once again planning to have two Love Grubs most months. The first one will be **Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 5:45 p.m.**

Ladies Bible Class Resumes August 29

What prophet hated corruption and was also quite tenacious? But was a shepherd most his life, and wasn't super famous. Ladies class is studying him – hey, can you blame us? If you guessed correctly, you said the minor prophet Amos.



Congratulations

Troy MacDonald and Caleb Powell graduated from Cisco Fire Academy on Saturday, August 5. Troy also received the Larry Swonger Leadership Award at the ceremony. We are so proud of these two!

Next Sunday

Our young men have been working Wednesday nights on leadership, and the culmination of this study is **Sunday, August 20**. They will lead singing, share messages, read scripture, distribute communion (with help), count the contribution, and offer prayers. Be sure to be here next Sunday so you can encourage these young leaders.

Sermon Title: The Power of Gentleness

Scripture: 1 Peter 3: 13-18

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.



Happy Birthday:

- Aug. 13: Christie Pruitt
- Aug. 14: Sharon Willerton
- Aug. 15: Joe McFarlen
- Aug. 16: Don Bell, Marla Touchstone, Chris Willerton
- Aug. 17: Hannah Loveland
- Aug. 18: Kenan Pyeatt



Happy Anniversary:

- Aug. 13: Felipe & Ashley Becerra
- Aug. 14: Ken & Sharla Van Cleave



Our Calendar:

- 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 6:45 p.m.
- Aug. 27: Bible Class Promotion
- Aug. 29: Ladies Bible Class resumes 10:00 a.m.
- Sept. 3: Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 a.m. (no Bible classes)
- 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



Summer Series Speaker

We only have one speaker left in the Summer Series. This **Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m.**, we will welcome the spiritual life minister at Cherokee Home for Children, Robert Baugh. Robert was also the youth minister in San Angelo when Brady and Briana were there. Hope everyone can come out and hear this great speaker.

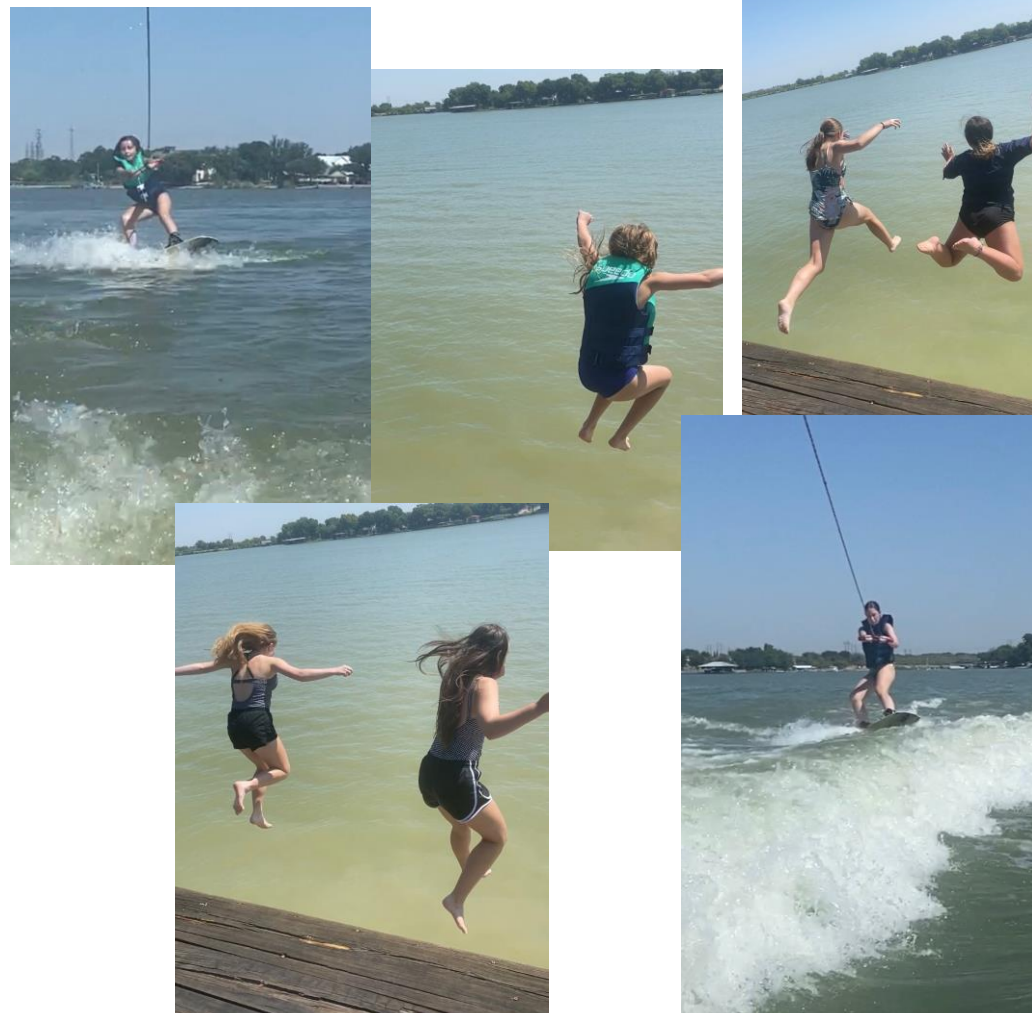
First Grade Bibles

Next week, our incoming 1st graders will be presented with new Bibles. On the list are Rhett Colburn, son of Shane and Allison, Kennedy Lott, daughter of Adam and Heather, and Hess McSherry, son of Luke and Amanda. Please pray that these three new 1st graders develop a lifelong Bible-reading habit.

Sunday AM Bible Classes

Two weeks from today, **August 27**, is Promotion Sunday. The children will go to the Bible class room based on their new grade level in school. The incoming 6th graders will make their way to the Youth House for class. Starting **Sunday, September 10**, the adults will have two classes to choose from, one in the fellowship hall and one in the auditorium. Details coming soon.

Youth Group Lake Day



Children's Ministry News

- Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12 tell us that the Holy Spirit gives each Christian a spiritual gift. The Bible lists examples of spiritual gifts. In the Old Testament, we see another spiritual gift in action when a man named Bezalel is filled with the Spirit of God to be a master of crafting. Children will learn about spiritual gifts and how the church uses these gifts to serve God.
- 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 Corinthians 12: 4–5) Additional memory work: John 3:16 and Exodus 20:7.
- Sixth grade send-off will be **August 23** during Wed. PM class time. We will honor the leadership of AJ, Lily, Mallory, Kinley, Kipley, and Madeline. We plan to share a sweet treat and wish them well as they begin a new era of leadership in the youth group.



- Children will promote on **August 27** to reflect new grade levels in school. Many thanks to Hayley and Sharon for agreeing to teach the fall quarter.

This group and a few more will be leading worship next Sunday. Make plans to support these eager young men and give Eric a special thank you for his leadership.



In a discussion on the Holy Spirit, we talked about things we feel but cannot see. Adalyn said “air-conditioning” and we all agreed.



Youth Ministry News

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

Thank you for a great Bridging Week! We are so excited to welcome Mallory, AJ, Kipley, Kinley, Lily, and Madeline into the youth group!

We also want to say a special thank you to Reese and Wyatt as we say goodbye to them! Please pray for our graduates as they move on!

Promotion Sunday will be **August 27**, which is the day we will welcome 6th graders to the Youth Group class.

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



Wyatt posing with his beautiful portrait

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:
August 6:
Contribution: \$5,428.90
eGive: \$4,310.00
Total: \$9,738.90
Budget: \$6,917.00
Be A Blessing: \$17.84

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: Hayley & Madeline Webb
Building Lock-up:
Aug.: Eric Gumm
Sept.: Adam Lott
Blessing Box Counting:
Wyatt Cogburn
Luke McFarlen